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Dec 8 tour of Edmonton Waste Management Centre

Thanks to Paul for the Pictures and the Edmonton Waste Management Centre (EWMC) website.



EWMC is a unique collection of waste processing and research facilities. Owned and operated by the City of Edmonton, the EWMC is an integral part of Edmonton's sustainable approach to waste management. (EWMC website)

This image is an over all view the centre copied from the website. The centre consists of a number of facilities each serving a unique purpose in the over all management if waste generate in Edmonton. These facilities include:

- Processing and Transfer
Prepares waste for composting, conversion to refuse derived fuel and transfer to landfill.
- Refuse derived fuel plant
Converts non-recyclable and non-compostable waste into refuse derived fuel.
- Materials Recovery Facility
Sorts and processes recyclable materials.
- Land gas recovery facility
Captures and converts landfill gas to electricity.
- E-waste recycling facility
Processes computer equipment & other electronic products for recycling.
- Organics processing program
Converts organic waste into compost and renewable energy.
- Other facilities (research, Biosolids Lagoon, Compost cure site, etc.)

The following pictures show some of these facilities and steps in processing:



The image to the left shows the steps taken in recycling. Step 4 illustrates that some recycled items move to another city or country.

The picture on the right is of the waste sorting area. Robotic arms remove unwanted material. After the paper is sorted between paper and cardboard it is bailed (see below)



The picture on the left is the collection blue bags prior to sorting. The one on the right is a machine turning the compost
There is a great deal more seen and heard by the few members who attended, I am sorry I missed the tour.

Dec 12 Christmas Lunch

Thanks to David Armstrong for pictures and write up.



As obvious from the pictures, there were lots of happy faces and socializing, but not many Christmas sweaters! The Victoria Park Golf Club was most seasonally decorated and well organized for Christmas 'spirits' before and during the meal.

Paul brought some ceremony to the occasion by saying grace in Latin:

*Benedic nos domine, et haec dona quae de quate sumus sumpturi, per Christum Dominum Nostrum.
Amen.*

This he then translated as:

*Bless us, O Lord, and these Thy gifts, which we are about to receive from Thy bounty, through
Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

Paul deserves our thanks for handling the meal arrangements with Weronica and the Greenhouse Restaurant. It was a very, very good meal, punctuated by Hal's draw for 12 bottles of wine. Thanks go to Hal for bringing the wine and organizing the attendance of about 40 members, spouses and guests. From our president and executive, we wish all our members, spouses, and guests a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year

Interesting aside:

1. Youth is when you're allowed to stay up for New Year's. Middle age is when you're forced to.
2. What do New Year's parades have in common with Santa Claus? No one is ever awake to see them.

3. What is a New Year's resolution? Something that goes in one year and out the other.
4. My New Year's resolution is to see my cup half-full, preferably with [rum](#), [gin](#), [vodka](#), or moonshine.
5. What do you call someone named Stephen on Dec. 31? New Year's Steve!
6. What's the worst part of jogging on New Year's Eve? The ice falling out of your drink!
7. What is corn's favorite holiday? New Ears Eve.
8. What is the digital camera's New Year's resolution? 1080p.
9. What does a jeweler do on Dec. 31? Ring in the New Year.
10. What was the official snack food of New Year's Eve? Dick Clark Bar.
11. I love when they drop the ball in Times Square. It's a nice reminder of what I did all year.
12. What is the snowman's New Year's resolution? To chill out more.
13. What did the cheerleaders say on New Year's Day? Happy New Cheer!
14. Knock knock! Who's there? Abby. Abby who? Abby New Year!
15. A woman took an afternoon nap on New Year's Eve. When she woke up, she told her husband, "I just dreamed that you gave me a diamond ring for a New Year's present. What do you think it all means?" He replied, "Aha, you'll know tonight!" At midnight, her husband handed her a small gift-wrapped present. Excited, she opened it quickly, but was even more surprised: In it was a book titled *The Meaning of Dreams*.
16. Why do [birds](#) fly south for New Year's Eve? Because it's too far to walk.
17. Knock knock! Who's there? Razor. Razor who? Razor glass and toast to a happy [new year](#).
18. What's the easiest way to keep your New Year's resolution to read more? Watch TV with subtitles.

I wish you all a Happy new year.