



## April 2018 Newsletter

### PLUS Industries' Recycling Service is Business as Usual

The City of Melfort has implemented a blue box curbside recycling program. In spite of the uncertainty for PLUS Industries caused by the implementation of this program, we choose not to let this decision change our ongoing commitment to the citizens of Melfort and surrounding areas who wish to continue recycling with us using a multi stream depot system. We have always maintained we are true recyclers, and that we recycle what we collect!

Recent media releases from across Canada have reported ongoing concerns that blue box recycling programs that take a single stream approach to collecting recyclables are not able to efficiently and effectively separate recyclables, resulting in increased costs, contaminated products, and the need to dispose of some recyclables to the landfill. CBC News has a series of recent stories on this topic. To locate these stories online, Google: CBC News Blue Box Recycling.

In an effort to continue providing employment to those who experience intellectual disabilities and to support them in their goals of independence and integration in the community, PLUS Industries will continue to employ our participants in our recycling service. We hope you will join us in our efforts to provide supported employment and to protect the environment. And, we hope you will choose to continue recycling with PLUS!

### Did you know that in 2017 PLUS Industries recycled:

5,456,349 deposit containers through the Melfort SARCAN Depot	1,276,854 pounds (570 metric tons) of cardboard and paper
196,272 pounds (88 metric tons) of glass	13,442 pounds (6 metric tons) of tin cans

# Focus On Our Services

## **SARCAN**

The Melfort SARCAN Depot, operated by PLUS Industries, is located at 609 Hamilton Avenue. The depot recycles deposit containers, paint, batteries and electronics. The SARCAN depot is open Tuesday through Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## **Recycling**

PLUS Industries is proud to be a recycler of cardboard, paper, glass, tin and car batteries for the City of Melfort and surrounding areas. Residents can drop off their cardboard and paper at several depots located throughout the city:

- Melfort Mall Parking Lot
- Independent Foods Parking Lot
- Broadway Avenue South
- Park Avenue
- At our Main Depot at 609 Hamilton Avenue

Glass and tin containers, that are not deposit containers, and car batteries are also accepted for recycling, but these must be dropped off in the marked containers at the main depot at 609 Hamilton Avenue.

## **Confidential Shredding**

PLUS Industries offers a confidential shredding service for individuals and businesses wanting to dispose of outdated records and documents in a secure and confidential manner. A pick up service is available. On request, we are also able to provide customers with *Certificate of Destruction*. Contact our Day Program Staff at PLUS Industries at 306.752.6503 for further information about our confidential shredding service.

## **Wood Shop**

PLUS Industries operates a full service wood shop. The shop is supervised by two staff members and employs up to eight participants. The shop produces a variety of large volume wood products for businesses and industrial operations. Some examples are: pallets, tank saddles, product crates, bee boxes, picnic tables, and stakes. The shop also does custom cutting and builds specialty items on request for individual customers. Contact the Wood Shop Supervisor for PLUS Industries at 306.752.6507 for further information.

## **Yard Care Services**

PLUS Industries operates a residential yard care service that includes grass cutting and trimming, and removal of yard waste to the composting yard or to the landfill site. Our three staff members and up to five participants will be pleased to look after your yard throughout the spring, summer and fall months or when you are away for an extended holiday. For further information about our yard care services or for a quote for services call our Contract Services Supervisor at 306.752.6502

## **Snow Removal Services**

PLUS Industries provides a snow removal service for businesses and residents in Melfort. Our two staff members and up to five participants will provide prompt service to clear your sidewalk of snow and ice following a snowfall or storm. For further information about our snow removal services or for a quote for services call our Contract Services Supervisor at 306.752.6502

## **Commercial Cleaning Services**

PLUS Industries provides a commercial cleaning service for businesses and organizations requiring this service. Our staff will provide daily or weekly cleaning and will develop a schedule specific to your needs. Individuals who provide this service have a security clearance and have undergone a criminal record check. PLUS Industries also carries \$5,000,000 of Commercial General Liability Insurance. For further information about our commercial cleaning services or for a quote for services call our Contract Services Supervisor at 306.752.6502

## **PLUS Stuff Junction**

PLUS Stuff Junction is PLUS Industries' retail outlet located in the historic Clift Building at 109 Main Street in downtown Melfort. The store sells products produced by PLUS Industries, has a full line of giftware, and is a source of supplies for the paper arts and scrapbooking enthusiasts. For further information about PLUS Stuff Junction or to inquire about products, please call our Store Manager at 306.752.9855. You can also find information about PLUS Stuff Junction on Facebook.

**To learn more about PLUS Industries, and its people, programs and places, visit us online at:**

**[www.plusindustries.ca](http://www.plusindustries.ca)**

# Focus On Our People

People are the pillars of our organization. In this newsletter, we begin a series in which we highlight the dedicated staff members and participants who work at PLUS Industries. We take great pride in sharing their stories as examples of our commitment to people and to our community.

## **Melanie Erickson: Program Coordinator**

Melanie began working at PLUS Industries in 1989. As a dedicated employee for 29 years, Melanie understands the importance of our organization to the participants we support, and to the community in which we work. Melanie is currently the Program Coordinator at PLUS Industries. She is responsible for ensuring that each of the participants registered with PLUS Industries has an individualized program plan suited to their needs and aspirations.

Melanie received her professional training as a psychiatric nurse and has worked in community-based services for the intellectually disabled her entire career. The most enjoyable part of her work is when she can set aside her regular tasks, leave her office, and join with participants at dances, picnics, field trips and water fights! Her most challenging times are those when participants experience difficulties in their lives, or the loss of family members or close friends and she needs to support them and grieve with them.

Melanie describes work at PLUS Industries in this way, *"I love my work at PLUS! The people I work with are genuine, unique and fun to be with."*

## **Courtney Whitehead: One of Our Newest Participants**

Courtney is one of our newest participant employees at PLUS Industries. Courtney registered with PLUS Industries in November 2017, and she is quickly finding her place as a valued participant employee. Courtney enjoys working in the Wood Shop where she can express her artistic and creative side through woodcarving. She recently spent time with a community member who specializes in the art of wood carving to gain more knowledge and skill, and to learn how to use specialized tools. She hopes to sell some of her woodcarvings through PLUS Stuff Junction.

Courtney also works in the Recycling Division of PLUS Industries and enjoys working along side her friends Tracy and Jessica. In the short time since Courtney has joined us, she has come to enjoy the social aspects of working at PLUS and, with the help of her supervisors and co-workers, has become much more self-confident.

Courtney's goal is to live independently, and to become employed in the community with the support of PLUS Industries. We wish her much success!