

CWMA Diverting Organics Roundtable – Meeting Notes

January 27, 2021 | 9:00 – 11:30 am

63 Attendees

9:00am Welcome/Housekeeping

9:10am Organics Infrastructure/Collection Funding Program Update
 Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy
 Contact: Kim Richardson - Policy Specialist Kim.Richardson@gov.bc.ca

The ministry provided a high-level program update. See Q and A below:

Q1
 Will there be more funding in the future?

A1
 Not at this time. Larger projects may be eligible for the recently announced Clean BC Communities Fund – a collaboration with the federal government.

Q2
 Can you please summarize the overlap with the contaminated sites program – specifically the Contaminated Sites Regulation?

A2
 The Contaminated Sites Regulation was recently amended which may impact certain facilities in certain circumstances. Please contact Kim to discuss in more detail.

Roundtable Updates

Name/Organization	Update	Comments/Questions
Cole Makinson, Comox Valley Regional District \$6.5M Funding (from several sources)	Aerated static pile Gore cover facility currently under construction slated for completion in Fall 2022. Regional facility accepting material from Courtney, Comox, Cumberland and Campbell River.	Q Are Denman and Hornby Islands serviced by the facility? A No, not at this time but may be in the future as facility has capacity.
Amy Wilson, Regional District of Central Kootenay	2 facilities – Creston landfill facility anticipated launch May 2022, Central landfill anticipated launch Fall 2022. Completed an assessment	City of Nelson still exploring the use of FoodCycler. Applying to

	of rural curbside collection which resulted in SWMP inclusion. Further engagement, research and assessment needed (service area/costing). If positive, possible launch of rural curbside in early 2024. Submitted funding request to the Columbia Basin trust for work on communication/education relating to bear proofing.	FCM for a pilot project. Potential challenges are the additional handling/processing costs associated with this material. Facility has been designed to accept these materials. For more info on FoodCycler contact Alex Hayman and/or go to City of Nelson/FoodCycler website.
Janine Dougal, Regional District of Kootenay Boundary \$2.3M + \$.7M + \$3.1M Funding (various sources and projects)	Updating and expanding existing facility (Gore cover system). Anticipated launch March 2022. Partnered with RDCK on residential green bin system with anticipated Spring 2023 launch (8,200 households). Received funding for bear bins, regular bins and waste audits. Developing procurement documents. Moving and upgrading transfer station to Salmo. Commercial sector to be included in the future. Some smaller stores already implementing diversion programs.	Q Do you plan to collect food scraps and yard waste? A No just residential food waste at this time. Many impacts when yard waste is included.
Travis Tanner, Regional District of Nanaimo \$3M funding	Received funding to expand Duke Point facility. Construction built into contract with Convertus (year 4 of 20-year contract). Anticipated completion late Spring 2022. Important to be completed to support upcoming bylaws.	
Abbey McLennan, qathet Regional District/"Let's Talk Trash"	In contract negotiations for local processing facility. Pilot collecting co-mingled food scraps, yard and garden material. Hoping to move this to a full-scale system in the future.	
Marcia Dick, City of Kamloops \$1.7M Funding	Feasibility study completed last spring. Piloting collection for 2,800 households. Anticipated launch July 2023 (27,000 households).	Q Does the program include First Nations? A Not at this time.
Bonnie Brokenshire, Bowen Island Municipality \$1M Funding	Constructing in-vessel system with program launch set for March 2024. Currently bi-weekly curbside pick-up with all material transported off-island.	
Wes Muir, Veolia North America	Provided reminder that BNQ consultations on compostable products guidelines underway. Proposal to reduce disintegration time from 85 days to 45 days. Commented that large scale AD facilities are getting most of his focus.	
Sean Kawakami, Convertus	Working with RDN on Duke Point expansion. Company working on researching solutions for	

	contaminated materials. Company has a zero waste to landfill target.	
Carey McIver, Carey McIver and Associates	Has worked with many groups in the sector with organics diversion focus. Everyone is different and has unique circumstances. A full curbside collection system is A LOT of work.	
Mark Watt – Consultant	Working on the final draft of a made in BC for BC compost training document. Cited new book by Robert Rank “Composting Handbook” released January 2022.	
Michael Stephen, Earth Objective	Has done much research on land-based sources of plastic. Compost is a major source. Has a focus on the removal of contaminated soil that does not meet standards.	
Veronica Bartlett, Morrison Hershfield	Worked with Carey McIver on a Best Practices Guide for Residential Curbside Collection commissioned by the ministry. Works with local governments to implement SWMP’s. Working with the Cowichan Valley RD on an Engagement Plan for 3 stream curbside collection.	
John Paul, Transform Compost	Works with local governments on compost training, evaluates technologies etc. Senior Reviewer, NWT compost standards guidelines. Worm composter supplier	
Marie-Lou Le Blanc– Squamish Lillooet Regional District	Partnering with Sea to Sky Soils. Received funding to double capacity. Project complete and servicing Whistler, Squamish and Pemberton. Receiving some material from Vancouver area. Helped with poultry carcass issue as a result of FV flooding.	
Vanessa Isnardy, WildSafe BC	Wants to collaborate and learn with this group and provide support to help find solutions to challenges. Interested in finding out what is working.	Vanessa will be at CWMA March 10 event
Paul Applet, District of Sechelt	Currently dealing with increased complaints due to labour shortage (missed collections). Things are slowly getting better. Contamination getting lower.	
Jodie Frank, Alberni Clayoquot Regional District \$6M (Strategic Gas Tax)	Just implemented auto collection for organics. Currently designing Westcoast facility. Consulting with electoral areas regarding rural curbside collection.	