

Save the Future: Waste Management and Recycling Presenter: Jule Asterisk

Mission: *The mission of the Society of High Prairie Regional Environmental Action Committee involves both public education about and activities supporting responsible waste management, sustainable energy production, sustainable resource development, airshed and watershed protection in our region.*



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Jule came to Slave Lake in 2000 to establish the new regional landfill, with certifications as Landfill Manager and Compost Facility Manager. She developed new recycling programs for tires, electronics, paint, fluorescent bulbs, and batteries, as well as Slave Lake's residential recycling program and yard waste compost program. Other programs, services, and presentations Jule has been involved with include:

- Pure Nature Crew – the clean up of illegal dumping in the bush (over 150 tonnes removed from various actions)
- Auntie Litter Brigades (Northern Lakes College research group on litter, funded by Alberta Environment and the Recycling Council of Alberta)
- Alberta Culture Days (for the Slave Lake Native Friendship Centre)
- Solar installations funded by oil and pipeline companies at the Northern Lights Aquatic Centre and Hilda Eben Skateboard Park
- 'My Life as a Tire' (2005) and 'My Life as a Plastic Bottle' (2003) locally filmed educational video productions promoting recycling
- Environment Coordinator for North Country Fair since 1997
- The Plastics Remanufacture Project began in 2020, including research on potential emissions from small scale recycling equipment, sourcing equipment, manuals, and funding for communities, and outreach to rural, remote and Indigenous communities wanting to take ownership of their plastic 'waste' (actually, our precious fossil fuel resources) to make new things.
- Presentations for schools since 2001
- Presentations for municipalities, First Nations and Métis Settlements
- Presentations: Recycling Council of Alberta, Alberta Cooperative Action for Recycling Enterprises, Canadian Centre for Pollution Prevention and others.

Jule enjoys the vibrancy, enthusiasm, and excellent questions from Youth.