



# **SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT SUMMIT: Waste as a Resource in Construction & Renovation**

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## Goals for the day

- Raise awareness of local companies that supply recycled products that can be used in construction and renovation projects.
- Explore how recycled products could meet government needs.
- Increase the procurement of local recycled products.



## Attendees Include:

- Provincial Procurement
- Provincial Depts. (TIR, DNR etc.)
- Municipal Procurement
- Universities/Institutions/Hospitals
- Municipal Waste Management
- Local manufacturers of recycled products
- Property Developers
- Construction Companies
- NGOs
- Industry Associations
- Divert NS

# Why was This Theme Chosen for the Summit ?

Consider that products made from locally recycled materials ...

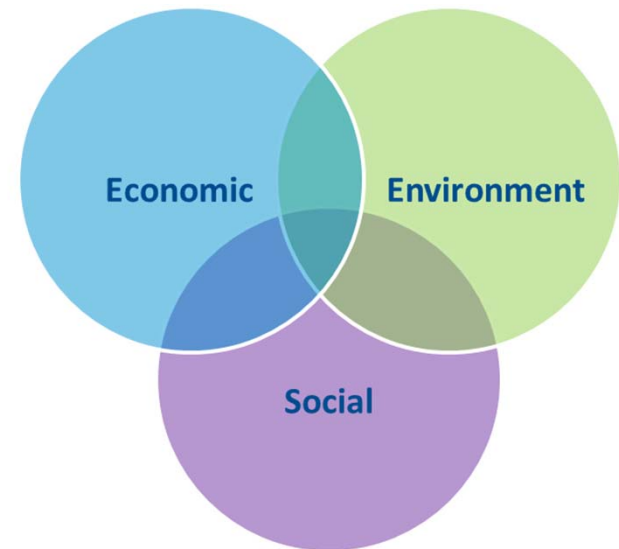
1. Fit with the Sustainable Procurement Policy.
2. Increased stewardship by improving recycling and close the loop.
3. Provide a potential path to additional LEED Points for recycled material and support for the local economy.



# Sustainable Procurement Policy

# Fit with Sustainable Procurement Policy

- Sustainable Procurement Policy since 2009. It
  - promotes best value, and
  - contributes to sustainable prosperity for Nova Scotia
- The Public Procurement Act (2011) further promotes this approach across the greater public sector.



# What Types of Impacts is NSG Considering ?



## Economic

Fiscal Responsibility  
Life Cycle Costing  
Local Economy



## Environment

Toxics Use Reduction  
Waste Reduction  
GHG Reduction



## Social

Health and Safety  
Inclusiveness & Fair Wage  
Health Promotion

# Stewardship



# Nova Scotia Has World Class Solid Waste Legislation

**20**  
**YEARS**  
of diversion

**\$555** **MILLION**  
CONTRIBUTED TO  
NOVA SCOTIA'S ECONOMY.

**41,000** TONNES OF GREENHOUSE GAS  
EMISSIONS SAVED ANNUALLY.  
THE EQUIVALENT OF REMOVING



**97,211** CARS OFF THE ROAD OVER THE LAST 20 YEARS.

**242,000** **M<sup>3</sup> IN TOTAL**  
**LANDFILL SPACE SAVED**  
THE EQUIVALENT TO 97 OLYMPIC SIZED SWIMMING POOLS.





**Recycling is only as good as our  
ability to find markets for the  
materials ...**

# Where are the Markets?

- China - world's biggest importer of recycled materials
- In 2016 alone > 7.3 million metric tons of waste materials imported from developed countries.
- January 1, 2018 - market closed to imports due to a high rate of contamination in the materials (impurities to hazardous waste)

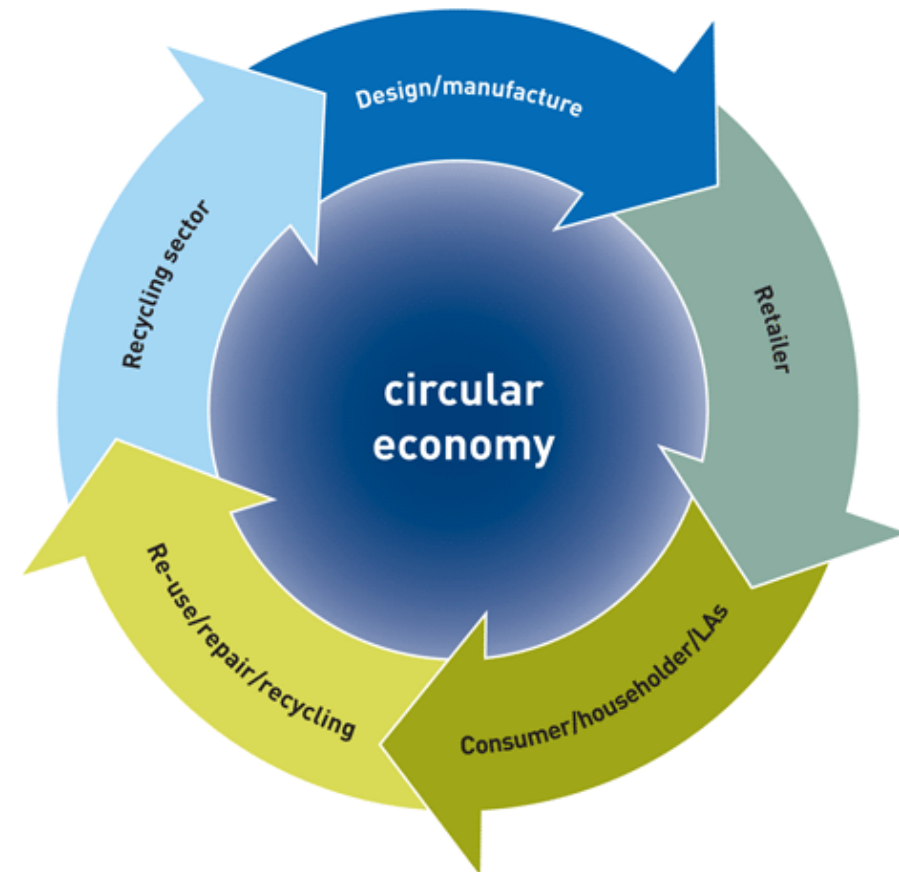




**For recycling to be at its best  
we must move  
to a circular economy  
and use products made from  
diverted materials**

# Shift to a More Circular Economy

- Keep resources in use for as long as possible.
- Extract the maximum value.
- Recover, and regenerate materials into new products at the end of each service life.





**Environmental problem or economic development opportunity?**

## Added Value in LEED Projects

# Materials and Resources (MR) Credits

There are points available in LEED v.4 for using materials with recycled content

Several credits in the MR section include a location valuation factor, which adds value to locally produced products and materials. The intent is to incentivize the purchase of products that support the local economy.





# Products and Materials



## Example: Tire Derived Aggregate (TDA)

- Nova Scotians responsibly recycle approximately 1 million used tires every year.
- Unwanted tires are collected from more than 880 registered tire retailers across Nova Scotia
- A local processor who converts them into TDA
  
- TDA can be used for
  - lightweight fill
  - retaining wall backfill
  - insulation layer
  - drainage layer
  - other



## Example: Shingle Sand

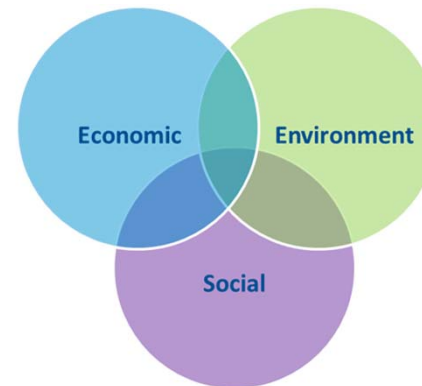
- Approximately 50,000 tones asphalt shingles p/a.
- Shingle sand can replace virgin sand in hot mix.
- Asphalt with recycled sand can be used for pavement for
  - roads (meets TIR specs),
  - trails, etc.





## Example: Plastic Lumber (Film Plastic)

- A local processor converts film plastic into plastic lumber.
- A local social enterprise uses plastic lumber to build outdoor furniture and other products e.g., waste sorting stations, raised garden beds etc.





# 40,000 Bags

are used to make the plastic resin  
for this picnic table

... and the table

can be  at end of life

# Other Products and Materials

## PAPER

- Blown in Insulation & mulch for hydroseeding)

## PAINT

- Recycled Paint

## GLASS

- Glass aggregate –drainage, filtration, septic media

## PLASTIC

- Weeping tile piping made from recycled plastic

## COMPOST





## Local Market is Developing – There are Opportunities for Strategic Procurements

### Critical Success Factors

- Specifications
- Lead time
- Sources of Supply
- Inventory & Production Capacity
- Location of manufacturing
- Delivery times & costs
- Public procurement rules (Trade agreements)

**Every dollar you spend  
is a vote cast  
for  
the world you want**

