



April 14, 2023

Mayor Lance Allen
Councillor Bentley Gibson
Councillor Steve Haithwaite
Councillor Dennis Kirk
Councillor Dennis Leahy
Councillor Tyson Migneault
Councillor Nasser Zanidean
Town Administrator Dawnette Peterson

Subject: SARCAN's Relocation in Gull Lake

Dear Mayor Allen, Town Council, and Town Administration,

As you are likely aware, SARCAN Recycling has finalized plans to relocate our recycling depot in Gull Lake to a bright, new, spacious, modern, and efficient building.

Our new SARCAN depot in Gull Lake will be a significant upgrade from our current recycling depot, which we have occupied for over twenty years. Our new Gull Lake depot will feature:

- an expanded customer reception area, with more chutes for quicker counting;
- dedicated, contained space for Drop & Go for Drop & Go, SARCAN's popular line-skipping service, for even quicker customer visits;
- significant upgrades to the back processing and staging space at the depot, meaning safer and more efficient flattening, packaging, and loading;
- electrical, heating, and water upgrades to make our depot more efficient with a smaller environmental footprint; and
- extra space within our facility to expand our operations in the future.

This is great news for SARCAN Recycling and our team of outstanding employees from your community. This is also great news for your residents and the residents of surrounding communities and rural municipalities.

Each year our Gull Lake depot serves 3,500 customer visits, including residents and a large number of people from outside of your community. Last year was an amazing year for our Gull Lake depot, as our team diverted 1,007,419 beverage containers from your community's landfills. Our team also refunded over \$115,000 to our Gull Lake customers, which are funds that are likely diverted directly back into your community.



Our relocation in Gull Lake represents a significant investment by our organization towards the continued economic development and sustainable growth of your community.

- SARCAN creates green employment opportunities for over 900 people in Saskatchewan in a truly inclusive work culture, all of whom are proud community residents.
- We invest in Saskatchewan and in the communities we serve by working with local builders, developers, and suppliers.
- SARCAN Recycling is one of the leading environmental companies in Saskatchewan, contributing to the sustainable development of communities across Saskatchewan.
- Our team of over 900 environmental stewards help people across Saskatchewan divert tonnes of materials from local landfills every year, including several sources of hazardous waste such as paint, electronics, and batteries.
- SARCAN is recognized as one of North America's most effective recycling systems, and is a leader in inclusive employment creation and the creation of green careers.

As long-time municipal partners of SARCAN Recycling, we want you to understand that your municipal government and your residents share in this success.

We understand that there have been some concerns voiced by local residents on our relocation plans and the location of our new SARCAN depot. As a long-term partner of the Town of Gull Lake, we have found some of this conversation troubling. We have always been proud to operate in Gull Lake, and we believe that our teams of dedicated employees in Gull Lake over the years have provided a tremendous service to your residents.

To help provide better insight into our future plans in Gull Lake, we wanted to take the opportunity to provide more information on our relocation process and efforts to date.

The decision to relocate our Gull Lake depot was made because we have simply outgrown the current space we occupy. Our operations have grown tremendously since we first began in 1988, a time when we only accepted aluminum cans for recycling. We have since expanded to collect all types of beverage containers, paint, electronics, and batteries over the last 35 years. Our space in Gull Lake simply is not suitable to efficiently and safely collect these materials anymore. Our current space also gives us no room for future growth or expansion. For these very important reasons we need to relocate from our current space.



Please understand that we put in an exceptional amount of time and effort as we consider the decision to relocate any SARCAN depot. When we relocate a SARCAN Depot, our new space must:

- be large enough to handle the current scope of our operations;
- have space to allow for future expansion of our system;
- be situated in a location that provides convenient access to the majority of residents, both within the local community and throughout surrounding communities;
- include a dedicated, contained space for Drop & Go, our increasingly popular line-skipping service;
- allow for employees to work safely, in accordance with SARCAN's provincial safe work procedures;
- have space for flattening and mechanical lifting equipment; and
- allow for efficiency upgrades (in terms of energy, fuel, and water usage).

Our relocation planning in Gull Lake considered all these factors, which led us to select our future depot location as the best option for our future in Gull Lake. We strongly believe that our relocation plans represent the best possible option to grow our business in Gull Lake and area, and help your residents divert even more recyclable resources from your local landfills.

To help you approach conversations with your residents who may raise issue with our relocation plans, we have prepared an information sheet on this relocation. Please use the information provided to help share this positive news with your residents. If there is any other information we can provide to you to help inform and educate your residents, please let us know.

We also wish to extend the offer for SARCAN Recycling to make a presentation to Town Council about our relocation plans in your community. Should you wish for us to make a presentation to Town Council, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.



SARCAN Recycling is proud to partner with the Town of Gull Lake. We hope you recognize the need for our relocation, and support our business, our employees, and our decision to relocate our Gull Lake depot. We consider this relocation to be outstanding news for SARCAN and your community, and we can't wait to welcome you, your residents, and your neighbours to our brand-new Gull Lake recycling depot in the very near future.

Sincerely,

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About SARCAN Recycling:

Since 1988, SARCAN Recycling has operated Saskatchewan's provincial beverage container recycling program. The 73 collection depots located in 65 Saskatchewan communities also responsibly recycle paint, electronics, and batteries. All of the recyclables that SARCAN collects are sent to downstream recycling markets in North America to give these important resources a second life.



SARCAN is a part of your community!

SARCAN is one of the most widely recognized and respected businesses in Saskatchewan. Our depots and our team of amazing recyclers are an important part of your community, your economic success, and your efforts to create a more sustainable future for residents.



We help extend the life and health of your landfill.

Our work is not just about saving resources. It's also about saving your community the escalating costs of landfill disposal, delaying the need for new landfills, and preventing hazardous materials from ending up in your landfill.



SARCAN depots lead to happier residents.

Having a SARCAN depot in your community leads to happier, more satisfied residents who don't need to travel to recycle at SARCAN. Don't believe us? Just ask your closest neighbour without a SARCAN!



We contribute to your continued economic growth.

SARCAN invests in Saskatchewan communities, through employment creation, using local builders and developers, supporting local fundraisers, and more. SARCAN depots also create trade routes, leading people from outside of your community to visit local businesses when they decide to visit your local SARCAN depot.



SARCAN lowers your municipal footprint.

SARCAN's landfill diversion efforts help save energy and help avoid greenhouse gas emissions caused by manufacturing products with virgin materials.