Public and Private Partners in Diversion

Comox Strathcona Waste Management (CSWM)

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What and Where of CSWM



- 120,595 Population (2021)
- 8 Municipalities
- 7 Electoral Areas
- 1,697 km² Comox Valley RD
- 18,278 km² Strathcona RD
- 10 First Nations Communities
- \$17.7 million operating budget
- \$2.5 million to reserves

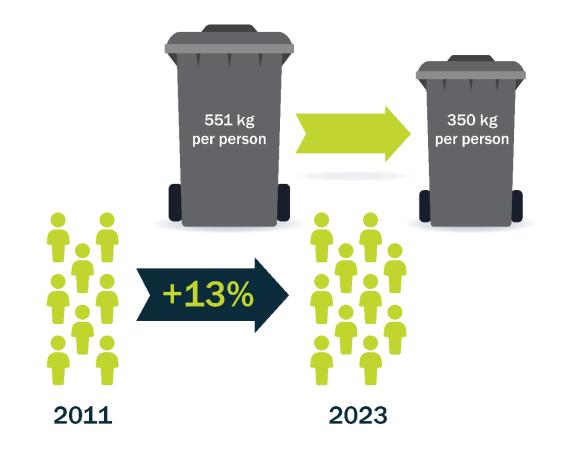






Areas of Improvement

- Access to diversion in rural areas
- Food, yard waste and other organics
- Divertible construction, renovation and demolition materials (CnD)





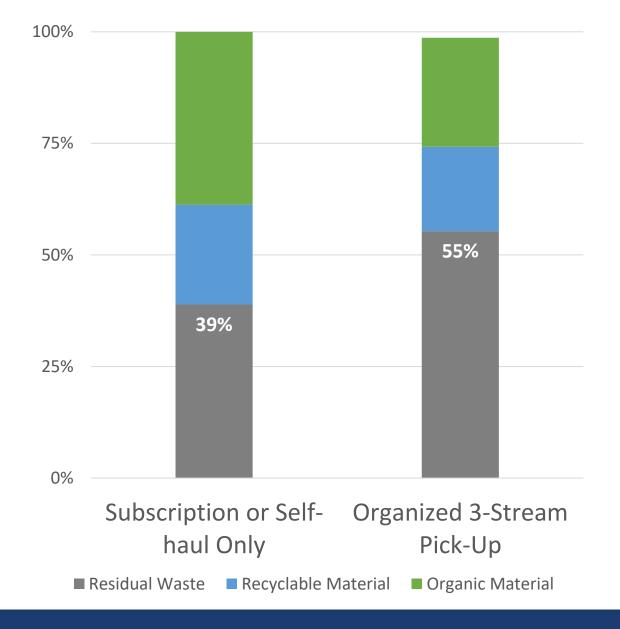
Improve Diversion for Rural Residents



➤ Residents can't access Recycle BC funding for curbside recycling pick-up without local government involvement.

- 19,692 trips to CSWM facilities
- 4 main private haulers 41%
 - 4.3 t per load
- Cash customers 41%
 - 150 kg per load
- >50 customers a day
- \$10 minimum per load
- \$155/tonne of MSW





Improve Diversion for Rural Residents

- Access is not the same as participation.
 - ➤ Waste source separation?
 - ➤ Waste hauler licensing?
 - ➤ Generator levy?
 - ➤ Tip fee differentiation?
 - ➤ Clear bags?



Organics Diversion

- Publicly funded 14,500 t/y aerated static pile facility
- Commissioned 2023 7,888 tonnes in first 9 months
- Operated by local contractor
- Servicing only single-family homes in four municipalities
 - Need private sector support in expansion to multi-family, mobile home parks, schools, care facilities, and businesses.



CnD Diversion at Waste Management Centres Campbell River, Comox Valley, Hornby Island and Cortes Island



- Scrap metal
- Clean wood waste
- Drywall
- Commercial cardboard
- Hard plastics
- Rubble, inert material
- HHW







Public Private Collaboration

- Considering how to work with private sector to use space available at CVWMC for market creation and maximum diversion potential
- ➤ How to incentivize on site sorting or increase opportunity for centralized sorting pre-disposal





Solid Waste Management Plan Renewal





Fall 2022





Set the Plan Direction

2023





Evaluate Strategies

2024-25



Step 3 Public Consultation



Prepare and Adopt the Plan

2025-26







