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The Directors and staff of CWMA would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year



Neil Hastie, President & CEO Encorp Pacific (Canada)

Recycling rates are declining

The message from Neil Hastie, President and CEO of Encorp Pacific (Canada), guest speaker for our November luncheon was loud and clear. "Recycling rates are on the decline". 35 guests gathered to hear Neil provide an overview and progress report from Encorp Pacific. While stewardship programs are doing well, general recycling on a per-capita basis is declining which, combined with a growing population, will place great strains on existing waste disposal systems. Product stewardship programs, whether for waste oil, leftover paint or beverage containers, divert a high percentage of materials from the waste stream but, overall, recycling seems to have fallen down the priority list. There were many topics that Neil wanted to discuss, namely, the ill advised attempt by the Consumers

Association of Canada to initiate a class action law suit against Encorp and other brandowners and efforts by some advocacy groups to water down the industry product stewardship model unique to BC and admired by many other jurisdictions but, "tongue in cheek" could not, Neil focused his presentation on the work being done by Encorp on beverage containers, milk cartons and electronics stewardship. The luncheon took place at the King's Feast Buffet, Save-On-Foods Memorial Arena on November 23

Tribes recycling effort collecting fans



Cowichan Tribes recycling technician Rick Wilson shows off the compost and recycling collection in the administration building.

Blue boxes are appearing on Cowichan Tribes' curbsides and

according to proponents, reserve recycling is a hit.

In the first six months since it began, the Cowichan Tribes-run program has diverted nearly 23,000 kilograms from the landfill.

"It's good to find most people are eager to get into the recycling program," said Bill Seymour, maintenance co-ordinator.

"We've taken a lot of calls asking when recycling would come to the reserve so we knew the interest was there; it was just a matter of putting everything together."

Seymour admits Cowichan Tribes has been behind the rest of the region when it comes to recycling and says pressure from the Cowichan Valley Regional District helped spur the program on.

Use of the Tribes-owned garbage truck one day a week and some funds made available through the Coast Salish Employment Training Society created the right situation for the development of the mixed recyclables pickup, along with two eager staff that have a desire to reduce waste in the landfill.

"It's fulfilling to be helping people keep a cleaner environment," recycling technician Rick Wilson said. "We're finding most people have a pretty good understanding of what is accepted and what isn't."

Presently, the truck is picking up mixed paper, cardboard, tin and plastics. Fluorescent tubes, batteries and propane tanks are also accepted.

"We're working at finding a place for the non-recyclable plastics to be sent to as well," Wilson said. "The less we send to the landfill, the less money it costs."

While it may have taken a long time to implement the recycling program, Cowichan Tribes is wasting no time in offering compost pickup, diverting 2,700 kilograms of organic waste since the end of August.

"We have about 30 homes on board right now as well as the Elder's building and daycare," Wilson said. "We're in the process of finding containers and hopefully will get more homes signed up."

Because the program is still in its infancy, the recycling staff is offering to visit homes on the reserve to help people with their recycling.

"We find a lot of pizza boxes are being put in the recycling," recycling technician Rob Rice said. "Because of the food the cardboard can't be recycled, but it can be put in the compost."

Expansion of the program may be difficult for Cowichan Tribes depending on who comes forward to help fund the service.

While funding through CSETS has provided wages for the two recycling technicians to pick up recycling from the 480 homes, two schools, daycare, and administrative offices on the reserves up to this point, the dollars

will only last a few months into the new year. With no charge to residents for the service, Seymour is currently in talks with Indian and Northern Affairs Canada to secure funding for longer.

Despite the question of money, Seymour is confident the program will continue and grow.

"We're taking small steps right now," he said. "We've been able to put a limit on garbage restricting it to three bags per household twice a week. You have to take it slow in order for it to work."

To learn more or sign up for the compost collection call Cowichan Tribes office at (250) 748-3196.

By Aaron Bichard - Cowichan News Leader and Pictorial - December 08, 2007

CWMA Annual Conference

CWMA 2008 CONFERENCE

The Conference Committee is working diligently to make sure they bring you the best conference to date including;

Leading-Edge Themes
Regional District roundtables
Trade Show
Networking
Facility Tours

Look for more information early in the New Year. Check at www.cwma.bc.ca and click: EVENTS for updates

Executive Director



Will Burrows, newly appointed Executive Director for CWMA

In November, CWMA Directors welcomed aboard Will Burrows to the position of Executive Director. Will's relationship with the CWMA goes back to 1998. Over the years he has attended many Association events as a delegate, presenter and round table participant. "I know and have worked with many of the association members over the years. I look forward to having an opportunity to meet with them all in the coming months". Will brings with him 12 years management experience in the recycling sector. He was born and raised in England and immigrated to Vancouver in 1988. In 1995 he moved to Vancouver Island where he settled in the Cowichan Valley. You can reach Will at info@cwma.bc.ca

Membership renewals

CWMA will be sending membership renewals out in the New Year. The Association works hard to represent your interests and hopes that you will continue with your membership. We appreciate your prompt payment and as always, welcome your suggestions on how we can improve the services we provide to members.

Regional Round-up

Alberni Clayquot Regional District

The ACRD has approved their SWM Plan at the November Board meeting. This will be forwarded to the Province for approval from the Minister of Environment early in 2008. Highlights of this plan are;

- New curbside recycling service for the City of Port Alberni and new/enhanced depots in the City and the rural areas of the Alberni Valley. The RD will be administering the contract for residential waste services and the new curbside recycling service on the West Coast (Tofino, Ucluelet and rural Longbeach areas)

- This plan also includes education components, product bans, can limits and deals with illegal dumping
- we will be hiring a Reduction Coordinator early next year to "roll out" the new programs

There will be opportunities for contractors to provide waste/recycling services on the west coast early in 2008 and contracts to follow for the services in the Alberni Valley. For additional information please contact Drew Hadfield
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Regional District of Nanaimo

Staff changes at Regional District of Nanaimo –

- Petra Wildauer, formerly Landfill Superintendent based at the Regional Landfill, has moved to the Fraser-Fort George Regional District based out of Prince George. Petra's new role is heading up the Environmental Services Division.
- Alan Stanley also relocated to cooler winter climes, leaving his Zero Waste Coordinator position to take up the mantle of Director of Environmental Services with the Regional District of Kootenay-Boundary, headquartered in Trail.
- Moving into the solid waste field is Jeff Ainge. Jeff spent nine years in the RDN parks department before transitioning into a Zero Waste Coordinator position. He has spent the past few months coordinating the recently launched residential food waste collection pilot project and maintaining the curbside garbage and recycling program.
- As a result of the staff moves, two new exempt positions were created for the solid waste facilities (Superintendent Scale & Transfer Services, and Superintendent Engineering and Disposal Operations). Competition for these closed December 10th.
- Additionally, a Senior Zero Waste Planner position and a Zero Waste

Compliance Officer position have been approved. Job descriptions and postings are in the works.

- And finally, Alexandra Smith joined the RDN solid waste team for a four month co-op work term in September. She ably assisted the launch of the residential food waste collection project. Some previous experience in telemarketing helped dull the pain of the unhappy people calling to express their displeasure about being on the chosen pilot project routes. Her number crunching skills will be missed when she returns to U-Vic.

In brief –

- Staff will be recommending to the Regional Board a one-year extension of the curbside garbage and recycling collection contract for 2008. Over the course of the coming months preparation of a collection tender will begin, taking into account options for food waste collection based on the current pilot project.
- It is early days of the food waste collection pilot (we finally got going in late October 2007), but many residents of the three participating routes are making good use of the opportunity to divert compostable material from the landfill. The three routes include a high density neighbourhood of 500 newer single family homes (Chartwell in Town of Qualicum Beach), 720 predominantly single family homes in a well established urban neighbourhood (Cilaire/Brooks Landing area of City of Nanaimo), and a widespread rural route of 765 homes in Cedar (Electoral Area A, RDN) with a mix of farms, acreage properties and denser neighbourhoods. The compostable material is sent to the ICC facility at Duke Point. It is still too early to really provide meaningful numbers however after six weeks of collection, almost 30 tonnes of compostable food waste has been diverted.

The Regional Board has approved an increase in disposal fees at RDN

facilities. As of January 1, 2008 MSW will be \$100/tonne. There will be changes to self haul rates as well.

For additional information please contact Jeff Ainge at jainge@rdn.bc.ca

Kids' Instructions On Life

- Never trust a dog to watch your food. -- Patrick, Age 10
- When you want something expensive, ask your grandparents. --Matthew, Age 12
- Never smart off to a teacher whose eyes and ears are twitching. -- Andrew, Age 9
- Wear a hat when feeding seagulls. --Rocky, Age 9
- Sleep in your clothes so you'll be dressed in the morning. -- Stephanie, Age 8
- Never try to hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk. -- Rosemary, Age 7
- Don't flush the toilet when you dad's in the shower. --Lamar, Age 10
- Never ask for anything that costs more than five dollars when your parents are doing taxes. --Carrol, Age 9
- Never bug a pregnant mom. -- Nicholas, Age 11
- Don't ever be too full for dessert. -- Kelly, Age 10
- When your dad is mad and asks you, "Do I look stupid?" don't answer him. --Heather, Age 16
- Never tell your mom her diet's not working. --Michael, Age 14
- Don't pick on your sister when she's holding a baseball bat. -- Joel, Age 12
- When you get a bad grade in school, show it to your mom when she's on the phone. --Alyesha, Age 13
- Never try to baptize a cat. --Laura, Age 13
- Never spit when on a roller coaster. --Scott, Age 11
- Never do pranks at a police station. --Sam, Age 10

- Beware of cafeteria food when it looks like it's moving. --Rob, Age 10
- Never tell your little brother that you're not going to do what your mom told you to do. --Hank, Age 12
- Remember you're never too old to hold your father's hand. --Molly, Age 11
- Listen to your brain. It has lots of information. --Chelsey, Age 7
- Stay away from prunes. --Randy, Age 9
- Never dare your little brother to paint the family car. --Phillip, Age 13

Calendar of Events

GLOBE 2008

March 12-14, 2008
Vancouver, British Columbia

CWMA Quiz

There will be prizes awarded to the first two correct answers drawn

from the hat for the following question.

According to a recognized source, how many trees are saved by recycling one tonne of newspaper?

Email your answer to; info@cwma.bc.ca before January 15, 2008

All correct answers will be entered into a draw. The two prizes up for grabs are; one complementary admission to the next CWMA luncheon, courtesy of CWMA and one pair of tickets to see the Victoria Salmon King's in action courtesy of Selkirk Recycling.

Recycling Trivia

Check out the following fun links to test your recycling knowledge.

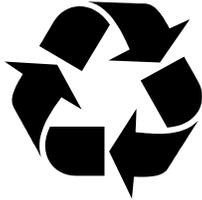
<http://www.resourcefulschools.org/quiz.mv>
<http://www.montgomeryco.com/news/25-5.html>

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