

CWMA news

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Tendering and Contract Law

40 delegates attended the CWMA hosted seminar and business luncheon on **January 23, 2009** to hear [John Haythorne](#), P. Eng. and [Karen Martin](#), partners at Fraser Milner Casgrain LLP, speak on **Tendering and Contract Law in the Waste Management Industry**.



Tenders and Contracts for Waste Collection

For Coast Waste Management Association on January 23, 2009 in Victoria



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Instead of the usual dry legalese filled presentation one might have expected, John and Karen provided a great deal of easily understood practical advice that all could comprehend. What must be included, what to avoid, how "Contract A" and "Contract B" impact each other along with the answers to many questions from the floor. They touched on all aspects of waste management tenders, RFPs and contracts in BC. We hope to get them back over again soon so that they can continue to where they left off. Their presentation is available on the CWMA website at <http://cwma.bc.ca/events.html>

CWMA Market Update and AGM

For this year's AGM we have assembled a team of industry professionals to provide us with an overview for each of the following sectors; Metals, Plastics, Fibre and organics. Please join us at the wonderful [Quw'utsun' Cultural and Conference Centre](#) in Duncan on **April 17, 2009** for an opportunity to hear from our assembled panel on how the markets are performing at this time.



Presenters will provide an overview of where things are today and some insight into strategies they have implemented in order to weather the storm. This is a great opportunity for you to hear what the local experts are doing and ask any questions you have.

There are four vacancies to be filled on the CWMA Board. A vacancy may be filled by any nominee, whether a returning director or a new nominee.

Price for this event includes morning refreshments, buffet lunch, GST and gratuity. Register by email, fax or phone; info@cwma.bc.ca

CWMA Annual Conference

CWMA are pleased to announce **"Rebuilding from the Waste Up"**, the theme for this year's conference to be held at the [Westin Bear Mountain](#), Langford, BC, from **October 21 – 23, 2009**. The conference committee is busy putting together an extensive program of presenters and tours for delegates that will surpass last year's event.

As in previous years, there will be plenty of networking opportunities over the three day event. Please mark your calendars now and plan on attending this event. Look for additional information to follow shortly.

Electronic Stewardship

Encorp Pacific (Canada) report that they have had a very productive and successful year for the electronics recycling program. The Return-It Electronics program ended the 2008 year reporting strong collection totals for end of life materials. Over 11 million kilograms managed.

Currently the program is averaging over 1,000,000 kilograms per month, and continues to increase every month they are in operation.

Looking ahead to the rest of 2009 and into 2010, as part of the relationship with Electronic Stewardship Association of BC

(ESABC), Encorp will lay out the plans for expanding the Return-It Electronics Program.

Timelines and key milestones will be set in order to expand the program. The list of products will include electronics such as personal audio products, home audio systems, home theater systems, and telephones. This will require a significant amount of planning and work on the part of Encorp and the depots.

Denman Island Recycling

Gloria Michin is no longer involved with the Denman Island Waste Management Committee. The new contact is Robert French who can be reached at: rsfrench@telus.net c/o Denman Island Residents' Association P.O. Box 17, Denman Island, BC V0R 1T0

UK recycling sent to landfill

It could be the end of the green dream for Britons who do their bit for the environment by recycling household rubbish. After years of rapid growth in the amount of waste recycled, signs have emerged that the world financial crisis could halt the trend.

The Daily Telegraph reports that one council has scrapped a recycling scheme due to a global collapse in the market for waste materials, and is diverting recyclable waste to landfill sites instead.

Hertfordshire county council has withdrawn a scheme that allowed residents to recycle everyday items like yoghurt pots, margarine tubs and other types of plastic packaging, because it has become uneconomical to do so. The items will now go into landfill sites and the council has asked residents to avoid buying products with too much plastic packaging.

It is thought to be the first case of a local authority scrapping a recycling scheme in response to the recent

collapse of the market, as global demand for recyclable materials slumps and prices fall so low that councils and their contractors cannot shift their waste, which is now worthless. However, industry experts fear more could follow suit and the Local Government Association (LGA) is writing to all councils urging them to resist the temptation to divert recyclable rubbish into landfill.

The Association is already in talks with the Ministry of Defence about using former military bases to stockpile material that cannot be recycled. The LGA has held emergency talks with Defra, the Environment Agency (EA) and the government's waste quango, Wrap, about the crisis, after which the EA announced it would relax its rules to make it easier for councils to store waste that they could not sell to recycling firms.



The decision by Hertfordshire means that it will no longer accept so-called "mixed plastics" for recycling at its 19 waste collection sites. However, it will still recycle "rigid" plastics, including bottles and items like garden furniture, and kerbside collection schemes in the county will not be affected.

Councillor Derrick Ashley said: "We're disappointed by this news, as we're sure residents will also be. However, we do appreciate that due to the global financial crisis, there simply isn't the market for some recycled plastics at the moment."

The decision follows a collapse in the price of mixed plastic from about £200 a tonne to almost nothing, as

demand from China dried up.

Other prices have seen similar falls, including scrap metal, steel and aluminium, cardboard and mixed low-grade paper and cardboard. Only glass and top quality paper prices have remained steady. Mountains of plastic bottles, paper and steel cans are expected to build up over the coming weeks and experts predict the problem will be exacerbated by the Christmas festivities, which traditionally sees a surge of packaging materials and drinks containers filling recycling bins.

Dozens of councils and their contractors are understood to have already started storing waste, although few have publicly admitted it, fearing it could undermine public support for recycling schemes.

In Oxfordshire, plastic bottles and card are piling up in depots. Wayne Lewis, spokesman for the Oxfordshire Waste Partnership, said: "At present, despite lower prices, we are managing to recycle material. We are still finding a market for it. But, yes, small amounts are now going into storage at our contractors' depots." Community Waste, in Milton Keynes, works as a contractor for a number of councils. Its director, Richard Cutts said: "The situation is extremely serious. Few realise just how serious.

"We are continuing to recycle rather than store 2,000 tonnes of waste a week - and that is costing us £70 a tonne. Obviously, we cannot continue to do that forever. At all costs I want to avoid material going to landfill and I am sure that by working closely with customers a solution can be found."

Bristol City Council has also said it is considering starting to stockpile.

The collapse in recycling could strengthen arguments for incinerators to burn waste.

Staffordshire county council is currently one authority trying to construct an incinerator, against

strong opposition from environmentalists and local residents.

A spokesman for the LGA said: "We're surveying councils to find out what is going on. A lot of councils have fixed term contracts with companies to deal with the waste, so are not yet feeling the effects.

"Other councils are having problems and are not able to get rid of their waste. There have been measures to help to store waste at their sites. In the longer term, we are looking at ex-military bases. We want them to avoid using landfill."

New Ingeo™ Diaper to Launch in NA



Broody Chick Natural Products Inc., a new Canadian company based in Victoria BC, has just launched a range of 100% natural baby skin care products including 100% fully compostable disposable diapers and wipes using Ingeo™ fibers.

Although the release date for the products is Spring of 2009, the range has already attracted unprecedented interest and is set to hit the market place, country wide, in the next few months. For more information, visit www.broodychick.com

Formation of new SPI Bioplastic Council

At the 2007 CWMA conference we were fortunate to have Jim Cairns of EPAS speak on the topic of bio plastics. As Jim pointed out, bio plastics can be a very confusing arena where a great deal of education is required. New bios are being developed from renewable non fossil fuel sources. Until such time as

they can compete, price performance wise, with conventional plastic, and be adequately managed, "it will be a tough road to hoe" say's Jim.

SPI's Bioplastics Council are a group focused on the development of bioplastics as an integral part of the plastics industry. It hopes to achieve this by educating the plastics industry, government and value chain; articulating clear and consistent descriptions of the different bioplastics options and providing strategic advice to the plastics industry, government and the value chain as well as promoting the harmonization of environmental policies. Members include Arkema, BASF Corporation, Cereplast Inc, DuPont, NatureWorks LLC, Telles - "a Metabolix/ADM Joint Venture".

Jim Cairns may be reached at jimcairns@telus.net

Edmonton recycler accepting glass

Greys Recycling Ltd. is pleased to announce the commencement of waste glass recycling at its newest facility at the Edmonton Waste Management Centre of Excellence at Clover Bar, Edmonton.

Greys will accept all types of glass (clear, coloured, mixed), however, the glass has to be free of hazardous material / radioactive coatings or material. All waste glass needs to be sorted and cannot be commingled with other waste streams.

A tipping fee of approximately \$47 per ton will be collected at the scales of the Edmonton Waste Management Centre.

If you want to deliver large quantities, please notify Greys in advance, so they can make arrangements for the receipt of material.

For more information, please contact Heidi at 780.454.7397 Ext. 301.

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New CWMA members

The CWMA would like to extend a warm welcome to the following members who have joined the association this year.

Wavor Wire.- Contact [Darrin Pearson](#) (604) 523-0412

M&R Environmental. - Contact [Rahmat Vefghi](#) (604) 876-0506

PlascoEnergy Group Inc.- Contact [Ron Unger](#) (604) 836-6650

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Recycling*

Jerry Kupiak – *Sun Coast Waste
Services*

Jacqueline Tudor-Jones - *METRO
Waste Paper*

Calendar of Events

SWANA 2009 NW Regional Symposium

March 28 – April 3, 2009
Venue – Richmond Hotel and Conference
Centre, Richmond BC

CWMA AGM 2009

April 17, 2009
Venue – Quw'utsun Cultural & Conference
Centre, Duncan, BC

RCBC Annual Conference

May 27 – 29, 2009
Fairmont Chateau Whistler Resort, BC

RCA Annual Conference

October 14 - 16, 2009
Fairmont Palliser, Calgary, Alberta

CWMA Annual Conference 2009

October 21 – 23, 2009
Venue – Westin Bear Mountain, Langford,
BC

Canadian Waste & Recycling Expo 2009

October 28 – 29, 2009
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