

# HAZELTON RECYCLING ACTION COMMITTEE

## Terms of Reference

### PURPOSE

The following terms of reference are intended to provide the Hazelton Recycling Action Committee (HRAC) with the context behind Village Council's decision to create this committee, and to guide the committee's direction with regards to the Village of Hazelton's official involvement in committee proceedings.

### BACKGROUND

The Village of Hazelton recognizes the importance of recycling, and has explored several options for Village-led programs such as curb-side pickup or a community drop-off point. The obstacles facing these initiatives are:

1. The Village lacks suitable space to sort recycling;
2. Staff resources are limited and required for other essential tasks;
3. Regular sources of funding for recycling are not available to the Village due to our small size, and;
4. The Village would be charged a significant amount of money to drop off recycling at the depot, whereas residents can drop off recycling free-of-charge.

Hazelton Village Council decided to strike a committee to find alternatives to the above that do not put significant financial burden on utility users.

### MISSION STATEMENT

Whereas the Village of Hazelton cannot currently provide a recycling collection program without a significant rise in costs for utility users;

We, the Hazelton Recycling Action Committee are a partnership of environmentally-conscious citizens who work to encourage the reduction of solid waste in landfills through education, innovation, and collaboration.

### GUIDING IDEAS

The following are options for the HRAC to consider in accomplishing their mission:

1. Education – Promote recycling through advertising.
2. Innovation – Establish a grassroots or neighbourhood-based program to remove obstacles to recycling.
3. Collaboration – Keep an eye out for potential partnerships that can equip the Village or the committee with the tools to widen recycling uptake.

### VILLAGE OF HAZELTON INVOLVEMENT

Hazelton Village Council will appoint one of its members to act as a liaison and member of the committee. The Village has also set aside for the committee an operating budget of \$5000.00 to be spent at the mutual agreement of the Village and the committee. Monthly printing and mailing support will also be provided with a week of notice.

Suggestions for further collaboration are welcome, insofar as they consider the Village's limitations outlined above.