



# Newfoundland and Labrador Paint Stewardship Program Annual Report

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#### 1.0 About Product Care Association

Product Care Association (PCA) is a federally incorporated, not-for-profit product stewardship association formed in response to stewardship regulations and is governed by a multi-sector industry board of directors. Product Care Association has managed paint and other household hazardous waste industry stewardship programs since 1994.

PCA's members are the "producers" (manufacturers, distributors and retailers) obligated by the Regulation under the category of architectural paint.

Product Care Association has filed a paint stewardship program plan with Multi-Materials Stewardship Board (MMSB) under the *Newfoundland and Labrador Waste Management Regulations, 2003 as amended by Regulation 100/10 (O.C. 2010-290)* (the "Regulation") issued under the *Environmental Protection Act* (O.C. 2003-226). The program plan was approved on December 20, 2011.

#### 1.1 Report Period

This report covers the 2014 calendar year (January 1 to December 31, 2014). All content has been prepared in accordance with section 31.12 of the *Newfoundland and Labrador Waste Management Regulations, 2003 as amended by Regulation 100/10 (O.C. 2010-290)* issued under the *Environmental Protection Act* (O.C. 2003-226).

#### 1.2 Program Summary

The Newfoundland and Labrador Paint Stewardship Program (the "Program") offers collection services throughout the province to which consumers can bring leftover household paint. The collection sites include retailers, Green Depots, local government waste facilities and collection events. The program supplies collection sites and events with standard reusable collection bins (tubskids) and other containers such as drums. The program contracts with a hauler to deliver empty collection containers and pickup filled ones to/from collection sites or events, and consolidate the filled collection containers into full loads which are shipped to a processor for recycling. Additional program elements managed by Product Care Association include revenue management, communications and administration.





Table 1 summarizes the program's performance against regulatory requirements and commitments made in the approved stewardship plan.

**Table 1: Summary of Key Performance Indicators** 

| Commitments & Requirements   | 2014 Performance  |
|--|---|
| Achieve at least a 70% reuse rate  | Reuse rate of 82.2% was achieved.   |
| 19 permanent collection sites in the 17 target communities, by end of year 1 | Permanent collection sites were established in 16 of the 17 target communities. An unexpected closure of a collection site in Port Aux Choix during the year has created a gap. |
| Collection service in the 31 target communities, during years 1 and 2        | Of the 31 targeted communities, permanent collection sites were established in or near 19 communities and the remaining communities were serviced through collection events.    |
| The program will target an increase in recovery rate of 0.5% per year        | A baseline of 3.78% was established in 2013; the first full reporting year for the program. The program achieved a recovery rate of 3.48% in 2014.                              |

#### 2.0 Brand Owner Information

The total sales volume reported by program members to the program for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2014 was 3,819,948 litres. Please note that the volume was estimated based on sold container size.

#### 2.1 Fee Changes

The Program began on April 18, 2012 and the initial fee rates were established by PCA in accordance with anticipated program revenues and costs. In general, revenues have been greater than expected and expenses have been lower than anticipated. Consequently, PCA's board of directors approved a reduction in fee rates effective February 1, 2014. The new fees are aligned with those for the New Brunswick paint stewardship program (see Table 2 below).

**Table 2: Fee Changes** 

| Paint container size range and         | Previous rates from | New rates as of  |
|--|---------------------|------------------|
| standard sizes                         | May 1, 2012         | February 1, 2014 |
| 100 ml to 250 ml                       | \$0.30              | \$0.20           |
| 251 ml to 1 litre (US quart)           | \$0.50              | \$0.35           |
| 1.01 litres to 5 litres (US gallon)    | \$1.10              | \$0.70           |
| 5.01 litres to 23 litres (US 5 gallon) | \$2.50              | \$1.50           |
| Aerosol paint (any size)               | \$0.30              | \$0.20           |





#### 3.0 Collection

This section sets out the total amount of waste paint collected in Newfoundland & Labrador and the location of all return collection facilities in the province.

#### 3.1 Total Amount of Waste Paint Collected

Table 3 and Table 4 below show the total amount of waste paint collected by the program for the reporting period, as well as how much was collected per collection site type.

Table 3: Total Amount of Waste Paint Collected in 2014

|                     | Number of<br>Paint<br>Containers <sup>1</sup> | Residual Paint<br>Volume (L) <sup>2</sup> | Number of<br>Aerosol Drums | Residual<br>Aerosol Paint<br>Volume (L) <sup>3</sup> | Total Residual Paint Volume (L) |
|---------------------|---|---|----------------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| Amount<br>Collected | 1186  | 132,951                                   | 13                         | 68   | 133,019                         |

<sup>(1)</sup> Tubskid dimensions (42" x 34" x 48") with a nominal capacity of 126 one gallon containers. The actual number of paint containers per bin varies depending on the mix of paint container sizes, ranging from 250ml – 18.9L capacity.

Table 4: Percentage of Waste Paint Collected by Collection Site Type in 2014

| Type of Collection Site                  | % of Collection |
|--|-----------------|
| Green Depot                              | 13.9 %          |
| Retailer                                 | 19.3 %          |
| Collection Events                        | 21.5 %          |
| <b>Local Government Waste Facilities</b> | 45.2 %          |
| Total                                    | 100 %           |

Table 5 shows the calculation of the recovery rate, based on the volume of paint collected as a function of volume of paint sold in the province in 2014.

<sup>(2)</sup> Based on a conversion rate of 112.1L per collection bin derived from on the number of tubskids processed and the total residual volume of material generated. Reuse volume is not included in calculation.

<sup>(3)</sup> Each drum holds approximately 175 aerosol containers.

<sup>(4)</sup> Based on a conversion rate of 5.25L per drum.





Table 5: 2014 NL Paint Sales, Residual Recovery Volume and Recovery Rate

|   | Total     |
|---|-----------|
| Sales (litres)                              | 3,918,948 |
| Residual Recovery Volume (litres collected) | 133,019   |
| Recovery Rate                               | 3.48 %    |

#### Restatement of Sales Volumes and Recovery Rates

Through PCA's member audit process, it was determined that a member significantly over-reported sales for the years 2012 and 2013. This was caused by an error in the member's reporting system.

Corrected information has now been obtained and verified; resulting in the following restatement of 2012 and 2013 sales volumes, as well as a recalculation of the recovery rates (see Table 6).

The current year Program Financial Statements include a Prior Period Adjustment reflecting the over reporting made in prior years.

Table 6: 2012 and 2013 Adjusted NL Paint Sales and Recovery Rate

|                       | 2012      | 2012 (Restated) |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Sales (L)             | 2,966,404 | 2,882,235       |
| Collection Volume (L) | 82,565    | 82,565          |
| Recovery Rate (%)     | 2.78 %    | 2.86 %          |
|                       | 2013      | 2013 (Restated) |
| Sales (L)             | 5,188,508 | 4,258,282       |
| Collection Volume (L) | 161,083   | 161,083         |
| Recovery Rate (%)     | 3.10 %    | 3.78 %          |

#### 3.2 Return Collection Facility Locations

As of December 31, 2014, a total of 56 collection sites participated in the program (see Appendix 1 for a detailed list of collection sites).

The program plan requires the establishment of a minimum of nineteen permanent collection sites in 17 target communities. Table 7 lists the target communities where PCA has committed to establishing permanent collection sites.





**Table 7: NL Permanent Sites in Target Communities** 

| Community                         | Collection Site                                   |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| Bay Roberts                       | Bay Roberts Green Depot                           |
| Carbonear                         | Carbonear Green Depot                             |
| Clarenville                       | Clarenville Home Hardware                         |
| Conception Bay South              | Handyman Home Hardware                            |
| Corner Brook                      | Scotia Recycling Green Depot Corner Brook         |
| Deer Lake                         | The Paint Shop                                    |
| Gander                            | Scotia Recycling Green Depot Gander               |
| Grand Falls-Windsor               | Scotia Recycling Green Depot Grand Falls-Windsor  |
| Happy Valley-Goose Bay            | HVGB Green Depot                                  |
| Labrador West                     | Paint Shop Home Decorating Center                 |
| Lewisporte                        | Pritchett's Building Supplies                     |
| Marystown                         | Aylwards Home Centre                              |
| Mount Pearl                       | Paint Shop Home Decorating Center                 |
| Port Aux Basques                  | PAB Green Depot                                   |
|                                   | This collection site withdrew from the program    |
| Port Aux Choix                    | following a change in ownership in June 2014. PCA |
|                                   | is actively seeking a replacement site.           |
|                                   | 1. Paint Shop Home Decorating Center              |
| St. John's (3 required locations) | 2. Robin Hood Bay Facility                        |
|                                   | 3. Rona (60 O'Leary Avenue)                       |
| Stephenville                      | Scotia Recycling Green Depot Stephenville         |

The program plan also commits PCA to offer collection services in or near an additional 31 communities identified by MMSB. Table 8 sets out the communities where PCA has committed to establishing either permanent collection sites or mobile collection services.

**Table 8: Collection Services in the Additional 31 Communities** 

| Community     | Collection Site                    | Status                        |  |
|---------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| Baie Verte    | White Bay Home Hardware            | Permanent Site Established    |  |
| Black Tickle  | Black Tickle/Domino Local Service  | Permanent Site Established    |  |
| Bonavista     | Bonavista Fire Hall                | Mobile Collection Event       |  |
| Botwood       | Botwood Recycling Green Depot      | Permanent Site Established    |  |
| Burgeo        | Burgeo Green Depot                 | Permanent Site Established    |  |
| Cartwright    | Cartwright Building Supplies       | Permanent Site Established    |  |
| Charlottetown | Charlottetown Town Hall            | Mobile Collection Event       |  |
| Dunville      | Aylwards Home Centre               | Permanent Site Established in |  |
| Dunvine       | Ayiwards florife Certife           | Placentia (neighboring town)  |  |
| Fogo          | Fogo Island Home Hardware Building | Permanent Site Established    |  |
| 1080          | Centre                             | reimanent site Established    |  |
| Gambo         | Pritchett's Building Supplies      | Permanent Site Established    |  |





| Community                      | Collection Site                       | Status                             |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Glovertown                     | Glovertown Green Depot                | Permanent Site Established         |
| Hopedale                       | Hopedale Fire Hall                    | Mobile Collection Event            |
| L'Anso Au Loun                 | Turnbull's Home Hardware Building     | Permanent Site Established in      |
| L'Anse Au Loup                 | Centre                                | L'Anse Au Clair (neighboring town) |
| La Scie                        | La Scie Fire Hall                     | Mobile Collection Event            |
| Makkovik                       | Makkovik Inuit Community Government   | Permanent Site Established         |
| Mary's Harbour                 | Mary's Harbour Fire Hall              | Mobile Collection Event            |
| Nain                           | Nain Inuit Community Government       | Permanent Site Established         |
| New Wes Valley (Badger's Quay) | Bungays Green Depot Inc.              | Permanent Site Established         |
| New World Island               | T. Illiand Tonder Challes             | Permanent Site Established in      |
| (Summerford)                   | Twillingate Transfer Station          | Twillingate (neighboring town)     |
| Pasadena                       | Pasadena Fire Hall                    | Mobile Collection Event            |
| Port Hope Simpson              | Port Hope Simpson Fire Hall           | Mobile Collection Event            |
| Postville                      | Sheppard's Skidoo/Variety Shop        | Permanent Site Established         |
| Rigolet                        | Rigolet Town Garage                   | Mobile Collection Event            |
| Riverhead                      | Riverhead Green Depot                 | Permanent Site Established         |
| Robert's Arm                   | Robert's Arm Fire Hall                | Mobile Collection Event            |
| Rocky Harbour                  | Rocky Harbour Fire Hall               | Mobile Collection Event            |
| Springdale                     | Green Bay North Green Depot           | Permanent Site Established         |
| St. Alban's (Milltown)         | Milltown Fire Hall                    | Mobile Collection Event            |
| St. Anthony                    | Landfill Subregion 1                  | Permanent Site Established         |
| St. Lewis                      | St. Lewis Fire Hall                   | Mobile Collection Event            |
| Twillingate                    | Paint Shop Home Decorating     Centre | 2 Permanent Sites Established      |
| · winnigate                    | 2. Twillingate Green Depot            | 2 i cimanent sites Established     |

Of the 31 targeted communities, permanent collection sites were established in or near 19 communities, and the remaining 12 communities were serviced through "paint-only" collection events hosted by the Program.

PCA hosted twelve "paint-only" collection events in 2014. A total of 11 tubskids were collected during these events in 2014, and 10 tubskids were collected during the thirteen "paint-only" collection events held by PCA in 2013 (see Table 9). In general the volumes collected at each event were low, with one community (St. Lewis) generating no collection volume in 2013 or 2014.

Promotions for these events included social media (Facebook, Twitter and PCA's website) and printed posters that were sent to the fire halls in advance of the events for distribution





throughout the communities. Town halls were also notified of the events in advance to help promote the events.

Table9: Total Volumes Collected at the PCA Collection Events in 2013 and 2014

| <b>Collection Event Location</b> | <b>Tubskids Collected in 2013</b> | Tubskids Collected in 2014 |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Charlottetown                    | 1                                 | 2                          |
| Mary's Harbour                   | 1                                 | 1                          |
| Port Hope Simpson                | 1                                 | 0                          |
| St. Lewis                        | 0                                 | 0                          |
| Robert's Arm                     | 1                                 | 0                          |
| La Scie                          | 0                                 | 0                          |
| Pasadena                         | 0                                 | 4                          |
| Rocky Harbour                    | 0                                 | 2                          |
| St. Alban's/Milltown             | 2                                 | 1                          |
| Rigolet                          | 1                                 | 0                          |
| Hopedale                         | 1                                 | 0                          |
| Bonavista                        | 1                                 | 1                          |
| Summerford                       | 1                                 | Permanent collection site  |
| Summerioru                       | 1                                 | established                |
| Total                            | 10                                | 11                         |

In addition to the collection services in the 31 targeted communities, the Program continues to work on expanding the collection network. As of the end of 2014, an additional 38 permanent collection sites have been established across the province beyond the program plan commitment of 19 collection sites (see Table 10 below).

Table 10: Additional Permanent Collection Sites

| Community                             | Collection Site                            |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| Badger's Quay (New Wes Valley)        | Bungays Green Depot Inc.                   |
| Baie Verte                            | White Bay Home Hardware                    |
| Bay Roberts                           | Rona                                       |
| Black Tickle                          | Black Tickle/Domino Local Service District |
| Botwood                               | Botwood Recycling Green Depot              |
| Burgeo                                | Burgeo Green Depot                         |
| Cartwright                            | Cartwright Building Supplies               |
| Conception Bay South                  | Rona                                       |
| Fogo                                  | Fogo Island Home Hardware Building Centre  |
| Fortune                               | Rona                                       |
| Gambo                                 | Pritchett's Building Supplies              |
| Candor (2 Addition Sites Established) | 1. Rona                                    |
| Gander (2 Addition Sites Established) | 2. Aylwards Home Hardware Building Centre  |





| Glovertown                                    | Glovertown Green Depot                        |  |
|---|---|--|
| Goulds  | Rona  |  |
| Grand Bank                                    | Aylwards Home Centre                          |  |
| Grand Falls-Windsor                           | Paint Shop Home Decorating Center             |  |
| Happy Valley-Goose Bay                        | Paint Shop Home Decorating Center             |  |
| Makkovik                                      | Makkovik Inuit Community Government           |  |
| Labrador West                                 | Labrador West Landfill                        |  |
| L'Anse Au Clair                               | Turnbull's Home Hardware Building Centre      |  |
| Nain  | Nain Inuit Community Government               |  |
| Mount Doorl (2 Additional Sites Established)  | 1. Rona                                       |  |
| Mount Pearl (2 Additional Sites Established)  | 2. Scotia Recycling Green Depot Mount Pearl   |  |
| Norris Arm                                    | Norris Arm Regional Waste Management Facility |  |
| Placentia (2 Additional Sites Established)    | 1. Aylwayrds Home Centre                      |  |
| Placelitia (2 Additional Sites Established)   | 2. Paint Shop Home Decorating Centre          |  |
| Postville                                     | Sheppard's Skidoo/Variety Shop                |  |
| Riverhead                                     | Riverhead Green Depot                         |  |
| Springdale                                    | Green Bay North Green Depot                   |  |
| St. Anthony                                   | Landfill Subregion 1                          |  |
|   | 1. Rona (710 Torbay Road)                     |  |
| St. John's (3 Addition Sites Established)     | 2. Templeton Paint                            |  |
|   | 3. Paradise Green Depot                       |  |
| St. Lawrence                                  | Aylwards Home Centre                          |  |
| Twillingate (2 Additional Sites Established)  | 1. Paint Shop Home Decorating Centre          |  |
| i willingate (2 Additional Sites Established) | 2. Twillingate Green Depot                    |  |
| Wabush (Labrador City)                        | Rona  |  |

#### 3.3 Collection Events

In addition to providing collection services that satisfied the 17 targeted communities and the 31 additional communities, the program also participated in 48 additional collection events conducted by Multi-Materials Stewardship Board (MMSB) and the Eastern Waste Management Board (EWMB) as part of their household hazardous waste (HHW) programs. Table 11 lists the communities served by these collection events.

**Table 11: Additional HHW Collection Events** 

| Hosted By | Community Serviced     |
|-----------|------------------------|
| EWMB      | Avondale               |
| EWMB      | Colliers               |
| EWMB      | Conception Bay Harbour |
| EWMB      | Fox Harbour            |
| EWMB      | Placentia              |
| EWMB      | St. Brides             |

| Hosted By    | Community Serviced      |  |
|--------------|-------------------------|--|
| MMSB: HHW    | Corner Brook (Spring)   |  |
| MMSB: HHW    | Happy Valley/ Goose Bay |  |
| MMSB: HHW    | Harbour Breton          |  |
| MMSB: HHW    | Marystown               |  |
| MMSB: HHW    | Lethbridge              |  |
| MMSB: Multi- | Corner Brook (Fall)     |  |





| EWMB                 | Port de Grave                             |  |
|----------------------|---|--|
|                      |   |  |
| EWMB                 | Bay Roberts                               |  |
|                      |   |  |
| EWMB                 | Carbonear                                 |  |
| EWMB                 | Come By Chance                            |  |
| EWMB                 | Fair Haven                                |  |
| EWMB                 | Little Harbour Ease (South West Avalon)   |  |
| EWMB                 | Southern Harbour                          |  |
| EWMB                 | Fermuse                                   |  |
| EWMB                 | Ferryland                                 |  |
| EWMB                 | Mount Carmel                              |  |
| EWMB                 | Peter's River/ St. Vincents/ St.Stephen's |  |
| EWMB                 | Riverhead                                 |  |
| EWMB                 | Trepassy                                  |  |
| EWMB                 | Bellevue Beach/ Thornlea                  |  |
| EWMB                 | Green's Habour                            |  |
| EWMB                 | Holyrood                                  |  |
| EWMB                 | Norman's Cove                             |  |
| EWMB                 | Old Shop                                  |  |
| EWMB                 | Trinity South Central (Whiteway)          |  |
| EWMB                 | Witless Bay                               |  |
| EWMB                 | Adam's Cove                               |  |
| EWMB                 | Bay de Verde                              |  |
| EWMB                 | Carbonear                                 |  |
| EWMB                 | Heart's Content                           |  |
| EWMB                 | Heart's Delight                           |  |
| EWMB                 | Old Perlican                              |  |
| EWMB                 | Winterton                                 |  |
| EWMB                 | Spainiard's Bay                           |  |
| EWMB                 | Victoria                                  |  |
| EWMB                 | Wabana                                    |  |
| EWMB                 | Arnolds Cove                              |  |
| EWMB                 | Clarenville                               |  |
| EWMB                 | Long Harbour                              |  |
| Total EWMB Events 39 |   |  |

| Material Event      |                       |  |
|---------------------|-----------------------|--|
| MMSB: Multi-        | Grand Falls/ Windsor  |  |
| Material Event      | Grand Falls/ Willuson |  |
| MMSB: Multi-        | Conception Bay South  |  |
| Material Event      |                       |  |
| MMSB: Multi-        | Clarenville           |  |
| Material Event      |                       |  |
| Total MMSB Events 9 |                       |  |

For the MMSB HHW and Multi-Material coordinated events, the program provided staff, transportation and recycling services for collected paint. For the EWMB HHW collection events, the program provided transportation and recycling services.





Table 12 provides the amount of paint that was collected through both the EWMB collection events and the MMSB HHW and Multi-Material collection events.

Table 12: Paint Volumes Collected at Additional 2014 Collection Events

| 2014 Collection Events                        | # of Paint Tubskids<br>Collected | # of Aerosol drums<br>Collected |
|---|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| MMSB HHW and Multi-Material Collection Events | 176                              | 5                               |
| Eastern Waste Management Board Events         | 65                               | 3                               |
| Total Amount Collected                        | 241                              | 8                               |

#### 4.0 Processing

This section of the report sets out

- a) the total amount of waste paint processed or in storage,
- the percentage of waste paint collected that was reused, recycled, disposed of in an engineered landfill, recovered for energy, contained, or otherwise treated or disposed of;
- a description of the types of processes utilized to reuse, recycle, dispose of, recover energy from, contain, or otherwise treat or dispose of waste paint;
- d) a description of the efforts to redesign paint products to improve reusability and recyclability; and
- e) the location of processing or containment facilities for waste paint.

#### 4.1 Waste Paint Processed

Tubskids are received from collection sites and collection events across the province and consolidated into boxes at the haulers' warehouse in Mount Pearl. From there, the boxes are shipped to the program's processor, Laurentide Resources Atlantic Inc., in Springhill, Nova Scotia for processing (i.e., opened, sorted and bulked). In 2014, a total of 790 boxes of waste paint were delivered for processing and 593 boxes were processed (see Table 13).

Table 13: Total Amount of Waste Paint Processed in 2014

|                  | Number of boxes | Residual Paint<br>Volume (L) <sup>1</sup> | Number of<br>Aerosol<br>Drums | Residual<br>Aerosol<br>Paint<br>Volume (L) | Total<br>Residual<br>Paint<br>Volume (L) |
|------------------|-----------------|---|-------------------------------|--|--|
| Volume Processed | 593             | 114,195                                   | 22.5                          | 118  | 114,313                                  |

(1) Conversion rate: 192.6 L per box





#### 4.2 Management Method Descriptions

The following sections describe each method the Program used to reuse, recycle, or otherwise treat or dispose of waste paint.

#### Reused (Paint Exchange Program)

The Paint Exchange Program (PEP) makes better quality returned paint available to the public free of charge at collection sites that agree to participate in the PEP. The collection sites record and report the number of containers given away. This is a highly efficient way to achieve reuse as the paint does not require transportation and reprocessing.

An estimated 8,675 litres of paint was given away through the PEP to consumers in 2014. PEP was offered at 20 collection sites (15 Green Depots, 1 retailer and 4 local government sites), accounting for 35% of the province's collection site network. Reuse volumes are estimated by assuming that each container given away is on average 75% full.

#### Recycling

At the Laurentide Resources facility in Springhill, NS, paint containers are removed from the boxes, inspected, opened, sorted by type, colour and quality, and bulked into shipping containers. The bulked paint of recyclable quality is then transferred to an affiliated processor, Peintures Recuperees du Quebec (PRQ), in Victoriaville, QC, where the paint is further processed and recycled. Table 14 illustrates the quantity of latex and alkyd (oil-based) paint recycled.

Table 14: Quantity and Type of Paint Recycled in 2014

| Туре            | Litres | Percentage |
|-----------------|--------|------------|
| Latex paint     | 80,346 | 86.9%      |
| Oil based paint | 12,112 | 13.1%      |
| Total           | 92,458 | 100%       |

The Regulation requires 70% of paint collected be "reused", where reuse is defined as a combination of both reused (Paint Exchange) and recycled paint. In 2014, the program surpassed the target, achieving an 82.2% reuse rate.

#### **Energy Recovery**

Not all oil based paint collected is of suitable quality for paint recycling. In some cases the paint may be contaminated, in the form of skins/sludge, the wrong colour or of the wrong chemistry





for paint recycling. In addition, regulations such as the Federal VOC Regulations require tighter limits on certain chemical constituents, which tend to be found in higher concentrations in older paints, making it difficult to recycle oil-based paint. The market for recycled oil-based paint is significantly smaller than that for water-based products and demand continues to decline.

Due to the high solvent content of oil-based paints, these products are suitable for energy recovery. Through the process of fuel blending, some of the oil-based paint collected by the program that is not suitable for paint recycling is used as an alternative energy source in applications such as permitted incinerators. During the reporting period, 10,170 litres of oil based paint were blended with other fuels and utilized for energy value at licensed facilities.

#### Landfill

The sorting and bulking of the latex paint by Laurentide generated 11,685 litres of non-recyclable latex sludge/solid, which were solidified and disposed of at a landfill.

#### **Incineration**

Incineration is typically utilized when oil-based paint is contaminated with PCBs and therefore not suitable for energy recovery. During the reporting period, no material was contaminated with PCB and hence there was no material sent for incineration.

#### 4.3 Percentage of Waste Paint by Disposal Method

Table 15 below shows the breakdown (in percentages) of waste paint collected that was reused, recycled, recovered for energy, contained, or otherwise treated or disposed of.

Table 15: Percentage of Waste Paint by Disposal Method in 2014

| Method                         | Volume (litres) | Percentage |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|------------|
| Reuse - Paint Exchange Program | 8,675           | 7.0%       |
| Reuse - Paint Recycling        | 92,458          | 75.2%      |
| Landfill                       | 11,685          | 9.5%       |
| Energy Recovery                | 10,170          | 8.3%       |
| Total                          | 122,988         | 100%       |





#### 4.4 Metal and Plastic Containers Collected and Recycled

Table 16 summarizes the amount of metal and plastic containers that were collected and recycled through the paint recycling program.

Table 16: Metal and Plastic Containers Collected and Recycled in 2014

| Container Type                     | Collected and Recycled (tonnes) | Processor                               |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| Metal                              | 42.46                           | Tri Province Recycling, Moncton, NB     |
| Plastic pails (HDPE 2)             | 1.39                            | Littleforks landfill, NS                |
| Plastic paint cans (polypropylene) | 3.0                             | RPM Environmental (QC), Laurentide (NB) |

Littleforks landfill receives HDPE 2 plastics from paint containers and comingles them with their own recyclable plastics and bales them to reduce volume. The bales are then sold as a commodity to plastics brokers and other end-users for use in plastics manufacturing.

RPM Environmental is an industrial plastics recycler that shreds and mixes the plastics to sell as a commodity. RPM was able to accept and process the polypropylene for only a portion of 2014 and for the remainder of the year, Laurentide Resources temporarily stored these plastics while seeking an alternative recycler.

Tri-Province Recycling is a scrap metal recycler which takes empty metal containers that have been baled and mixes them with other metals. The bales of scrap metals are then sold as a commodity and eventually end up being recycled at a smelter.

#### 4.5 Design for Environment

The paint and coating industry is continually pursuing innovations in product formulations that strike a balance between sustainability, health & safety and performance. This is done working in concert with key agencies such as Health Canada, Environment Canada and numerous standard-setting organizations. An example of industry's sustainability initiatives is the industry's involvement with the federal Chemicals Management Plan, assessing chemicals in commerce for all industry sectors including paint and coatings, to assess risks associated with product use. This is done with a view to banning the highly toxic substances or managing them in some way, when they are considered harmful for the environment, either from a human health or ecological perspective.





Where toxicity in chemicals is considered potentially harmful to human health, a risk management approach is required to permit continued use of the substances contained in products like paint and coatings. This may result in regulations, pollution prevention plans, codes of practice or compliance agreements and ultimately reformulation or re-design of products for the marketplace, which reduces or eliminates negative impacts to human health and the environment.

The manufacturing of paint continues to shift from oil-based paints to water-based paints due to a number of factors, including:

- Consumer preference for more environmentally friendly products
- Advanced water based coating technology providing similar product performance as oil based technology
- Regulatory influences such as Environment Canada's Volatile Organic Compound (VOC)
   Concentration Limits for Architectural Coatings Regulations (P.C. 2009-1535) which sets
   limits for VOC for a number of coatings including architectural coatings. These new
   regulations require coatings manufacturers to switch to low-VOC formulations.

Waterborne paints now make-up more than 90 percent of paint products on the market. In addition, the Program utilizes the following tools to increase the amount of reuse of leftover paint and minimize the environmental impact of residual paint where possible:

- Recovery and recycling of 10 percent of the paint that is available for recovery;
- Variable eco fees aligned with container size in some jurisdictions; and
- Operation of a paint exchange program whereby leftover paint is made available to the public free of charge.

#### 4.6 Research and Development

PCA agreed to contribute funding over a three year period (2015-2017) to MMSB's research partnership with the Leslie Harris Centre of Memorial University. The Harris Centre – MMSB Waste Management Research Fund was created to stimulate research related to Newfoundland and Labrador's solid waste management needs and opportunities, including research related to the management of post-consumer paint.





#### 4.7 Processing and Containment Facilities

The following is a list of all the processing or containment facilities used by the program.

| Hebert's Recycling Inc.            |                      |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 14 Clyde Avenue,                   | Containment Facility |
| Mount Pearl, NL A1N 4S1            |                      |
| Laurentide Resources Atlantic Inc. |                      |
| 100 Main Street                    | Processing Facility  |
| Springhill, NS BOM 1X0             |                      |
| Société Laurentide Inc.            |                      |
| 345 Bulstrode Street               | Processing Facility  |
| Victoriaville, QC G6T 1P7          |                      |

#### 5.0 Communication and Education

Product Care Association continued its communication and public outreach to educate consumers in accordance with regulatory requirements. The following section describes the 2014 communication and education activities in more detail.

#### 5.1 Website

In recognition of Product Care's 20th anniversary, the Association developed and launched a new look and approach for our consumer-facing brand. A new website was developed with a view to improving our consumer engagement efforts and to making our association more accessible, friendlier and intuitive for all audiences, with the ultimate goal of increasing program awareness and collection volumes. The site offers bilingual content for the Newfoundland and Labrador Paint Program including:

- Depot finder (a map showing the locations of the collection sites see Appendix 2)
- Depot hours and operations
- Information for trade painters (list of collection sites that can accept high volumes);
- Program product lists
- Other information (such as a description of the paint exchange program).

An estimated 68,090 unique visitors utilized the website during the 2014 calendar year. The collection site finder page specifically had an estimated 28,160 unique page views.





#### 5.2 Program Hotline

Product Care Association operated a "hotline" with a toll-free telephone number 1-888-772-9772 by which consumers were able to obtain information about the program.

#### 5.3 Point-of-Sale (PoS) and Point-of-Return (PoR) Materials

In 2014, Product Care distributed both PoS and PoR materials as requested by retailers and collection sites. The following materials are available free of charge, for reorder through our online order form (see Appendix 3 for examples):

- Tri-fold brochures identifying accepted/not accepted products
- "Recycle Your Paint" can stickers
- Posters

#### 5.4 PCA Collection Event Communication

For the months of September and October, Product Care partnered with 12 fire halls to host a series of one day paint-collection events. These events were held to satisfy our commitment to servicing the 31 additional communities – 19 of which now have permanent collection sites. To help promote these events, PCA:

- Designed and delivered posters to fire halls to print and distribute prior to the collection day.
- Contacted local municipal halls to ensure that they were aware of the event and would assist in its promotion.

In addition to MMSB's HHW events, Product Care participated in a series of multi-material collection events organized by MMSB.

- Event announcement posters and logo inclusion on MMSB materials.
- Issued a joint press release with MMSB promoting the collection events.

#### 5.5 Yellow Pages

PCA launched an Atlantic Canada targeted digital campaign via YP Group, including syndicated Facebook posts, targeted digital display ads, and smart digital display (re-serving impressions to pre-qualified audience). Digital ads were specifically generated to Internet users who performed online searches related to the purchase, use and disposal of paint products in Newfoundland and Labrador. 748,000 impressions were served each month (i.e. digital ads were displayed 748,000 times to Internet users who performed a relevant search) and Newfoundland's click-through rate (the percentage of Internet users who saw the ad and clicked on it in order to learn more about the program) was 4.38.





Additionally, our Facebook advertising campaign pursued a "gated" strategy, which is to say, content viewable by residents of Newfoundland was relevant to that audience specifically, and was not necessarily seen by audiences in other provinces.

#### Sample Facebook Post



#### 6.0 Financial Information

PCA's audited financial statements for the NL Paint Stewardship Program can be found in Appendix 4.

# 7.0 Assessment of the Newfoundland and Labrador Paint Stewardship Program

An assessment of the performance of the program prepared by MMSB in partnership with Product Care is appended to this report in Appendix 5.





# APPENDIX 1 – Collection Sites as of December 31, 2014

| Depot Name  | City                           | Туре                | Paint<br>Exchange |
|---|--------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| New Wes Valley Green Depot                          | Badger's Quay (New Wes Valley) | Green Depot         | Yes               |
| White Bay Home Hardware                             | Baie Verte                     | Retailer            | No                |
| Bay Roberts Green Depot                             | Bay Roberts                    | Green Depot         | Yes               |
| RONA Store  | Bay Roberts                    | Retailer            | No                |
| Black Tickle / Domino Local Service<br>District     | Black Tickle                   | Local<br>Government | No                |
| Botwood Recycling Green Depot                       | Botwood                        | Green Depot         | Yes               |
| Burgeo Green Depot                                  | Burgeo                         | Green Depot         | Yes               |
| Carbonear Green Depot                               | Carbonear                      | Green Depot         | Yes               |
| Cartwright Building Supplies                        | Cartwright                     | Retailer            | No                |
| Clarenville Home Hardware                           | Clarenville                    | Retailer            | No                |
| Handyman Home Hardware                              | Conception Bay South           | Retailer            | No                |
| RONA Store  | Conception Bay South           | Retailer            | No                |
| Scotia Recycling Green Depot Corner<br>Brook        | Corner Brook                   | Green Depot         | Yes               |
| Paint Shop Home Decorating Center                   | Deer Lake                      | Retailer            | No                |
| Fogo Island Home Hardware Building<br>Centre        | Fogo                           | Retailer            | No                |
| RONA Store  | Fortune                        | Retailer            | No                |
| Pritchett's Timbrmart                               | Gambo                          | Retailer            | No                |
| Aylwards Home Hardware                              | Gander                         | Retailer            | No                |
| RONA Store  | Gander                         | Retailer            | No                |
| Scotia Recycling Green Depot Gander                 | Gander                         | Green Depot         | Yes               |
| Glovertown Green Depot                              | Glovertown                     | Green Depot         | Yes               |
| RONA Store  | Goulds                         | Retailer            | No                |
| Aylwards Home Centre                                | Grand Bank                     | Retailer            | No                |
| Scotia Recycling Grand Falls-Windsor<br>Green Depot | Grand Falls-Windsor            | Green Depot         | Yes               |
| Paint Shop Home Decorating Center                   | Grand Falls-Windsor            | Retailer            | No                |
| HVGB Green Depot                                    | Happy Valley-Goose Bay         | Green Depot         | Yes               |
| Paint Shop Home Decorating Center                   | Happy Valley-Goose Bay         | Retailer            | No                |
| Turnbull's Home Hardware Building<br>Centre         | L'Anse Au Clair                | Retailer            | No                |



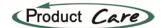


| Depot Name                                   | City             | Туре                            | Paint<br>Exchange |
|--|------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| Paint Shop Home Decorating Center            | Labrador City    | Retailer                        | Yes               |
| Labrador West Landfill                       | Labrador West    | Waste<br>Management<br>Facility | No                |
| Pritchett's Tim-Br Mart                      | Lewisporte       | Retailer                        | No                |
| Makkovik Inuit Community<br>Government       | Makkovik         | Local<br>Government             | Yes               |
| Aylwards Home Hardware                       | Marystown        | Retailer                        | No                |
| RONA Store                                   | Mount Pearl      | Retailer                        | No                |
| Scotia Recycling Green Depot Mount<br>Pearl  | Mount Pearl      | Green Depot                     | Yes               |
| The Paint Shop                               | Mount Pearl      | Retailer                        | No                |
| Nain Inuit Community Government              | Nain             | Local<br>Government             | Yes               |
| Norris Arm Regional Waste Facility           | Norris Arm       | Waste<br>Management<br>Facility | Yes               |
| Aylwards Home Centre                         | Placentia        | Retailer                        | No                |
| Paint Shop Home Decorating Center            | Placentia        | Retailer                        | No                |
| Port Aux Basques Green Depot                 | Port Aux Basques | Green Depot                     | Yes               |
| Sheppard's Skidoo & Variety Shop             | Postville        | Retailer                        | No                |
| Riverhead Green Depot                        | Riverhead        | Green Depot                     | No                |
| Green Bay North Green Depot                  | Springdale       | Green Depot                     | No                |
| Landfill Subregion 1                         | St. Anthony      | Waste<br>Management<br>Facility | Yes               |
| Paint Shop Home Decorating Center            | St. John's       | Retailer                        | No                |
| Paradise Green Depot                         | St. John's       | Green Depot                     | Yes               |
| Robin Hood Bay Facility                      | St. John's       | Waste<br>Management<br>Facility | No                |
| RONA Store                                   | St. John's       | Retailer                        | No                |
| RONA Store                                   | St. John's       | Retailer                        | No                |
| Templeton Paint                              | St. John's       | Retailer                        | No                |
| Aylwards Home Centre                         | St. Lawrence     | Retailer                        | No                |
| Scotia Recycling Green Depot<br>Stephenville | Stephenville     | Green Depot                     | Yes               |





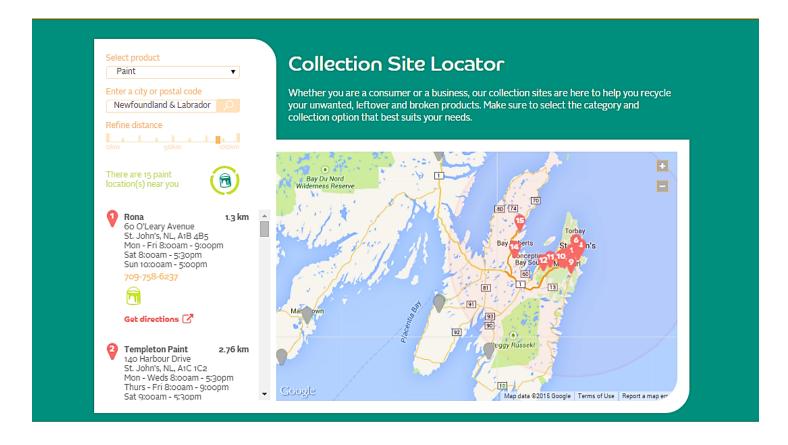
| Depot Name                        | City        | Туре        | Paint<br>Exchange |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Paint Shop Home Decorating Center | Twillingate | Retailer    | No                |
| Twillingate Green Depot           | Twillingate | Green Depot | Yes               |
| Rona Home Centre                  | Wabush      | Retailer    | No                |





## **APPENDIX 2 – Product Care Association's Collection Site Map**

Below is a snap shot of what the new collection site locator tool found on our website looks like.







#### **APPENDIX 3 – PoS and PoR Materials**

Examples of point-of-sale and point-of-return materials:

### PaintRecycle NL PoS Poster



#### PaintRecycle PoR Poster







# PaintRecycle NL Paint Can Stickers for Retailer Use

# Got Leftover Paint?

Recycle it at a Product Care depot at no charge!

www.productcare.org/nl 1-888-772-9772



# PaintRecycle NL Outdoor Sign (4ft x 3ft)







# APPENDIX 4 - Audited Financial Statements for the NL PaintRecycle Paint Stewardship Program





# **APPENDIX 5 - Assessment of the NL PaintRecycle Paint Stewardship Program**