

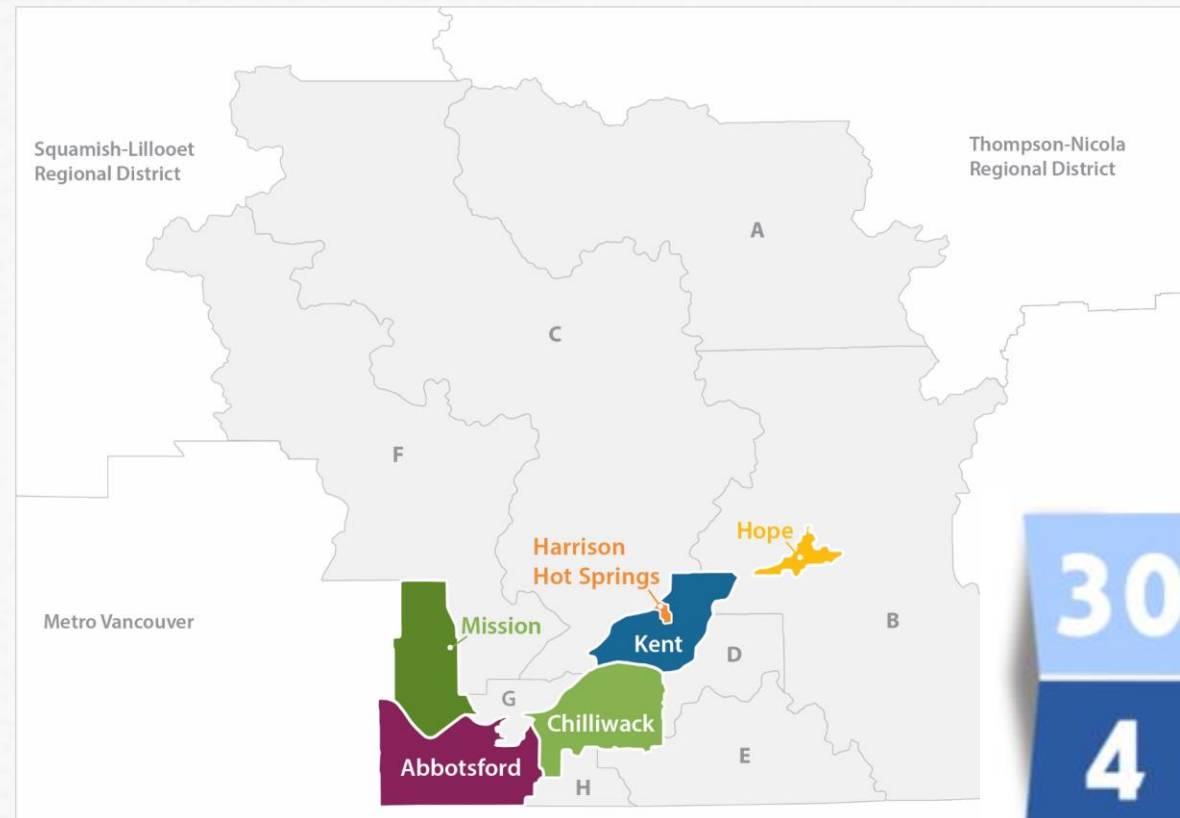


REGIONAL SOLID WASTE UPDATE

WMABC Conference 2024

FVRD AT A GLANCE

- 6 Municipalities
- 8 Electoral Areas
- 340,000 residents
- 30 First Nations



30	FIRST NATIONS with 146 reserves
4	TRIBAL COUNCILS delivering services to 26 bands
4	TREATY ASSOCIATIONS representing 11 bands negotiating treaties with BC and Canada

SOURCE SEPARATION BYLAW

- Re-started bylaw outreach after pandemic break
- Municipalities actively enforcing bylaw for single-family curbside collection
- Work needed for multi-family properties, strata complexes and food businesses



MULTI-FAMILY SOURCE SEPARATION



- Communications strategy and education
- Tailored to property managers and strata councils
- Next Steps: conduct survey

MULTI-FAMILY CHALLENGES


- Confusion about jurisdiction
- Varied logistics: different haulers, distinct collection days, sorting rules
- Contamination
- Unauthorized access to bins, causing unintended disorder



COMMON PUBLIC CONCERNS

- Residents witnessing hauler(s) collecting all their sorted waste into one compartment of the truck
 - › Why sort if it's all going in the garbage anyway?
 - › Does anything actually get recycled?
- How do we re-gain public's trust?

FUTURE OUTLOOK

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- Open communication for stronger collaboration
 - Further understanding of local waste flow
 - How can we support you – haulers and facility owners?

2024 PLANS

- Region-wide engagement and school education programs focusing on Rethink, Reduce, Reuse
- Waste Reduction Initiative Fund
- Agricultural plastics recycling pilot project with CleanFarms
- Container-sharing library with Reusables
- Solid Waste Action Team (SWAT)
- Food Recovery Network with Food Mesh
- Facility Authorization Applications
- Touring all regional transfer stations, recycling and composting facilities