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Letters from MRFy- "May the Force be with You" Edition

Well we've done it again. (BEEP BEEP)

WE have endured the one of the most amazing (Dagobah) mud seasons in recent years and moved into the time of the year where peeking daffodils and peeping (Yoda like) spring peepers are signs that winter may be over. Because of this, we at the MRF have kicked into (Tie Fighter) high gear with our seasonal housekeeping.

The Klaxon alarm horns rang low and long as the Ferry boats fired up and our seasonal island residents began the arduous process of opening cabins and spring cleaning. MRF Recycling Specialist Joe Abhold Fired up Woodstock (and made the Kessel Run) and started the hauling season with some soggy boxes of the winter trash and dem con at which point they are being hastily refilled as we wake up from the long winter sleep. We can safely say that "Joe is on the GO GO GO!"

The Island Closet was cleaned out and handed over to the St. John's Closet Crew and they continue their preparation for a new season of UPCYCLING and resurrecting old household items into a second life. We look forward to supporting the sophomore year of this partnership.

We have successfully submitted our 2021 Recycling Program Accomplishments and Actual Costs Annual Report for the responsible unit of Town of La Pointe (02014) on 04/30/2022. This is an annual report to the DNR for actual costs associated with recycling for the fiscal year 2021. We saw a dramatic decrease in hauling costs associated with banned items (oil, tires, and heavy appliances) but saw an increase in items like purchased services (ferry line costs, maintenance fees). This is largely in part to changes in MRF operational theory and the next 2022 Recycling Program Actual Cost Report will let us know if these changes were an anomaly or if they will continue. A HUGE SHOUT OUT to Jedi Master Barb Nelson for her assistance and meticulous record-keeping that made this process considerably easier than it could have been. KUDOS!!

Spring cleanup, grading, backfilling, beautification projects and new signage are all a part of our spring workload. We are working with the very fine roads and facilities crew on moving the glass crusher to an outdoor location to save rotator cuffs and heavy lifting. This will streamline operations on our warehouse floor, give our commercial recycling customers more space to work, and open up more (desperately needed) dry storage space for marketable recycling materials.

We will begin planting flowers in the tires the kids have decorated and have been approached about doing another round of tire painting by our young apprentices. We will update on our progress. As always, thank you for your continued support.

May the Force Be With You.

Have a MRF-tastic Day!
Martin Curry