

Backgrounder #3

CRD Waste Reduction History

- 1973** CRD becomes responsible for solid waste management.
- 1975** CRD acquired ownership of Hartland landfill.
- 1982** The Waste Management Act required all municipalities and regional districts to adopt and implement solid waste management plans.
- 1985** CRD took over management of Hartland landfill.
- 1989** The Province approved the CRD Solid Waste Management Plan.
- Blue Box recycling collection began in the four core municipalities of Oak Bay, Saanich, Victoria and Esquimalt. Glass bottles and jars, tin and aluminum cans and newspaper are collected. The CRD also launches the apartment recycling program.
- 1990** Blue Box collection is expanded to Saanich Peninsula, Western Communities, Sooke and Salt Spring Island.
- 1991** The CRD Board approved the CRD Solid Waste Management Plan, Revision 1. It established the CRD's 50% solid waste diversion goal and confirmed the need to develop Phase 2 of Hartland landfill.
- 1993** Revision 1 of the CRD Solid Waste Management Plan was approved. Drywall ban was implemented.
- 1992** The municipal depot program was introduced.
- 1993** Four new materials bans were introduced. Corrugated cardboard (such as packing boxes), white goods (such as refrigerators), tires and directories (such as telephone books), were banned from the landfill.
- The District of Oak Bay launched a co-collection pilot. In July 1994, the District took over collection of recyclables in their municipality.
- 1994** The curbside collection program changed from weekly service to every other week.
- 1995** Mixed paper (such as magazines, junk mail, cereal boxes and scrap paper) was added to the blue box and apartment recycling programs.
- Six additional materials were banned from the landfill: scrap metals, asphalt paving, concrete, aggregate, clean soil and rubble.
- The Province approved Revision 2 of the CRD Solid Waste Management Plan.
- 1996** Phase 1 of Hartland was completed and closed.
- 1997** Phase 2 of Hartland landfill was opened. The Willis Point Road yard and garden waste facility was opened.
- 1998** Paper was banned from the landfill.
- 2000** The Blue Box recycling program was expanded to include corrugated cardboard and rigid plastic containers. Blue Bags were distributed and an additional 4,000 homes were added to the program, resulting in region-wide service. The municipal depot program was discontinued. The apartment recycling program was replaced with a funding program.
- 2001** A participation rate survey of the curbside program showed that nearly 90% of eligible households use the service.
- 2003** Hartland landfill received the Best Landfill in BC award from Sperling Hansen Associates.
- The revenue generating landfill gas-to-electricity project was completed in cooperation with a private sector partner.
- 2004** The Hartland recycling area was expanded to include all household hazardous waste products.
- 2005** An automated scale system was implemented at Hartland landfill.
- The Blue Box program is expanded to include pizza boxes and rigid plastic packaging ■