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Consultation Summary Report



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Consultation Summary Report was prepared on behalf of the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS) to document public consultation undertaken in support of the Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) Update. The consultation process was designed to meet the requirements of the Environmental Management Act and the public consultation guidance in the provincial planning guide, while also providing opportunities for the public, Member Municipalities, First Nations, advisory committees, and other stakeholders to provide input on the draft plan.

Consultation activities included Public Advisory Committee and Technical Advisory Committee meetings, public survey and outreach activities, targeted meetings with Member Municipalities and First Nations, public open houses, and presentations to elected officials. Interim consultation reporting was used throughout the process to share feedback and demonstrate how input was being considered as the plan developed.

Overall, consultation confirmed support for the general direction of the SWMP Update, particularly in relation to waste diversion, reuse, repair, education, and community partnerships. Feedback also highlighted the importance of practical implementation, affordability, and approaches that reflect local conditions and community needs. Recurring themes included the need for clearer public education and communication, increased opportunities for reuse and diversion, concern regarding illegal dumping, and careful consideration of potential impacts associated with landfill operations, organics processing, and service changes.

Input received through consultation helped refine the SWMP Update and strengthen its focus on education, reuse, illegal dumping, and community-specific implementation. The consultation process also identified areas where further collaboration will be important during implementation, particularly with Member Municipalities, First Nations, and other local partners. Overall, consultation helped shape a more responsive and locally informed plan.

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ACRONYMS & ABBREVIATIONS

Acronyms/Abbreviations	Definition
ALC	Agricultural Land Commission
C&D	Construction and Demolition
EMA	Environmental Management Act
HHW	Household Hazardous Waste
LSIB	Lower Similkameen Indian Band
OIB	Osoyoos Indian Band
OPF	Organics Processing Facility
PAC	Public Advisory Committee
PIB	Penticton Indian Band
RDOS	Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen
SWMP	Solid Waste Management Plan
TAC	Technical Advisory Committee
USIB	Upper Similkameen Indian Band

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

This Consultation Summary Report was prepared on behalf of the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS) to summarize the consultation activities and outcomes related to the Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) Update. A detailed list of engagement types with dates, attendance numbers, circulation/number of residents reached, and outreach intent can be found in Appendix A, SWMP Engagement List.

The consultation process was carried out to meet public consultation requirements for the Solid Waste Management Plan as described in the "Solid Waste Management Plan Update – Consultation Plan" (Tetra Tech 2025) included as Appendix B. The Consultation Plan was presented to and approved by the Public Advisory Committee on December 11, 2025. The RDOS Board approved the Draft SWMP to go to public consultation on January 22, 2026.

1.1 Purpose of the Consultation Program

Engaging the public and key stakeholders is an integral part of the solid waste management planning process. Involving all parties affected by the outcomes will also ensure innovative ideas are captured and buy-in for system adjustments is achieved.

This public consultation plan meets the requirements outlined in Section 27 of the Environmental Management Act, which requires that adequate public review and consultation of the SWMP be completed. In addition, the public consultation process is designed to meet elector approval requirements for any borrowing of funds required to implement the plan once it is approved.

The 2016 Solid Waste Management Planning Guide[1] reinforces the importance of creating a meaningful context for engagement by understanding the audience to build trust and inclusion, setting clear expectations about the scope for discussion, being transparent with information, being responsive and accountable, and having an adequate amount of time and resources to implement engagement successfully.

1.2 Background and Consultation Objectives

The RDOS developed its first SWMP in 1995. The SWMP was then updated in 2011 and represents the current framework for solid waste management in the regional district. Several initiatives from the 2011 SWMP have been completed. The intent of the 2025 SWMP Update will be to build upon those successes and continue to refine solid waste management planning in the region.

Approval of the SWMP by the Ministry of Environment and Parks (Ministry) requires the SWMP to have undergone adequate consultation with the public and potentially affected stakeholders including First Nations and local governments.

The key objectives for the SWMP consultation program are to:

- Inform the public and potentially affected stakeholders about the content of the SWMP Update.
- Provide various ways for interested parties to provide input and feedback on the SWMP Update.
- Ensure the amended SWMP Update aligns with information gathered during the consultation feedback; and

[1] British Columbia Ministry of Environment. September 2016. A Guide to Solid Waste Management Planning. https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/environment/waste-management/garbage/swmp.pdf (Accessed June 23, 2025).

- Address public consultation considerations outlined in the Solid Waste Management Planning Guide and meet Ministry requirements under the *Environmental Management Act*.

The actions completed to meet these objectives are summarized in the sections below.

2.0 PLAN INITIATION

On November 7, 2023, the RDOS posted on the RDOS Regional Connections website that the RDOS' SWMP was going to be updated and that volunteers are needed to participate in the Public Advisory Committee (PAC). First Nations were also invited to participate in the SWMP Update process via letters dated on November 14, 2023.

The RDOS Board of Directors (Board) initiated the SWMP amendment process and set direction on January 18, 2024. During that meeting, eight PAC members were approved by the Board. Subsequently, on December 4, 2024, a second call for volunteers to participate in the PAC was posted on the RDOS Regional Connections website. Five more interested members of the public were added to the PAC membership. A list of the approved members is included in Section 3.1.

During the first and second call for PAC membership, no First Nations expressed interest in being part of the PAC.

3.0 ADVISORY COMMITTEES

The advisory committees play an important role in reviewing the existing SWMP and providing input from an interested party and community-based perspectives for SWMP direction and potential initiatives. Appointed RDOS committees include a PAC and a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC).

3.1 Public Advisory Committee

The PAC represents individuals and organizations interested in solid waste management. An application process was used to ensure the selected members represented a diverse cross-section of geography, demographics, interests, and perspectives. Applicants were recommended to the RDOS Board of Directors to become part of this working group. The RDOS PAC consisted of 14 voting members. The PAC members are listed below in Table 3-1 and the Terms of Reference approved by the RDOS Board of Directors are provided in Appendix B.

Table 3-1: Public Advisory Committee Members

Representative	Geographic Representation	Qualifications
Ryan Graham	Penticton	City Councillor (Previous PAC Chair)
Isaac Gilbert	Penticton	City Councillor (PAC Co-Chair)
Tim Roberts	Area G	RDOS Director (PAC Co-Chair)
Clay Apps	Penticton	Manager of Facilities at School District No 67
Nicole Clark	Penticton	President at Penticton and Wine Country Chamber of Commerce
Steve Crout	Summerland	Interested Resident
Joanne Grimaldi	Penticton	Interested Resident
Derick Heist	Penticton	Interested Resident
Colleen Hughes	Princeton	Interested Resident

Representative	Geographic Representation	Qualifications
Michelle Liota	Penticton	Interested Resident
Stacey Rexin	Penticton	Manager of Penticton Area Cooperative Enterprises (PACE)
Danielle Robinson	Penticton	Interested Resident and Okanagan College
Sandy Ross	Penticton	Interested Resident
Tim Taylor	Summerland	Interested Resident
John Todd	Hedley	Interested Resident

The RDOS met with PAC members on several occasions to review the current waste management system, discuss the terms of reference of their role, list issues and challenges, discuss waste management trends, review and develop guiding principles, determine goals for the SWMP, develop a long and short list of options, and draft a new SWMP. Table 3-2 lists the meetings that were conducted, the topics that were discussed and the chain of events leading to the updated SWMP.

Table 3-2: PAC Meetings and Meeting Details

Dates	Meeting Details
April 5, 2024	Meeting #1 - Introductions and SWMP Process ▪ Introductions of the PAC members ▪ Discuss perspective and vision for solid waste management in the RDOS. ▪ Explanation of SWMP process and PAC terms of reference ▪ Next steps include current solid waste management system assessment
October 21, 2024	Meeting #2 – Solid Waste System Review, Guiding Principles, Goals and Targets ▪ Presentation on the current solid waste management system ▪ Discussion of guiding principles, goals, and targets for the SWMP Update
January 29, 2025	Meeting #3 - SWMP Workshop ▪ Presentation on solid waste management trends, programs in other jurisdictions, gaps in the RDOS system and considerations for the updated SWMP ▪ Discussion of guiding principles, goals, and targets for consideration in the updated SWMP ▪ Discussion on types of options for the updated SWMP and planned survey to obtain public feedback and system satisfaction assessment
February 19, 2025	Meeting #4 - Long List of Options ▪ Confirmation of guiding principles for the updated SWMP ▪ Preliminary results of the public survey and priorities for the SWMP – survey responses still being received. ▪ Provide long list of options for consideration for the RDOS and to short list using proposed evaluation criteria
April 30, 2025	Meeting #5 – Update Meeting ▪ Summarize and discuss public survey responses. ▪ Review long-list options, evaluation process, and proposed short-list of options. ▪ Discuss solid waste system priorities such as disposal system assessment scope, and future capital projects and cost considerations. ▪ Assign homework for evaluation of long list options and proposed short list of options for detailed analysis
June 25, 2025	Meeting #6 - Short List of Options ▪ Review evaluation criteria for short-listing options. ▪ Obtain consensus for short-list options to be evaluated in detail

Dates	Meeting Details
October 28, 2025	Meeting #7 – Short-List Options Evaluation ▪ Review results of detailed assessment of short-listed solid waste management options. ▪ Discuss options to be included in the updated SWMP. ▪ Discuss strategies to be included in the updated SWMP
December 10, 2025	Meeting #8 – Draft SWMP Review ▪ Presentation of draft SWMP including goals, targets, and metrics ▪ PAC unanimously approved the draft SWMP

3.2 Technical Advisory Committee

TAC members comprise local government staff and other industry professionals who are tasked with providing technical expertise and justification for services, objectives, strategies, and policies. Representatives from local municipalities, RDOS, and local haulers and processors were selected for TAC membership and are listed in Table 3-3.

Table 3-3: Technical Advisory Committee Members

Representative	Municipality
Liisa Bloomfield	RDOS
Venus Moreno-Atienza	RDOS
Draydan Powers	City of Penticton
David Kassian	City of Penticton
Joe Mitchell	District of Summerland
Cameron Baughen	District of Summerland
Tyler Madsen	Town of Osoyoos
Kelly Mercer	Town of Oliver
Jared Thomas	Town of Princeton
Don Bishop	Village of Keremeos
Devan Oldfield / Roshan D'Souza	BC Ministry of Environment
Jon Davis	Waste Connections

Like the PAC, the TAC also conducted a series of meetings to discuss the state of the solid waste management system, areas of improvement, public and municipal priorities, and options/considerations for the updated SWMP. Table 3-4 lists the meetings that took place and the topics that were discussed.

Table 3-4: TAC Meetings and Meeting Details

Dates	Meeting Details
March 1, 2024	Meeting #1 - Introductions and SWMP Process ▪ Introductions of the TAC members. ▪ Discuss perspective and vision for solid waste management in the RDOS. ▪ Explanation of SWMP process and TAC terms of reference. ▪ Current solid waste management system assessment and proposed information request.

Dates	Meeting Details
Oct 21, 2024	Meeting #2 – Solid Waste System Review, Guiding Principles, Goals and Targets ▪ Presentation on the current solid waste management system. ▪ Discussion of guiding principles, goals, and targets for the update SWMP.
January 21, 2025	Planning Meeting ▪ Discuss format for presentation to the PAC.
January 29, 2025	Meeting #3 - SWMP Workshop ▪ Presentation on solid waste management trends, programs in other jurisdictions, gaps in the RDOS system and considerations for the updated SWMP. ▪ Discussion of guiding principles, goals, and targets for consideration in the updated SWMP. ▪ Discussion on types of options for the updated SWMP and planned survey to obtain public feedback and system satisfaction assessment.
February 19, 2025	Meeting #4 - Long List of Options ▪ Confirmation of guiding principles for the updated SWMP. ▪ Preliminary results of the public survey and priorities for the SWMP – survey responses still being received. ▪ Provide long list of options for consideration for the RDOS and to short list using proposed evaluation criteria.
April 29, 2025	Meeting #5 – Update Meeting ▪ Summarize and discuss public survey responses. ▪ Review long-list options, evaluation process, and proposed short-list of options. ▪ Discuss solid waste system priorities such as disposal system assessment scope, and future capital projects and cost considerations. ▪ Assign homework for evaluation of long list options and proposed short list of options for detailed analysis.
June 24, 2025	Meeting #6 - Short List of Options ▪ Review evaluation criteria for short-listing options. ▪ Obtain consensus for short-list options to be evaluated in detail.
October 30, 2025	Meeting #7 – Short-List Options Evaluation ▪ Review results of detailed assessment of short-listed solid waste management options. ▪ Discuss options to be included in the updated SWMP. ▪ Discuss strategies to be included in the updated SWMP.
December 11, 2025	Meeting #8 – Draft SWMP Review ▪ Presentation of draft SWMP including goals, targets, and metrics. ▪ TAC unanimously approved the draft SWMP.

4.0 PUBLIC CONSULTATION

4.1 Public Consultation Design

As described in the Consultation Plan, consultation activities were organized into three phases.

- Phase One of the consultation plan began before the advisory group was convened and continued until the initial draft of the SWMP Update was developed. This phase was intended to provide the community with information about the planning process, select an advisory committee, and gather a general ‘pulse’ on issues that the community hoped would be addressed during the SWMP Update process.

- Phase Two engagement included public meetings, public outreach materials, and more focused engagement with stakeholders.
- Phase Three engagement included presentations to elected bodies and key stakeholders.

The RDOS Regional Connections website acted as the hub for public information related to the SWMP Update. The Regional Connections page (https://rdosregionalconnections.ca/solid-waste-management-plan) was updated throughout the planning process to provide information and documents to the public.

4.2 Phase One Consultation

Phase One Consultation began on November 7, 2023, with the establishment of the Regional Connections website for the SWMP and presentations to the RDOS Board of Directors. This phase includes the following:

- Website Updates (Solid Waste Management Plan | RDOS Regional Connections):
  - Provided access to documents and plans.
  - Explained the SWMP Update process.
  - PAC membership application form.
- Advisory Committee Announcement:
  - Publicized a call for members of the PAC in November 2023 and December 2024.
  - Conducted direct outreach towards representatives of key stakeholder groups.
- Online Survey:
  - Gain a general sense of community satisfaction and needs through an online survey for community members and for the workplace.
  - The online survey included questions to determine demographic information such as sector and location.

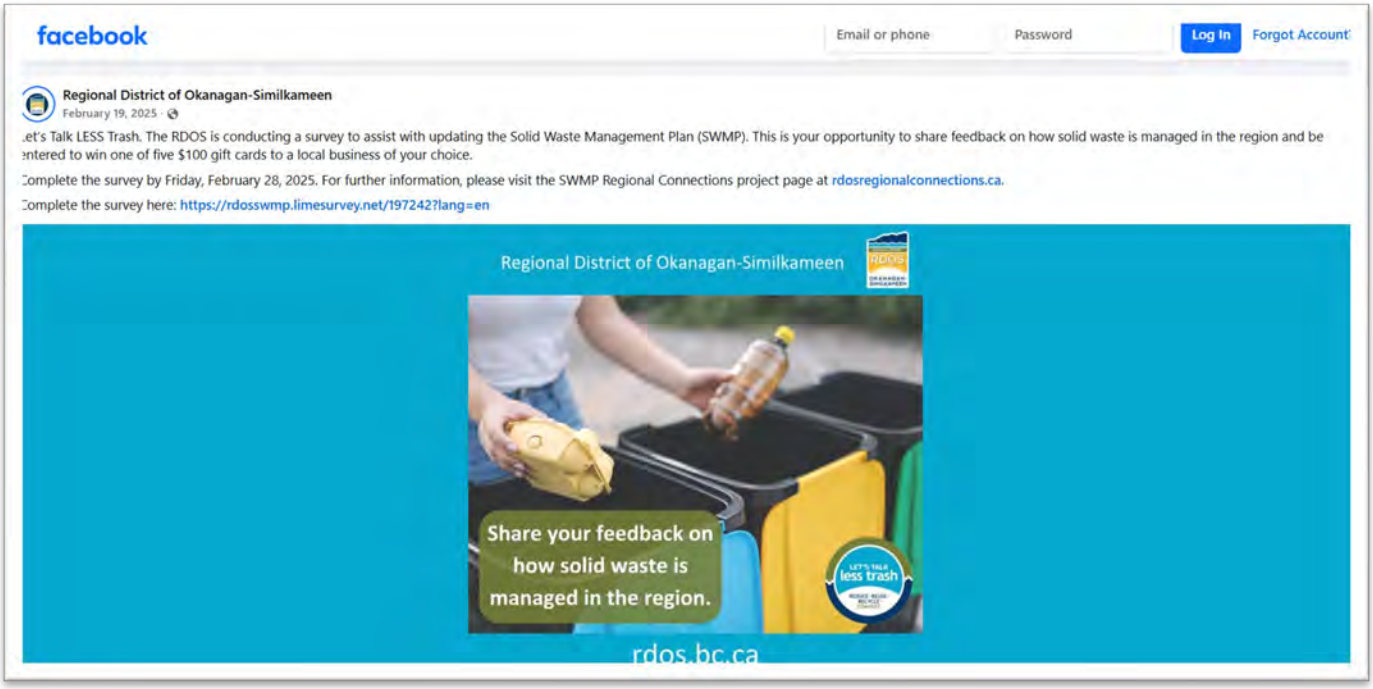
4.2.1 Website Updates

The Regional Connections page was updated throughout the SWMP Update process. A sample of the Regional Connections page is included in Appendix C. The RDOS also posted information to the Solid Waste section of its website (https://www.rdos.bc.ca/solid-waste/solid-waste-management-plan/) and Information Releases at key points throughout the process:

- November 2023 – SWMP PAC Announcement https://www.rdos.bc.ca/newsandevents/rdos-news/hot-topics/article/4698
- December 2024 – SWMP Advisory Committee Announcement https://www.rdos.bc.ca/newsandevents/rdos-news/information-releases/article/5115
- October 2025 – RDOS receives input on the Solid Waste Management Plan https://www.rdos.bc.ca/newsandevents/rdos-news/information-releases/article/5474
- January 2025 – Public Feedback Survey Announcement https://www.rdos.bc.ca/newsandevents/rdos-news/information-releases/article/5133

4.2.2 Media and Social Media

The RDOS promoted the PAC recruitment and online survey through media and social media posts. Samples of the posts and articles are provided in Appendix C.



4.2.3 Online Survey

An online survey was completed in February 2025. 392 responses were collected and analyzed. 72% were urban respondents (i.e., Penticton, Summerland, Oliver, Osoyoos, and Keremeos) and 27% were rural respondents. Most respondents (79%) lived in single-family homes. Most respondents were satisfied or very satisfied with solid waste management services in their community and wanted to see services expanded to include organics collection. Details of the public survey are discussed in Section 7 and included in Appendix C.

4.3 Phase Two Consultation

This phase of the consultation plan includes the following elements:

1. Outreach Material Development – Icons to align with primary SWMP Update strategies, PowerPoint presentation, survey questions, and written copy for communication materials, online postings, and poster boards displays.

2. Open Houses and Public Meetings – Open houses will be held to provide a venue for interested community members to learn about and provide feedback on the SWMP Update. Virtual and in-person public meetings could be used to gather feedback on the SWMP Update.

3. Focused Engagement – With relevance to specific options, there may be a need to engage with specific user groups who will be directly affected (e.g., specific site users, new curbside areas).

Due to schedule requirements, the planned Phase Two and Phase Three consultation elements were held simultaneously. The results of the Consultation Process were presented to member municipalities (if requested) and to the RDOS Board of Directors at the June 2026 meeting.

4.3.1 Website Updates

The RDOS posted Information Releases at key points throughout the consultation process including:

- January 2026 – Public Consultation Announcements https://www.rdos.bc.ca/newsandevents/rdos-news/information-releases/article/5577
- February 2026 – Public Engagement Events Schedule https://www.rdos.bc.ca/newsandevents/rdos-news/hot-topics/article/5595
- April 2026 – Comment on Draft SWMP https://www.rdos.bc.ca/newsandevents/rdos-news/information-releases/article/5637

4.3.2 Outreach Materials

Sample outreach materials developed for public open houses and stakeholder meetings are provided in Appendix D and shown below including:

- Posterboards and presentations for public meetings.
- Fact sheets and feedback forms provided at meetings.





4.3.3 Public Open Houses

Public Open Houses were held across the RDOS over a two-week period in March 2026. Open Houses were held in the evenings at central locations known to community members. Community members were notified of the Open Houses through:

- RDOS Information Release.
- RDOS Regional Connections webpage.
- News articles (e.g., Castanet); and
- Voyent Alert!

Appendix D includes samples of Open House promotion materials. Table 4-1 lists the open houses that occurred and the attendees of the open houses.

Table 4-1: Summary of Public Open House Locations and Attendance

Area(s) and Community	Date and Time	Location	Public Attendees	Municipal Staff or Elected Officials
Area E & F, Penticton	6:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, 2026	Okanagan College Penticton	20	2
Area H, Princeton	6:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 18, 2026	Princeton Library	7	-
Area D, OK Falls	6:00 p.m. Thursday, March 19, 2026	Okanagan Falls Recreation Center	7	1
Area I, Kaleden	6:00 p.m. Friday, March 20, 2026	Kaleden Community Hall	6	-
Area B, G, Keremeos	6:00 p.m. Monday, March 23, 2026	Keremeos Victory Hall	14	
Virtual/Online Session	5:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, 2026	Online	1	-
Area C, Oliver	6:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 25, 2026	Oliver Community Hall	6	1
Area A, Osoyoos	6:00 p.m. Thursday, March 26, 2026	Sonora Center	3	4
Summerland	6:00 p.m. Friday, March 27, 2026	Community Center	7	2

Notes:
There have been 43 views of the recorded presentation as of May 31, 2026.

Appendix D provides a sample of the open house presentations and poster boards. Table 4-2 summarizes the feedback and the updates that were made to address the public's feedback.

Table 4-2: Open House Summaries

Area E & F, Penticton Open House	
	Comments related to: ▪ Neighbourhood impacts of the Campbell Mountain Landfill and potential future Organics Processing Facility (noise, traffic, odour, fire risk, environmental protection, leachate management). ▪ Education needs ▪ Positive feedback on existing facilities and prior SWMP successes. ▪ Positive feedback on City of Penticton initiatives for zero waste events and encouragement to expand.
	Changes to the SWMP or operations include: ▪ RDOS Solid Waste team reaching out to local landowners to discuss ongoing concerns. ▪ Commitment to undertake further public consultation related to an Organics Processing Facility if the Agricultural Land Commission approves the development.

Area H, Princeton Open House



Comments related to:

- Cost sensitivity is a priority for residents.
- Encourage RDOS to not expand curbside collection to Area H.
- Ongoing illegal dumping on back roads in rural areas and encampments in the Town of Princeton.
  - Working with RCMP and multiple levels of government to address illegal dumping.
- Interest in additional diversion opportunities:
  - Landfill drop-off for organics, partnering with local private facilities for processing.
  - Making it easier for residents to manage hard-to-recycle materials (e.g., Styrofoam, glass) and household hazardous materials (e.g., paints) through pop-up depots.
- Expanding communications and outreach to teach people how to divert materials (e.g., YouTube videos to explain recycling, more education through Facebook, annual education events).
- Support for improving signage and communication at the landfill.
- Support for creating local events like town-wide yard sales.
- Support for salvaging materials from the landfill.
- Support for programs to be targeted for each community (i.e., What works for Penticton will not work for Princeton.)

Changes to the SWMP:

- Added reference to looking for opportunities for local reuse including potential for select materials to be set aside for reuse (e.g., bicycles).
- Added focus on existing and expanded illegal dumping programs.
- Added focus and specificity on public education and communication to be developed with input from Member Municipalities and First Nation partners.

Area D, Okanagan Falls Open House



Comments related to:

- Concerns that households with diapers or pet waste could not accommodate changes in curbside collection to every-other-week garbage.
- Support for free loads on yard waste under 500 kg in support of annual FireSmart efforts by homeowners.
- Support for the layout of the Okanagan Falls Landfill and the helpful staff.
- Support for sending educational materials with billing to inform residents what goes where.
- Interest in additional diversion opportunities:
  - Pop-up events for difficult-to-recycle materials.
  - Expand deposit return system to include all beverages (i.e., cream).
- Encourage more education on how to recycle.
- Support for salvaging materials from the landfill.

Changes to the SWMP:

- Added reference to Member Municipalities considering local needs when considering changes to collection and additional collaboration to assist residents with special circumstances adapt to changes in collection.
- Added reference to pop-up recycling events and household hazardous waste roundups.
- Added reference to looking for opportunities for local reuse including potential for select materials to be set aside for reuse (e.g., bicycles).

Area D, Okanagan Falls Open House

Area I, Kaleden Open House



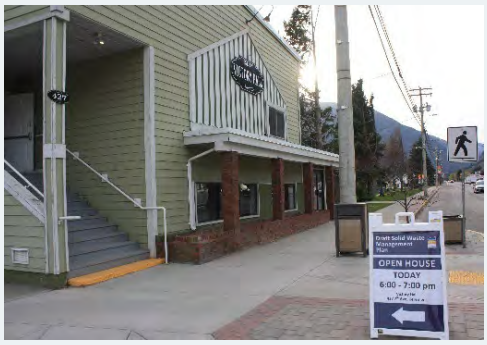
Comments related to:

- Support for continued biweekly unlimited yard waste pickup in support of annual FireSmart efforts by homeowners.
- Support for SWMP's focus on decreasing C&D disposal.
- Insufficient advertisement/promotion of SWMP Open House.
- Support for salvaging materials from the landfill.
- Support for continuing to waive tipping fees for materials not sold at the Kaleden Firehall annual yard sale.

Changes to the SWMP:

- Added recognition of local community appropriate initiatives to promote reuse that will differ depending on the site and characteristics of the communities.
- Added details on tipping fee waiver program and examples of what initiatives are supported through this program.

Area B, G, Keremeos Open House



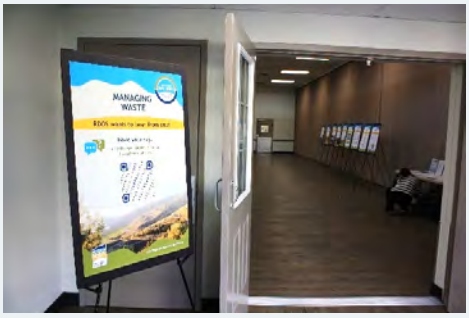
Comments related to:

- Support for additional education about recycling contamination and impacts.
- Interest in additional diversion opportunities:
  - Paint recycling at Keremeos Transfer Station.
  - Household hazardous waste roundup modeled on similar program in other communities.
- Concerns about illegal dumping and potential increases if there is less access to landfills in the future.
- Support for organic waste collection for multi-family buildings.
- Support for and concerns with facility operations and cleanliness. Most attendees indicated that the Keremeos Transfer Station was well run.
- Support for providing finished compost to residents.
- Support for the deconstruction bylaw changes listed in the SWMP.
- Support for salvaging materials from the landfill.

Changes to the SWMP:

- Added reference to looking for opportunities for local reuse including potential for select materials to be set aside for reuse (e.g., bicycles).

Area C, Oliver Open House



Comments related to:

- Concerns over potential facility closures or changes. Some residents said it was more important to save jobs than to save a small amount on their taxes.
- Support for proper study before closing facilities including considering the carbon footprint of trucking.
- Support for the deconstruction bylaw changes listed in the SWMP.
- Support for recognizing more homes as historic buildings so they are preserved instead of deconstructed.
- Support for salvaging materials from the landfill.

Changes to the SWMP:

- Added reference to considering the impact on local jobs in the disposal facility optimization section.

Area A, Osoyoos Open House



Comments related to:

- Support for additional recycling education and information on what is accepted at the Osoyoos Landfill.
- Discussion of residents driving to Oliver due to the Osoyoos Landfill hours.
- Support for partnering with other institutions (e.g., correctional facility) for more repair and reuse opportunities.

Changes to the SWMP:

- Added focus and specificity on public education and communication to be developed within input from Member Municipalities and First Nations partners.

Summerland Open House



Comments related to:

- Support for increasing the focus on reuse and repair in the SWMP (e.g., more specific commitment to repair cafes).
- Support for increasing large item pickup to reduce illegal dumping.
- Support for a share shed at the landfill.
- Support for public education and communication in partnership with thrift stores and similar organizations on what can be accepted where.
- Support for the District of Summerland's pop-up depots that make recycling more convenient.
- Concern about access to recycling for seniors who might not want to drive to the landfill in winter.
- Support to include glass and flexible plastics in curbside recycling.

Changes to the SWMP

- Added focus and specificity on public education and communication to be developed within input from Member Municipalities and First Nations partners.
- Added discussion of the role of thrift stores and other community partners in waste diversion and collaborating on communication materials.
- Added reference to pop-up recycling events by the District of Summerland.
- Added reference to looking for opportunities for local reuse including potential for select materials to be set aside for reuse (e.g., bicycles).

4.3.4 Focused Engagement

RDOS staff met with representatives from the Ministry of Agriculture and Food (MOAF) on Thursday, April 9, 2026, to discuss management of agricultural waste from the local Agricultural Sector. The following items were discussed:

- Review of previous discussions between MOAF and RDOS staff regarding agricultural waste in the region.
- Typical waste agricultural waste generation and management in the region.
- Waste generated by specific events including disease, unusual cold, droughts, and fires:
- Changes in the local industry.

RDOS and MOAF committed to continuing discussions on the needs of the sector and potential partnerships. MOAF is interested in participating in future Disaster Debris planning and sharing information with producers, packers, and other organizations about options to manage their waste in the future.

Changes to the SWMP:

- Added reference to MOAF as an interested party to the Disaster Debris Management Plan.

RDOS received comments on the draft SWMP from Roshan D'Souza, the Ministry of Environment and Parks TAC representative by email on April 15, 2026. The comments were related to missing information on the Princeton Landfill in the draft SWMP. The SWMP was updated to include the Princeton Landfill.

4.4 Phase Three Consultation

Upon completion of the draft SWMP Update, a series of presentations took place with elected bodies and key stakeholders. This phase of the consultation plan includes the following elements:

1. Elected Officials Meetings – Regional District Board and member municipality councils will be provided with presentations specific to the draft SWMP Update including financial implications, solid waste diversion opportunities, and social considerations. The meetings will provide all elected officials with opportunities for questions, comments, requests, and to raise any concerns.
2. First Nation Meetings – RDOS senior staff members meeting with First Nation Chiefs and Council to present the draft SWMP Update including financial implications, solid waste diversion opportunities, and social considerations. The meeting provided First Nation Chiefs and Council with opportunities for questions, comments, requests, and to raise any concerns.

4.4.1 Elected Officials Meetings

The RDOS presented key aspects of the draft SWMP to all member municipalities. Table 4-3 summarizes the dates and times of the presentations. Records of all meetings are available on the respective municipal website. Minutes from each meeting are provided in Appendix F.

Table 4-3: Summary of Presentations to Member Municipality Councils

Community	Date and Time	Comments / Discussion
Princeton Council Meeting	9:30 AM Tuesday March 10	Comments related to: ▪ The general recycling system and materials accepted in curbside recycling collection. ▪ The SWMP process and next steps.
Oliver Council Meeting	4:00 p.m. Monday, March 16, 2026	Comments related to: ▪ Landfill management and the extension of the landfill's life due to waste diversion. ▪ The importance of engaging the community and young people in addressing issues.
Penticton Council Meeting	1:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, 2026	Comments related to: ▪ Efficacy of the recycling system. ▪ The future of organics processing in the area. ▪ The importance of engaging the community and young people in addressing issues.
Osoyoos Council Meeting	9:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 24, 2026	Comments related to: ▪ Upcoming public open house and participation by staff and/or council. ▪ Feasibility to continue operating the Osoyoos landfill.
Summerland Council Meeting	1:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 25, 2026	Comments related to: ▪ The general recycling system and why the rules are different between jurisdictions. ▪ Waste in packaging and the overuse of packaging for consumer goods. ▪ Advocating to ban plastic stickers on fruit. ▪ Public education and behaviour challenges related to "compostable" materials. ▪ Council expressed concern that the Friday evening open house will not be well attended.

4.4.2 First Nations Meetings

The RDOS met with the four First Nation communities in the regional district. An overview of the meeting dates and the comments and discussion at the respective meetings are presented in Table 4-4.

Table 4-4: Summary of Presentations to First Nation Communities

Community	Date and Time	Comments / Discussion
Osoyoos Indian Band – Meeting with Referrals Department (Two Staff Members)	10:00 a.m. February 18, 2025	▪ General discussion about the SWMP process. ▪ Discussion of potential for future meetings engaging the OIB maintenance team to discuss specific operational decisions. ▪ Discussion regarding OIB's interest in environmental protection and reviewing environmental and operation information about the sites located on traditional OIB territory.
Penticton Indian Band (PIB) Chief and Council Meeting	10:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 17, 2026	▪ Support for increased education and communication with members on waste management and waste diversion.

Community	Date and Time	Comments / Discussion
		▪ Discussed partnering on future education and communication programs so that the local language and names can be represented in materials, on signage at facilities, and throughout environmental programming in the region. ▪ Discussed partnering on organics processing if the facility near Campbell Mountain Landfill does not move forward. ▪ Discussed opportunities to partner on future procurement for bins.
Upper Similkameen Indian Band (USIB) Chief and Council Meeting	1:30 PM Friday, April 24, 2026	▪ USIB expressed concern that engagement was occurring at the end of the planning process when decisions had already been made. ▪ Discussed the need for capacity funding to allow substantive participation in future consultation. ▪ Discussed the need for clarity on governance questions. ▪ Discussed the importance of addressing illegal dumping and potential collaboration with the Land Guardians including waiving tipping fees and funding for clean-ups. USIB expressed concern that the responsibility for dumped materials on reserve land by non-members is falling on the Land Guardians instead of the RDOS. ▪ Discussed the importance of education and enforcement in addressing illegal dumping. ▪ RDOS responded to USIB regarding how they can take part and influence implementation of the SWMP's initiatives.
Lower Similkameen Indian Band (LSIB) Chief and Council Meeting	1:00 PM Tuesday, May 19, 2026	▪ Discussed opportunities for economic development including organics processing partnerships. ▪ Discussed the importance of addressing illegal dumping and potential collaboration with the Land Guardians.

In general, First Nation leaders expressed interest in further partnerships to implement the SWMP and respective bylaws. Some also expressed dissatisfaction with the timing and amount of consultation and recommended early involvement in future planning processes. Several representatives also identified that it was difficult for them to participate due to resource limitations, and that capacity funding should be considered for future consultation processes.

5.0 PARTICIPATION

The public consultation process was executed through the various steps of the planning process. This section summarizes activities that took place during public consultation.

An online public survey was used to collect feedback on the solid waste management system in the RDOS. The survey was promoted through information releases (media), social media, and through the RDOS and member municipality websites. The survey asked respondents to indicate their level of satisfaction with the existing programs, policies, and infrastructure and asked them to rank their priorities for future system changes. A total of 392 survey responses were received.

Nine stakeholder, First Nations, and municipal meetings were held. Community members were also invited to attend any of nine open houses and public meetings to discuss the SWMP. A total of 70 members of the public participated in the open houses and as of May 31, 2026, there were 43 views of the summary presentation on the RDOS YouTube channel.

The SWMP received overall support from those participating in public meetings, council meetings, and commenting through the RDOS website. In addition to verbal comments provided during public meetings, 17 paper feedback forms and 50 online feedback forms were received. Summaries of the comments received are provided in Section 7.

A detailed list of meetings with dates, attendance numbers, circulation/number of residents reached, and outreach intent can be found in Appendix A, SWMP Engagement List.

5.1 First Nations Participation

RDOS staff contacted each of the four local First Nations Indian Bands throughout the planning process to invite participation and discussion:

- Letters were sent on November 14, 2023, to the four Indian Bands in the RDOS to advise the Chiefs and Councils of the SWMP Update and to invite them to participate in the planning process with as a PAC or TAC member.
- A letter was sent by email to the primary contact at each Indian Band requesting to meet on the SWMP in January 2025.
- A letter was sent by email to the primary contact at each Indian Band requesting a meeting to consult on the draft SWMP in February 2026.

As detailed in Section 4.4.2, the RDOS met with the Chief and Council of PIB, LSIB, and USIB during Phase 3 consultation in 2026 and met with staff representatives from OIB during Phase 1 consultation in 2025. Discussion points and comments received during those meetings are detailed in Section 4.4.2.

6.0 PROMOTION AND ADVERTISING

Several strategies were used to promote opportunities for learning about the planning process and for providing input into the process. These methods resulted in robust survey responses (392 for the public survey), 57 paper and online feedback forms submitted, and 70 residents attending public open houses.

A detailed list of engagement types with dates, attendance numbers, circulation/number of residents reached, and outreach intent can be found in Appendix A, SWMP Engagement List.

- Website Updates – RDOS Solid Waste page, RDOS Regional Connections dedicated SWMP webpage: https://rdosregionalconnections.ca/solid-waste-management-plan.
- Media –Information releases, earned media (i.e., media coverage from online and local news including the Penticton Herald and Castanet).
- Social Media – Facebook promotion through the RDOS page.
- Voyent Alert (Application) – Alerts sent out to residents who choose to subscribe for local news and local government information. Targeted alerts sent out for Open Houses based on the location of the subscribers.

Appendix D contains sample publicity materials produced for public distribution including media release, the SWMP Update webpage, presentations, and posters developed for public open houses.

7.0 PUBLIC CONSULTATION FEEDBACK

Feedback and input were solicited throughout the planning process through the public and technical advisory committees, a public survey, and targeted meetings, and finally through public open houses, comment forms, and presentations to elected officials.

7.1 Interim Reporting and Feedback

Interim consultation reports were produced to document feedback received and share the results of the consultation to the public. A list of the interim consultation reports and themes is presented in Table 7-1.

Table 7-1: Interim Consultation Reports

Topic of Consultation	Interim Consultation Report	Consultation Themes
Plan Initiation and Process	▪ December 12, 2024 – Regional Connections webpage established	▪ Public input regarding process was minimal.
Current Solid Waste Management System	▪ September 27, 2024 – Current Reality Report provided to PAC and TAC ▪ October 21, 2024 – Presentations at PAC and TAC meetings to discuss current realities, guiding principle, goals, and targets.	▪ The Current Reality Report was well received and there were no major concerns at the time the report was issued. ▪ The District of Summerland provided historical information that was incorporated into the report.
Waste Management Workshop	▪ January 29, 2025 – Following a delay in the SWMP Update process, the PAC and TAC were reengaged through an in-person workshop to discuss current realities, gaps in the solid waste system, community priorities, guiding principles, goals, and targets.	▪ The PAC and TAC suggested changes to the Ministry's guiding principles to reflect local values and priorities. These changes were made and discussed again during the next PAC and TAC meetings.
Online Public Survey	▪ Public survey conducted from January 2025 – February 2025 ▪ Results summarized in a PowerPoint presentation and technical memorandum	▪ High levels of satisfaction with the existing system to manage solid waste. ▪ Priorities for future actions.
Options (Long List)	▪ February 19, 2025 – Long List of Options presented to the PAC and TAC along with preliminary public survey results. ▪ April 30, 2025 – Meeting to review the long-list of options, evaluation process, and proposed short-list of options with the PAC and TAC. Committee members provided follow-up feedback on the short list.	▪ Options, diversion potential of options, and high-level costs provided. ▪ PAC members expressed an interest in improving partnerships with local organizations, looking to other jurisdictions for guidance, and focusing on reuse. ▪ TAC members expressed interest in sharing good ideas from municipalities across the region, supporting region-wide coordinated education and procurement efforts, and making decisions on facility operations and potential closures.
Options (Short List)	▪ August 21, 2025 – report that analyzed the options being considered for inclusion into the SWMP. The short-listed options were chosen based on scoring and ranking that was conducted through	▪ Options were reviewed with the PAC and TAC in separate meetings. ▪ Short list options were well received but PAC and TAC members requested more options to be considered for the SWMP Update.

Topic of Consultation	Interim Consultation Report	Consultation Themes
	an evaluation process. This report included a synopsis on the options and the resource implications for adopting each option.	
Supplemental Options and Strategies	▪ November 19, 2025 – Detailed analysis of additional options for inclusion into the SWMP. This includes a synopsis of the options and the resource implications for adopting each option.	▪ List of additional options that the PAC and TAC requested to be analyzed for inclusion into the SWMP.
Draft SWMP Update and Consultation Plan	▪ December 4, 2025 – the Draft SWMP Update and Consultation Plan were presented to the PAC and TAC. Meetings to review the plans were held December 10, 2025, and December 11, 2025.	▪ The PAC reviewed and approved the draft SWMP Update for sending to the Board for endorsement. ▪ The TAC reviewed and approved the draft SWMP Update for sending to the Board for endorsement. Also included a few edits with respect to proposed implementation dates. ▪ The Consultation Plan was reviewed, and input was solicited about the best way to reach each community across the RDOS. It was agreed that stakeholder meetings and Council presentations would be important to accompany a larger open house plus media and online presence.
Draft SWMP Update for Public Consultation	▪ January 9, 2026 – revised draft SWMP with suggested dates from the TAC. This version of the document was used for public consultation.	▪ Consultation planning based on this version of the draft SWMP.
Draft SWMP Update and Consultation Plan	▪ January 22, 2026 – the Draft SWMP Update and Consultation Plan were presented to the Board of Directors	▪ Both documents were endorsed. Board members generally supported SWMP Update options.
Consultation Summary	▪ June X, 2026 – a summary of the feedback received through consultation and the recommended changes to the SWMP were presented to the RDOS Board of Directors.	

7.2 Public Open House Comments

Public comments from the Open House events were provided verbally and through written comment forms. Table 7-2 summarizes the comments received at each open house along with the subsequent changes to the draft SWMP Update.

The consultation showed broad public support for the overall direction of the SWMP, particularly where it strengthens reuse, diversion, education, and community partnership. At the same time, participants consistently emphasized that implementation should be practical, affordable, and responsive to local conditions, with careful attention to facility impacts, illegal dumping, and access to services. Overall, the feedback was supportive but conditional: residents want to see improvements, provided they are well communicated and adapted to the needs of each community.

7.3 Website Comment Forms

Overall, the feedback shows strong support for waste reduction, composting, and recycling expansion, but also significant concern about cost, service fairness, rural feasibility, and implementation details. Many comments indicate that people want the plan to be more practical, more transparent, and better tailored to different communities across the RDOS.

Table 7-2: Summary of Paper and Online Comment Forms

Theme	What people said	General sentiment
1. Organics / composting is the top priority	Many comments strongly support curbside organics collection, food scraps pickup, community composting, and compost facilities. Several asked for more than just yard waste, especially kitchen scraps, meat waste, and broader organics service.	Strongly positive
2. Recycling should be easier and more comprehensive	People want more curbside recycling options, including glass, soft plastics, Styrofoam, batteries, light bulbs, shredded paper, and other hard-to-recycle items. Some want larger bins and more frequent pickup.	Strongly positive
3. Collection frequency needs improvement	A repeated concern is that garbage pickup every two weeks would be too infrequent, especially in summer. Many want to keep weekly garbage pickup, more frequent recycling pickup, or bigger bins if bi-weekly service continues.	Mixed to negative
4. Rural and wildfire considerations matter	Rural residents frequently say one-size-fits-all organics pickup may not work in areas with bears and wildlife. Others raised concerns that reduced yard waste pickup increases fire risk and undermines FireSmart efforts.	Mixed
5. Costs and fairness are major concerns	Several comments object to higher fees, tax increases, and new service costs. People want consistent rates across the region and worry that some communities are paying more for less service.	Negative / cautionary
6. Service access and local convenience	There were many requests for better access to transfer stations, depots, and recycling options closer to home. Some asked for extended hours, more locations, and less reliance on driving long distances.	Positive, with frustration
7. Reuse, repair, and waste prevention should be expanded	Support was strong for Repair Cafes, reuse depots, textile repair, appliance repair, free-use drop-off areas, and educational events that help people fix or reuse items instead of throwing them away.	Strongly positive
8. Education and public engagement are needed	People want clearer communication, demonstrations, videos, signage, market booths, and community events. Some said residents need practical guidance on what goes where.	Strongly positive
9. Yard waste, pruning, and agricultural waste need solutions	Comments from rural and agricultural residents called for chipping, grinding subsidies, better orchard wood waste management, and alternatives to open burning.	Strongly positive
10. Facility siting, traffic, and environmental impacts	A few concerns focused on landfill/compost facility impacts such as odour, traffic, wildlife disturbance, road wear, and long-term landfill capacity.	Cautionary / negative

The following key messages are incorporated into the SWMP Update:

1. **People want organics service now.**

This is the most common message. Many residents see food scraps collection and composting as essential for reducing landfill waste. The SWMP Update was revised to better reflect the importance of organics in achieving regional goals and laying out the expected options for implementing organics services. The SWMP Update also acknowledges that additional consultation is required if an organics facility is constructed.

2. **Recycling should be expanded and simplified**.

Residents want fewer trips to depots and bottle depots, and more items accepted at the curb or at transfer stations. The SWMP Update was revised to identify pop-up depots and household hazardous waste roundups as options to improve service for hard-to-recycle materials.

3. **Weekly garbage pickup still matters to many households.**

Even with organics, many people do not want garbage reduced to bi-weekly service, especially for hygiene and wildlife reasons. The SWMP Update was revised to identify the need for community-specific consideration of collections and the need for targeted communication and public education to work through issues related to changing collection frequency.

4. **Regional differences matter.**

Rural and urban areas have different conditions. Comments repeatedly say the plan should not assume the same solution works everywhere. The SWMP Update already provides many options that communities can choose to implement based on their specific needs and constraints.

5. **Affordability and trust are central.**

Some residents support the plan in principle but do not trust that added programs will be worth the cost or fairly applied. The SWMP Update identifies a Monitoring Committee and continued technical advisory group who would provide input on implementation decisions that are not specifically addressed in the plan.

6. **Reuse and repair are popular low-cost wins.**

Many residents like ideas that extend product life and reduce landfill use without requiring major new infrastructure. The SWMP Update lists multiple initiatives to improve reduction and reuse efforts in the region.

7.4 Member Municipality Comments

Member Municipalities had a strong influence on the draft SWMP Update through participation of staff members in the TAC and elected officials in the PAC. Comments were received throughout the planning from advisory committee members and were incorporated into interim reporting and the ultimate SWMP Update.

Comments and questions received from Member Municipality Councils are summarized in Table 4-3. Table 4-3 summarizes the comments received following each council presentation. As a result of these comments, the SWMP Update was revised to better reflect the need for regional coordination on items of shared interest such as communication and public education.

Overall, the Council meetings showed practical support for waste diversion and planning efforts, alongside persistent concerns about clarity, consistency, and public understanding of the system. The tone was constructive, with councils generally interested in improving waste management outcomes through better education, stronger engagement, and continued attention to landfill and organics planning. There was also a clear recognition that effective communication will be essential to public acceptance and participation.

7.5 First Nations Comments

Discussions with Indian Band leadership and staff provided an important opportunity to identify community priorities, raise implementation concerns, and explore areas for future collaboration. Comments received throughout the consultation process were considered in the development of the SWMP Update and helped strengthen the plan's emphasis on respectful engagement, shared stewardship, and practical partnership opportunities.

Comments and questions received from Indian Band meetings are summarized in Table 4-4. Table 4-4 summarizes the discussion held at each meeting and the key issues raised. As a result of this input, the SWMP Update was revised to better reflect the importance of continued consultation, community-led collaboration, and regional coordination on matters of shared interest such as education and communication, organics processing, procurement, and illegal dumping.

Overall, the meetings reflected a strong interest in working collaboratively on waste management issues, particularly where these intersect with environmental protection, local language and cultural representation, economic development, and community stewardship. While there was support for partnership opportunities, the meetings identified the need for future engagement to occur earlier and with sufficient capacity and clarity to support meaningful participation. Across the meetings, there was a clear recognition that effective collaboration, adequate resourcing, and mutual respect will be essential to successful implementation of the SWMP Update.

8.0 PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

RDOS staff will respond to and engage with interested parties and the public at large as the plan implementation moves ahead. A Regional Solid Waste Management Plan Monitoring Advisory Committee is being established to oversee the implementation of the SWMP Plan Update.

Further consultation is anticipated throughout plan implementation as details are developed. Specific consultation will be required to implement the following initiatives:

- Establishment of an Organics Processing Facility adjacent to the Campbell Mountain Landfill.
- Changes to municipal bylaws to require deconstruction of buildings of a certain age.
- Disposal Facility Optimization if any facility closures are contemplated following the study.

No major impacts to neighbouring regional districts are expected. Implementation of several initiatives will be enhanced by cooperating with neighbouring regional districts including developing a Disaster Debris Management Plan and developing public education and communication programs.

Comments received from one Indian Band indicates concern with the lack of governance roles for Indian Bands and government-to-government consultation structures. The SWMP Update was revised to identify the role of Indian Band representatives in implementation decisions and include representation from communities in future advisory committees.

9.0 SUMMARY OF THE CONSULTATION PROCESS

The consultation program for the SWMP Update provided opportunities for the public, Member Municipalities, Indian Bands, advisory committees, and other stakeholders to provide input throughout the planning process. Engagement activities included advisory committee meetings, a public survey, targeted meetings, public open houses, and presentations to elected officials. Interim reporting was used to document feedback and inform the development of the plan.

Overall, consultation confirmed support for the general direction of the SWMP Update, particularly in relation to waste diversion, reuse, repair, education, and community partnerships. Feedback also emphasized the need for implementation to be practical, affordable, and responsive to local conditions.

Key outcomes included strengthened emphasis on public education and communication, greater focus on reuse and diversion opportunities, and recognition that service approaches may need to vary by community. Consultation also reinforced ongoing concerns regarding illegal dumping, as well as the importance of considering local impacts when evaluating landfill operations, organics processing, and service changes.

Input received during consultation helped refine the SWMP Update to better reflect regional priorities and local needs. In particular, the plan was adjusted to place greater emphasis on education, reuse, illegal dumping, and community-specific implementation.

10.0 CLOSURE

We trust this document meets your present requirements. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Allen Fillion, RDOS Managing Director for Development and Infrastructure Services (afillion@rdos.bc.ca).

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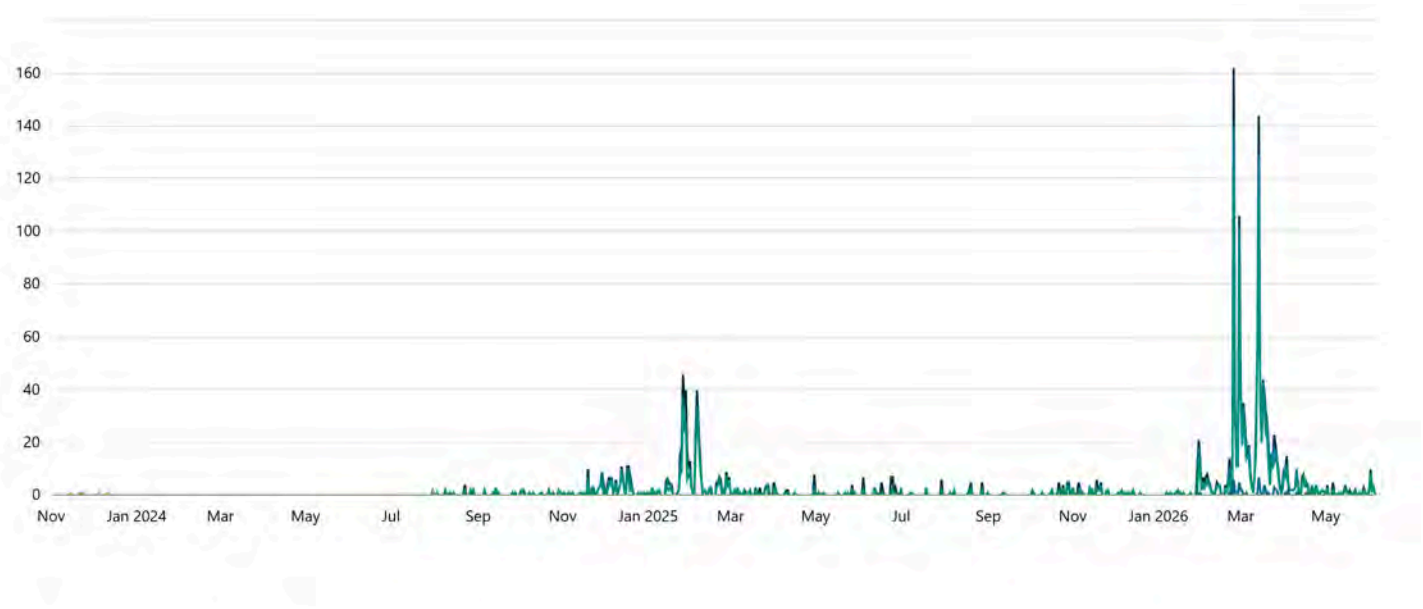
SWMP UPDATE ENGAGEMENT LIST

Type of Engagement	Title of Engagement	Date	Time	Attendance	Reach	Message
Council meeting	SWMP presentation to Princeton Council.	Tuesday, March 10, 2026	9:30 AM	Mayor and Council, Staff	4 views of the meeting recording on YouTube.	Consultation on draft SWMP.
Council meeting	SWMP presentation to Oliver Council.	Monday, March 16, 2026	4:00 PM	Mayor and Council, Staff	n/a	Consultation on draft SWMP.
Council meeting	SWMP presentation to Penticton Council.	Tuesday, March 17, 2026	1:00 PM	Mayor and Council, Staff	n/a	Consultation on draft SWMP.
Council meeting	SWMP presentation to Osoyoos Council.	Tuesday, March 24, 2026	9:00 AM	Council, Staff	n/a	Consultation on draft SWMP.
Council meeting	SWMP presentation to Summerland Council.	Wednesday, March 25, 2026	1:00 PM	Mayor and Council, Staff	n/a	Consultation on draft SWMP.
First Nations meeting	SWMP process discussion with Referrals Department.	Tuesday, February 18, 2025	10:00 AM	2 staff members	n/a	Overview of the process, updates, and document sharing.
First Nations meeting	SWMP presentation to Penticton Indian Band.	Tuesday, March 17, 2026	10:00 AM	Chief and Council, Staff	n/a	Consultation on draft SWMP.
First Nations meeting	SWMP presentation to Upper Similkameen Indian Band.	Friday, April 24, 2026	1:30 PM	Chief and Council, Staff	n/a	Consultation on draft SWMP.
First Nations meeting	SWMP presentation to Lower Similkameen Indian Band.	Tuesday, May 19, 2026	1:00 PM	Chief and Council, Staff	n/a	Consultation on draft SWMP.
Information Alert	RDOS draft Solid Waste Management Plan engagement events	Friday, February 27, 2026		n/a	2,400	Consultation on draft SWMP.
Information release	SWMP PAC Announcement.	Thursday, November 16, 2023	n/a	n/a	n/a	PAC recruitment.
Information release	SWMP Advisory Committee Announcement.	Friday, December 13, 2024	n/a	n/a	n/a	PAC recruitment.
Information release	Public Feedback Survey Announcement.	Sunday, January 19, 2025	n/a	n/a	n/a	Comments on satisfaction with existing system and future priorities.
Information release	Public Consultation Announcements.	Monday, January 19, 2026	n/a	n/a	n/a	Consultation on draft SWMP.
Information release	Public Engagement Events Schedule.	Monday, February 23, 2026	n/a	n/a	n/a	Consultation on draft SWMP.
Information release	Comment period on draft SWMP open until April 15, 2026.	Thursday, April 2, 2026	n/a	n/a	n/a	Consultation on draft SWMP.
Newsletter / communication	Regional Connections newsletter and SWMP engagement promotion.	Sunday, March 1, 2026	n/a	n/a	1,108 Views 824 Impressions	Consultation on draft SWMP.
News Article	RDOS building committee to review solid waste management plan. Penticton Herald.	Tuesday, November 21, 2023	n/a	n/a	280,000 website views per month	PAC recruitment.
News Article	Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen wants to talk trash to its citizens. Castanet	Monday, March 16, 2026	n/a	n/a	694,000 website views per week	Consultation on draft SWMP.
Online engagement summary	Final counts for recorded presentation views and feedback included in report.	Sunday, May 31, 2026	n/a	n/a	43 views	Consultation on draft SWMP.
Public open house	Penticton open house.	Tuesday, March 17, 2026	6:00 PM	20 public attendees; 2 municipal staff/elected officials	n/a	Consultation on draft SWMP.
Public open house	Princeton open house.	Wednesday, March 18, 2026	6:00 PM	7 public attendees	n/a	Consultation on draft SWMP.
Public open house	Okanagan Falls open house.	Thursday, March 19, 2026	6:00 PM	7 public attendees; 1 municipal staff/elected official	n/a	Consultation on draft SWMP.
Public open house	Kaleden open house.	Friday, March 20, 2026	6:00 PM	6 public attendees	n/a	Consultation on draft SWMP.
Public open house	Keremeos open house.	Monday, March 23, 2026	6:00 PM	14 public attendees	n/a	Consultation on draft SWMP.
Public open house	Virtual / online session.	Tuesday, March 24, 2026	5:00 PM	43 recorded views as of May 31, 2026	n/a	Consultation on draft SWMP.
Public open house	Oliver open house.	Wednesday, March 25, 2026	6:00 PM	6 public attendees; 1 municipal staff/elected official	n/a	Consultation on draft SWMP.
Public open house	Osoyoos open house.	Thursday, March 26, 2026	6:00 PM	3 public attendees; 4 municipal staff/elected officials	n/a	Consultation on draft SWMP.
Public open house	Summerland open house.	Friday, March 27, 2026	6:00 PM	7 public attendees; 2 municipal staff/elected officials	n/a	Consultation on draft SWMP.
RDOS Website	SWMP update page launched on Regional Connections.	Tuesday, November 7, 2023	n/a	n/a	2,211 Views 1,314 Visitors 52 Contributtors (Individuals filing forms.) 46 Solid Waste Management Plan downloads.	Overview of the process, updates, and document sharing.
RDOS Website	Summary of input received on the SWMP and how it informed next steps.	Friday, October 31, 2025	n/a	n/a	57 feedback forms total	Feedback on draft SWMP Update.
Social Media	SWMP update page launched,	Thursday, November 16, 2023	n/a	n/a	n/a	
Social Media	Public survey and consultation launched for the SWMP update.	Thursday, January 23, 2025	n/a	n/a	392 survey responses	Comments on satisfaction with existing system and future priorities.
Social Media	Draft SWMP consultation announced.	Thursday, January 29, 2026	n/a	n/a	107 Engagements 81 Clicks 9 Shares	Consultation on draft SWMP.
Social Media	Draft SWMP engagement events announced for March 2026.	Monday, February 23, 2026	n/a	n/a	101 Engagements 89 Clicks 4 Shares	Consultation on draft SWMP.

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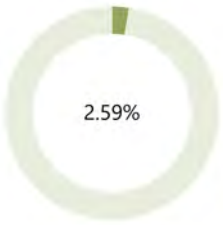
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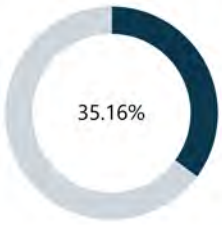
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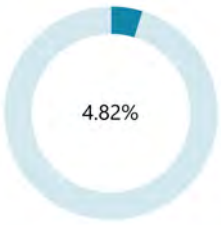
Percentage of visits where at least **1 contribution** was made.

Attention



Percentage of visits that lasted at least **1 active minute**.

Actions



Percentage of visits where at least **2 actions** were performed.

Participation

Information regarding how people have participated in your projects and activities.

Contributions by Activity
Contributions by Activity is a breakdown of contributions across each tool

	Activity	Contributions	%
	Form	59	100%

Top Activities
Top Activities is the top 5 tools that received the highest contributions

	Activity	Page Name	Contributions	Contributors
	Form	Solid Waste Management Plan	52	50
	Form	Solid Waste Management Plan	7	2

Projects

The current number of published projects on your site

Engagement Time

1	17	31
Days	Hours	Minutes

Mar 13th 2026	Friday
Peak Visitation Date	Peak Visitation Day

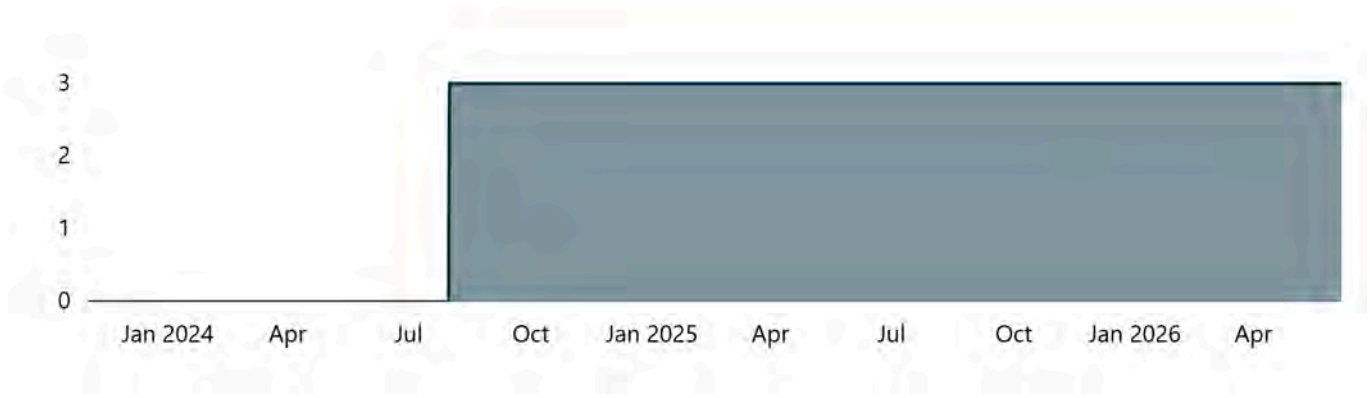
Top Visited Pages
Summary information for the top five most visited Pages.

Page Name	Visitation %	Visits	Visitors
Solid Waste Management Plan	99.64%	1,923	1,308
Project Update - December 12, 2024	2.49%	48	39
Project Update - October 24, 2025 - SWMP Survey Results	0.16%	3	3

People

Information regarding who has participated in your projects and activities.

Follower Activity
Information regarding the activity of registered Members who have 'followed' or subscribed to one or more projects.



3	3	3	3
Total Followers	New Followers	Total Follows	New Follows

Total Followers - The number of unique Members who have 'followed' at least one project.
New Followers - The number of new unique Members who have 'followed' at least one project within the specified reporting date range.
Total Follows - The number of total 'follows' performed by all Followers across all projects. Each Follower may record multiple Follows.
New Follows - The number of new total 'follows' performed by all Members across all projects within the specified reporting date range.

Visit Profile
Visit Profile compares new visits and returning visits over the selected period.



First Time - The number of Visits that are visiting a Site for the first time within the reporting date range.
Returning - The number of Visits that have made more than one Visit to a Site within the reporting date range.

Acquisition

Information regarding the method by which Visitors arrived to your Site or projects.

Referral Types
Referral traffic is the segment of traffic that arrives on your website through another source, like through a link on another domain.



Direct - Visits from Visitors who enter the exact URL or click an untracked link (e.g., from emails without UTM parameters).
Search Engines - Visits from search results on engines like Google or Bing.
Websites - Visits from links on external sites, excluding search engines and social media.
Social Media - Visits from links on platforms like Facebook, LinkedIn, or X.
Campaigns - Visits from tracked marketing efforts using UTM parameters, such as email campaigns or paid ads.
AI Assistants - Visits from clicks or referrals originating from AI services such as ChatGPT, Copilot, or other AI-powered tools.

Downloads

Information regarding your downloads, the total set of unique documents downloaded, total downloads of all files, and your top downloads.

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Total Downloads

Top Downloads
Top file downloads in your selection, ordered by the number of downloads.

File Title	File Type	Downloads
SWMP_Public_Advisory_Committee_-_Terms_of_Reference.pdf	PDF	314
20241125 PAC-Application Form.pdf	PDF	285
RDOS Solid Waste Management Plan_REV01.pdf	PDF	46
Public Advisory Comittee - Application Form.pdf	PDF	4

Email Campaigns

Information regarding your email campaigns, your total campaigns, the total number of recipients, and your top campaigns by click-through rate (clicks as a percentage of total recipients).

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Email Campaigns Sent

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Total Recipients

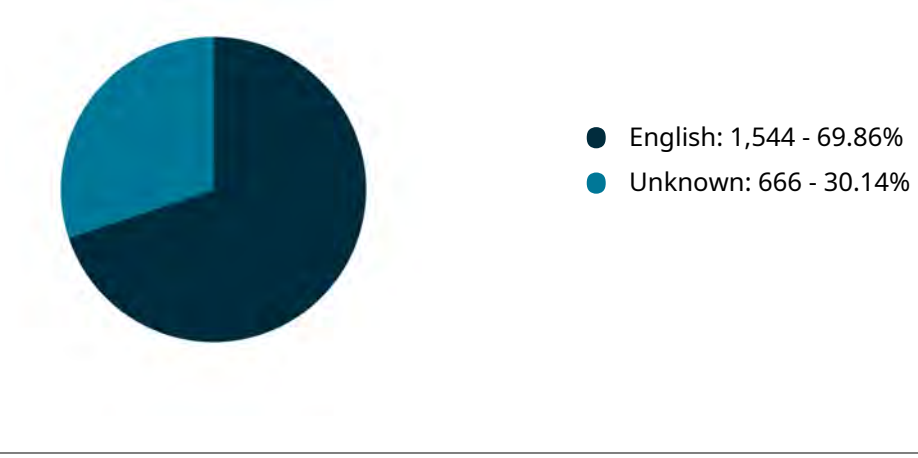
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Click-through Rate

No Data Available

Translation

Information regarding the languages used by visitors to your site or projects.

Languages
Top 5 most used languages.



Top Languages
Top 5 languages with the number of page views

Language	Page Views
English	1,544
Unknown	666

APPENDIX B

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE – CONSULTATION PLAN

TETRA TECH

December 9, 2025

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FILE: 704-SWM.PLAN03277-01
Via Email: vmorenoatienza@rdos.bc.ca

Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen
101 Martin Street
Penticton, BC V2A 5J9

Attention: Lisa Bloomfield, Senior Manager of Public Works
Venus Moreno-Atienza, Engineering Technologist

Subject: Solid Waste Management Plan Update – Consultation Plan

1.0 INTRODUCTION

Tetra Tech Canada Inc. (Tetra Tech) has prepared this Public Consultation Plan which describes public consultation to be undertaken by the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS) as part of the 2025 Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) Update. As the required advisory committees are developed, this plan will be presented and adapted based on input from the committees and RDOS staff members. Engaging the public and key stakeholders is an integral aspect of the solid waste management planning process. Involving all parties affected by the outcomes will also ensure innovative ideas are captured and buy in for system adjustments are accepted.

This public consultation plan meets the requirements outlined in Section 27 of the Environmental Management Act, which requires that adequate public review and consultation of the SWMP be completed. In addition, the public consultation process is designed to meet elector approval requirements for any borrowing of funds required to implement the plan once it is approved.

Tetra Tech has used the 2016 Solid Waste Management Planning Guide[1] that reinforces the importance of creating a meaningful context for engagement by understanding the audience to build trust and inclusion, setting clear expectations about the scope for discussion, being transparent with information, being responsive and accountable, and having an adequate amount of time and resources to implement engagement successfully.

1.1 Background and Consultation Objectives

The RDOS developed its first SWMP in 1995. The SWMP was then updated in 2011 and represents the current framework for solid waste management in the regional district. Several initiatives from the 2011 SWMP have been completed. The intent of the 2025 SWMP Update will be to build upon those successes and continue to refine solid waste management planning in the region.

Approval of the SWMP by the Ministry of Environment and Parks (Ministry) requires the SWMP to have undergone adequate consultation with the general public and potentially affected stakeholders including First Nations and local governments.

[1] British Columbia Ministry of Environment. September 2016. *A Guide to Solid Waste Management Planning*. https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/environment/waste-management/garbage/swmp.pdf (Accessed June 23, 2025).

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The key objectives for the SWMP consultation program are to:

- Inform the general public and potentially affected stakeholders about the content of the SWMP Update;
- Provide various ways for interested parties to provide input and feedback on the SWMP Update;
- Ensure the amended SWMP Update aligns with information gathered during the consultation feedback; and
- Address public consultation considerations outlined in the Solid Waste Management Planning Guide and meet Ministry requirements under the *Environment Management Act*.

The actions completed to meet these objectives are summarized in the sections below.

2.0 PLAN INITIATION

On November 7, 2023, an update was posted on the RDOS Regional Connections website that the RDOS' SWMP was going to be updated and put out a call for volunteers to participate in the Public Advisory Committee (PAC). First Nations were also invited to participate in the SWMP Update process via letters dated on November 13, 2023. The Board of Directors initiated the SWMP amendment process and set direction on January 18, 2024, as per Appendix B. Subsequently, on December 4, 2024, an update was posted on the RDOS Regional Connections website and put out a second call for volunteers to participate in the PAC.

3.0 ADVISORY COMMITTEES

The committees play an important role in the review of the existing SWMP and provide input from an interested party and community perspective for consideration as part of the SWMP Update. Appointed RDOS committees include a PAC and a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC).

Engagement with First Nations may need to vary depending on the status of treaties and self-governance. First Nations may be represented on the PAC or TACs, playing an active role in advising and reviewing as the plan is developed.

3.1 Public Advisory Committee

The PAC can consist of up to 15 voting members, all of whom will apply through an application process to be part of the working group. The application process can be used to ensure the selected members represent a diverse cross-section of the region. This can include:

- Private sector waste management industry service providers;
- Private sector solid waste facility representatives;
- Non-profit group(s) with an interest in solid waste management (e.g., reuse organization);
- Large institutional solid waste generator(s);
- Business representatives, including one focused on the 3Rs;
- Members at large from the community (e.g., community association, youth, seniors); and
- Members representing both urban and rural areas and interests.

The PAC represents individuals and organizations interested in solid waste management. Members were chosen based on geography, demographics, interests, and perspectives.

Members were selected based on their applications and recommended to the RDOS Board of Directors to select a diverse group of applicants.

Members of the working group shall be appointed for an initial two (2) year term which commenced in April 2024. It is anticipated that up to 12 meetings will be conducted approximately once every two months, or at the call of the Chair. A list of the current members of the PAC is available in Appendix D.

3.2 Technical Advisory Committee

TAC members comprise local government staff and other industry professionals who are tasked to provide technical expertise and justification for services, objectives, strategies, and policies.

Representatives from local municipalities, RDOS, and local haulers and processers were selected for TAC membership. A list of the current members of the TAC is available in Appendix D.

4.0 PUBLIC CONSULTATION DESIGN

4.1 Consultation Options

Public engagement is an important component of the solid waste management planning process. Tetra Tech will work closely with RDOS staff to engage key stakeholders including First Nations, community members, commercial businesses, and producers throughout each project phase and will incorporate the tools below as relevant.

- Online Tools and Local Media – Early in the project, the community at large should be made aware of the solid waste management planning process and opportunities to provide input. Website updates and use of local media to reach a broad audience (given not all British Columbians have online access) can serve as a way to initially engage the community.
- Surveys – Residents and stakeholders may be contacted using surveys to provide feedback. Online surveys can be an effective way to gauge public feedback and can be presented via the RDOS website, social media, or during public engagement activities.
- Public Engagement and Open Houses – Existing gatherings and community events will be targeted to provide a “captive audience” and ensure participation beyond the same set of community members. Afternoon and evening meetings as well as “intercept” interviews outside of local meeting places can be utilized as a tool to engage and update residents about upcoming meetings and feedback opportunities.
- Interviews – One-on-one interviews, both in person and via phone to gather feedback and opinions from key stakeholders without the external influences present in workshops and focus groups. Tetra Tech plans to conduct interviews throughout the process to inform and shape the research process.
- First Nations Engagement – Engagement with First Nations may need to vary depending on the status of treaties and self-governance.

The consultation plan will include the methodology for tracking and assessing the implementation of the plan to exceed the requirement for “adequate” consultation referenced in the 2016 Solid Waste Management Planning Guide.

4.2 Phase One Consultation

Phase One of the consultation began before the advisory group was convened and continues until the initial draft of the SWMP Update is developed. This phase is intended to provide the community with information about the planning process, select an advisory committee, and gather a general 'pulse' on issues that the community hoped would be addressed during the SWMP Update process. This phase of public consultation included the following:

1. Website Update:
   - Direct website visitors to previous related documents.
   - Direct website visitors to recent studies.
   - Explain the SWMP Update process.
2. Advisory Committee Announcement:
   - Publicize a call for members of the PAC.
   - Conduct directed outreach towards representatives of key collaborator groups.
3. Online Survey:
   - Gain a general sense of community satisfaction and needs through an online survey for community members and for the workplace.
   - The online survey will include questions to determine demographic information such as sector and location.

4.3 Phase Two Consultation

After the initial draft SWMP Update is compiled and the options are thoroughly developed, Phase Two engagement will occur. In addition to public meetings, more focused engagement will be pursued with a focus on communities or groups explicitly impacted by any of the potential changes (e.g., collection changes or infrastructure development).

A preliminary plan for public engagement is laid out in this document and factors in how draft SWMP Update prioritized strategies may affect the community at large. The preliminary plan will be presented to the PAC and TAC for feedback and approval. The consultation plan will be revised accordingly, then the plan will be implemented.

This phase of the consultation plan is expected to include the following elements:

1. Outreach Material Development – Icons to align with primary SWMP Update strategies, PowerPoint presentation, survey questions, and written copy for communication materials, online postings, and poster boards displays.
2. Elected Officials Meetings – Regional District Board and member municipality councils will be provided with presentations specific to the draft SWMP Update including financial implications, solid waste diversion opportunities, and social considerations. The meetings will provide all elected officials with opportunities for questions, comments, requests, and to raise any concerns.
3. Open Houses and Public Meetings – Open houses will be held to provide a venue for interested community members to learn about and provide feedback on the SWMP Update. Virtual and in-person public meetings could be used to gather feedback on the SWMP Update.

4. Focused Engagement – With relevance to specific options, there may be a need to engage with specific user groups who will be directly affected (e.g., specific site users, new curbside areas).

4.4 Phase Three Consultation

Upon completion of the draft SWMP Update, a series of presentations will take place with elected bodies and key stakeholders. The SWMP Update will also be posted on the webpage and announced with a press release.

4.5 Timeline

The expected timeline for each phase of engagement is outlined below.

Table 4-1: Consultation Tracking Plan Implementation

Phase	Consultation Component	Estimated Timeline
One	Advisory group announcements	February 2024
	Website updates	April 2024
	Community survey	Winter 2025
Two	Options fact sheets – online and as handouts	December 2025
	Open houses/public meetings – online or in person, presentations, and engagement	February to March 2026
	Focused engagement – examples: ▪ Construction, Demolition, and Renovation (C&D) Industry ▪ Multifamily Buildings / Building Managers ▪ Restaurants and Retail Businesses	To be determined
Three	Press release and website update for draft SWMP Update	March/April 2026
	Presentations to elected bodies and key stakeholders	March/April/May 2026
Ongoing	Local government and First Nations engagement: ▪ SWMP Update notices ▪ Board committee sessions ▪ Advisory committee sessions ▪ Long-term waste reduction, land use, infrastructure	Ongoing

5.0 PROMOTION

The SWMP Update will be promoted in the following ways:

1. The SWMP Update will be initiated by notifying the Ministry, the Regional District Board, member municipalities, and First Nations in the RDOS.
2. Advertisement in newspapers, RDOS newsletters, and through social media platforms.
3. Media releases.
4. A dedicated webpage for SWMP Update with contact information and engagement through an interactive webpage (e.g., Regional Connections).
5. Direct notices to First Nations and local governments.

The Ministry requires that data is collected and tracked during the public consultation process and that this information is included in the SWMP Update. RDOS will track and compile data during the public consultation process to collect the following information.

Table 5-1: Consultation Tracking Plan Implementation

Consultation Event or Milestones	Ministry Tracking Requirements
Open houses or other events	▪ Date, location, attendees
Web-based participation	▪ Dates available ▪ Information provided or collected ▪ Participation numbers
Feedback during consultation activities	▪ Topic of consultation ▪ Interim consultation report ▪ Consultation themes
Preferred strategies	▪ Strategy options ▪ Level of public support ▪ Strategy decisions

6.0 PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

RDOS staff will respond to and engage with interested parties and the public at large as the SWMP Update implementation moves ahead.

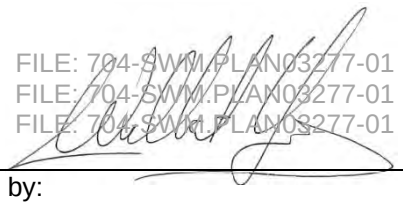
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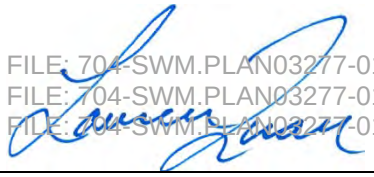
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We trust this document meets your present requirements. If you have any questions or comments, please contact the undersigned.

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APPENDIX A

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APPENDIX B

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN – PAC AND TAC MEMBERSHIP

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: J. Zaffino, Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: January 18, 2024

RE: **Solid Waste Management Plan – PAC and TAC membership**

Administrative Recommendation:

THAT the Regional District appoint a Director to chair the Public Advisory Committee meetings and the Technical Advisory Committee meetings for the review and update of Solid Waste Management Plan; and further,

THAT the Regional District appoint the Public Advisory Committee and the Technical Advisory Committee members as outlined in the administrative report by Senior Manager of Solid Waste dated on January 18, 2024.

Reference:
A Guide to Solid Waste Management Planning swmp.pdf (gov.bc.ca)

Purpose:
To form a Technical and Public Advisory Committees to assist in the development of a Solid Waste Management plan consistent with the provincial guidelines.

Background:
Regional Districts are required to review and to undertake major updates to their Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) every ten years. The last major update to the SWMP was conducted by the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS) in 2011. As part of the provincial planning process, a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and a Public Advisory Committee (PAC) are required to be formed in compliance with the provincial "Guide to Solid Waste Management Planning." The primary purpose of the TAC is to review and help develop solutions to manage and reduce wastes consistent with the 5 R hierarchy to Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Recover and Refuse. The PAC then reviews recommendations from the TAC in order to determine public acceptability and then provides the RDOS Board of Directors with its recommendations.

As per provincial guidelines, member municipalities, Indigenous communities, school boards, waste collectors, and provincial staff were contacted and invited to join the TAC and PAC according to the guidelines. Further, the Regional District advertised an invitation for general public participation for the PAC. Nine members of the public have applied and five have been recommended, based on their history, interest, geographic representation, and constraints on the size of the committee.

The Penticton Indian Band, Upper Similkameen Indian Band, Lower Similkameen Band, and Osoyoos Indian Band were contacted via email and regular mail letters to request their participation on the Technical Advisory Committee and the Public Advisory Committee. While requests were made to join the committees, RDOS staff also offered to undertake alternate methods, if requested, to engage with Indigenous communities.

Technical Advisory Committee member recommendation

Representative	**Geographic Representation**	**Qualification**
Regional District director	Regional District	Regional District director
Andrew Reeder	Regional District	Regional District staff
Rahul Khatri	Regional District	Regional District staff
Devan Oldfield	British Columbia	BC representative
David Kassian	Penticton	Sustainability Supervisor at City of Penticton
Jared Brounstein	Osoyoos	Director of Operational Services at Town of Osoyoos
Jared Thomas	Princeton	Infrastructure Technologist at Town of Princeton
Cameron Baughen	Summerland	Environmental Services Coordinator at District of Summerland
Rachel Barnes	British Columbia	BC Interior Site Manager at Waste Connections
Indigenous community member as available		

Public Advisory Committee member recommendation

Representative	**Geographic Representation**	**Qualification**
Regional District director	Regional District	Regional District director
Andrew Reeder	Regional district	Regional District staff
Rahul Khatri	Regional district	Regional District staff
Nicole Clark	Penticton	President at Penticton and Wine Country Chamber of Commerce
Clay Apps	Penticton	Manager of Facilities at School District No 67
Stacey Rexin	Penticton	Manager at PACE
Derick Keist	Penticton	Interested Resident
Tim Taylor	Summerland	Interested Resident
Joanne Grimaldi	Penticton	Interested Resident
Danielle Robinson	Penticton	Interested Resident
Colleen Hughes	Princeton	Interested Resident
Indigenous community member as available		

Analysis:
Staff have recommended that the RDOS keep membership in the TAC and PAC open to Indigenous communities should one or more member wish to participate in the committees.

It is expected that the Solid Waste Management Plan will take one to two years to complete. Future developments and updates on the review of Solid Waste Management Plans will be provided to the Board as the project progresses.

Respectfully submitted:

"Andrew Reeder"

A. Reeder, Senior Manager of Solid Waste

APPENDIX C

LETTERS TO FIRST NATIONS – SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE

Nov. 14, 2023

File No.5330.20 SWMP

Chief and Council
Upper Similkameen Indian Band
161 Snaza'ist Drive
PO Box 220
Hedley, BC V0X 1K0

To whom it may concern:

RE: Solid Waste Management Plan

The Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS) is planning to update its Solid Waste Management Plan for the region and would like your input as part of the process.

The Solid Waste Management Plan is a provincially mandated document that sets the legal framework on how wastes, recycling, and waste reduction is managed within the region. The plan evaluates how the systems are working and recommends areas of improvement based on the sequential 5 R pollution prevention hierarchy (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Recover, Residuals Management). Your community currently uses local waste management facilities and the RDOS would like to ensure your needs are being met.

The Regional District is available to meet with you regionally, separately, or together as a council. The Regional District will also be engaging residents and property owners through various open house event. The RDOS will be setting up a Public Advisory Committee and a Technical Advisory Committee to help guide the plans. Your participation as Chief and Council or community members would be welcome and beneficial to the process.

Please contact the RDOS if you would like to participate in either or both of the steering committees or if you would like to arrange a meeting with staff or elected officials.

For reference, please click the link below to view the existing Solid Waste Management Plan:

https://www.rdos.bc.ca/assets/PUBLICWORKS/SolidWaste/OrganicMgmt/2011-RDOS-SWMP-FINAL.pdf

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Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen

Nov. 14, 2023

File No.5330.20 SWMP

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Penticton, BC V2A 0E8

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APPENDIX D

PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER LIST

Table D-1: Public Advisory Committee Members (as of December 2025)

Name	Role
Isaac Gilbert	Co-Chair, RDOS Director – Penticton Councillor
Tim Roberts	Co-Chair, RDOS Electoral Area G Director
Clay Apps	Facilities Manager SD 67
Nicole Clark	President Penticton and Wine Country Chamber of Commerce
Steve Crout	Interested Resident – Summerland
Joanne Grimaldi	Interested Resident – Penticton
Derik Heist	Interested Resident – Penticton
Colleen Hughes	Interested Resident – Princeton
Michelle Liota	Interested Resident – Penticton
Stacey Rexin	Penticton and Area Cooperative Enterprises
Danielle Robinson	Okanagan College
Sandy Ross	Interested Resident – Penticton
Tim Taylor	Interested Resident – Summerland
John Todd	Interested Resident – Hedley

Abbreviations:
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Table D-2: Technical Advisory Committee Members (as of December 2025)

Name	Role
Roshan D'Souza	Government of British Columbia (Invited Observer)
Kelly Mercer	Oliver – Director of Operations
Tyler Madsen	Osoyoos – Director of Operational Services
Don Bishop	Keremeos – Manager of Municipal Public Works
David Kassian	Penticton – Sustainability Supervisor
Drayden Powers	Penticton – Manager of Energy and Environment
Jared Thomas	Princeton – Infrastructure Technologist
Cameron Baughen	Summerland – Environmental Services Coordinator
Joe Mitchell	Summerland – Director of Works and Infrastructure
Jon Davis	Waste Connections – Operations Supervisor
Allen Fillion	RDOS – Managing Director Development & Infrastructure Services
Liisa Bloomfield	RDOS – Senior Manager of Public Works
Venus Moreno-Atienza	RDOS – Engineering Technologist
Joni Reimer	RDOS – Waste Reduction Coordinator

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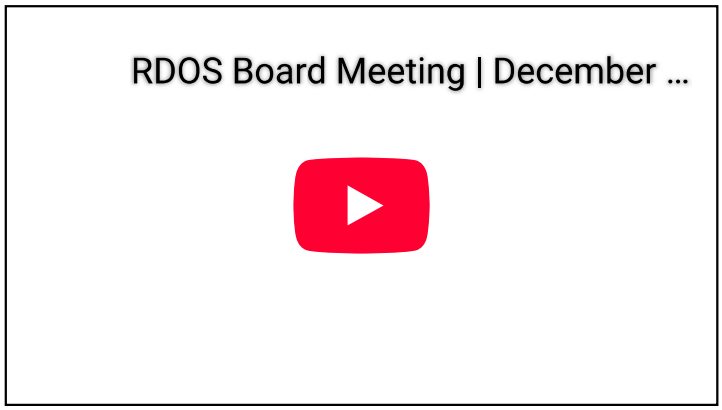
Solid Waste Management Plan

Click here (https://rdosswmp.limesurvey.net/197242?lang=en) to complete the survey and be eligible to win one of five $100 gift cards.

Survey deadline: February 28, 2025

RDOS SWMP Overview as presented to the RDOS Board on December 5, 2024, is available **here (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KLMI6mnaeJ8)** from 2:11 to 2:33 (22 minutes).

RDOS SWMP Overview



Solid Waste Management Plan Review

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Why do we need a SWMP?

- In this region, approximately 585 kilograms of garbage per person per year went to RDOS landfills. This adds up to approximately 53,000 metric tonnes per year. This amount of garbage is the equivalent of over 10,000 curbside garbage truck trips.
- Reducing garbage generation will help to manage costs over time, meet resident's recycling and composting expectations, align with provincial and federal policies, protect the environment, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- More than 65% of what is thrown away as garbage can be diverted from landfills (recycled or composted).

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The RDOS is currently looking at the following issues as priority considerations:

- **Optimize disposal efficiency across the Solid Waste system** – conduct waste disposal analysis with financial, environmental, and social considerations in mind
- **Seek ways to prevent waste in the first place** – enhance waste prevention education and behaviour change programs, improve reuse, repair and share infrastructure and systems, and support a circular economy approach
- Increase reuse and diversion opportunities across sectors for single-family (SF), multi-family (MF) and industrial, commercial and institutional (ICI) through infrastructure, services, programs, and policies.

- Organics
- Recycling
- Construction and Demolition (C&D) waste prevention/diversion

Project Updates

January 23, 2025 **/ SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Project Update - December 12, 2024

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Lifecycle

Project Initiation And Planning Process

- Project Initiation
- Recruitment for Public Advisory Committee

Setting The Direction

- Establish Guiding Principles
- Set Goals And Targets

Options Evaluation

- Review Public Feedbacks
- Draft Options
- Evaluate Short-Listed Options

Draft Final Plan

Draft SWMP Presented To RDOS Board

Board And Ministry Approvals

Submit Final Plan To Province

See less

Documents

SWMP Public Advisory Committee - Terms of Reference.pdf (https://rdosregionalconnections.ca/download_file/612/611)
PDF (450.67 KB)

Public Advisory Committee (PAC) Application Form (https://rdosregionalconnections.ca/download_file/719/611)
PDF (297.98 KB)
Link to application form.

Important Links

BC Guide to Solid Waste Management Planning (https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/environment/waste-management/garbage/swmp.pdf)

RDOS Solid Waste Management (2012) (https://www.rdos.bc.ca/assets/PUBLICWORKS/SolidWaste/OrganicMgmt/2011-RDOS-SWMP-FINAL.pdf)



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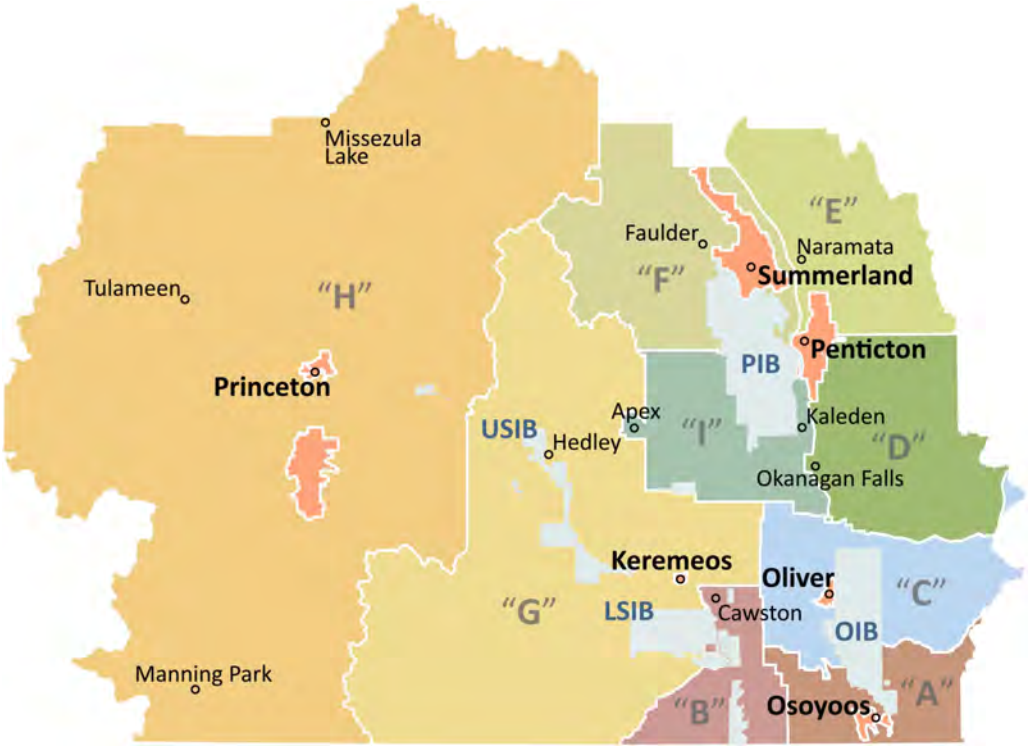
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RDOS building committee to review solid waste management plan

Penticton Herald Staff
Nov 21, 2023



Vehicles line up at the scale for the Campbell Mountain Landfill.

Dale Boyd/Penticton Herald

Here’s your chance to talk trash with the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen.

The local government is looking for volunteers to serve on a public advisory committee to review its sold waste management plan, and help set goals for the future in regard to reducing, reusing, recycling and recovering waste.

The RDOS said in a press release it's hoping to draw committee members from various quarters, including Indigenous communities, environmental organizations, business and consumer groups, large waste generators, school districts, chambers of commerce, community associations, ratepayers and residents.

The deadline to apply is Dec. 14. For more information, visit www.rdosregionalconnections.ca.

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News Article

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Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen
October 31, 2025 ·

RDOS receives input on the Solid Waste Management Plan

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Click the link to view the information release: https://www.rdos.bc.ca/.../rdos-news/hot-topics/article/5474

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In early 2025, the RDOS invited residents, businesses, and Indigenous communities to share their views on waste management. An online survey received almost 400 responses, and five participants each won $100 gift cards. The survey results were used by the Public and Technical Advisory Committees to inform the priorities and strategies included in the SWMP. The RDOS thanks all participants for their input and continued support in shaping a sustainable future for the region.

Key findings

Survey results show strong community support for existing waste management services, with over 90% of respondents expressing satisfaction with curbside collection for garbage, recycling, and yard waste. Most waste management facilities also received satisfaction ratings above 80%. While current services are well regarded, residents indicated interest in expanding options. One-third of respondents support introducing food scraps collection, and more than 15% would like

the curbside recycling program to include additional materials such as glass, plastic bags, wrappers, and Styrofoam. Nearly 10% of respondents requested more frequent yard waste collection or an extended season.

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The Let’s Talk less trash consultation process will continue through early 2026, providing further opportunities to comment on the programs and services that will manage waste for the next decade.

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Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen

Solid Waste Management Plan Review - Survey Responses

Survey Respondents

- 392 responses were collected and analyzed
  - In addition:
    - —12 started, but did not continue after the FOIP statement
    - —2 did not answer any questions, but provided emails for the raffle entry

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Section 1

Survey Respondent Demographics

Q1. Which area of the RDOS do you live in?

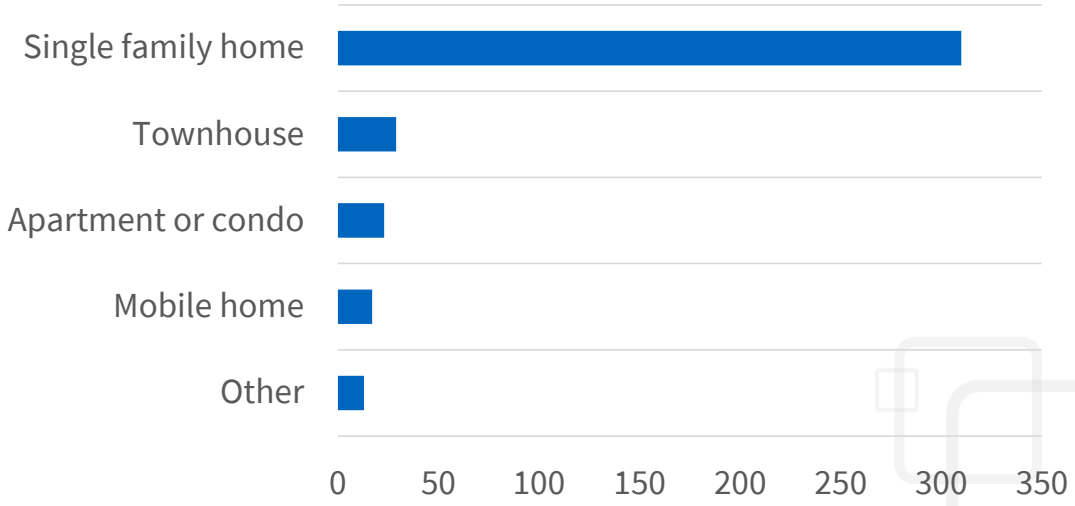
Area	Number of Respondents	Totals
Electoral Area “A”	15	**Total Rural Respondents**
Electoral Area “B”	1	
Electoral Area “C”	8	
Electoral Area “D”	39	
Electoral Area “E”	12	107 (27%)
Electoral Area “F”	12	
Electoral Area “G”	7	
Electoral Area “I”	13	
Town of Oliver	6	**Total Urban Respondents**
Town of Osoyoos	104	
Village of Keremeos	3	283 (72%)
District of Summerland	14	
City of Penticton	156	**Total “Other” Respondents**
Other	2	2 (0.5%)

- Other areas:
  - West Kelowna
  - BC

Q2. What type of home do you live in?

Housing Type	Number of Respondents
Single family home	310
Townhouse	29
Apartment or condo	23
Mobile home	17
Other	13

- Other:
  - Duplex/Triplex (x8)
  - Camper/RV (x4)
  - N/A (x1)

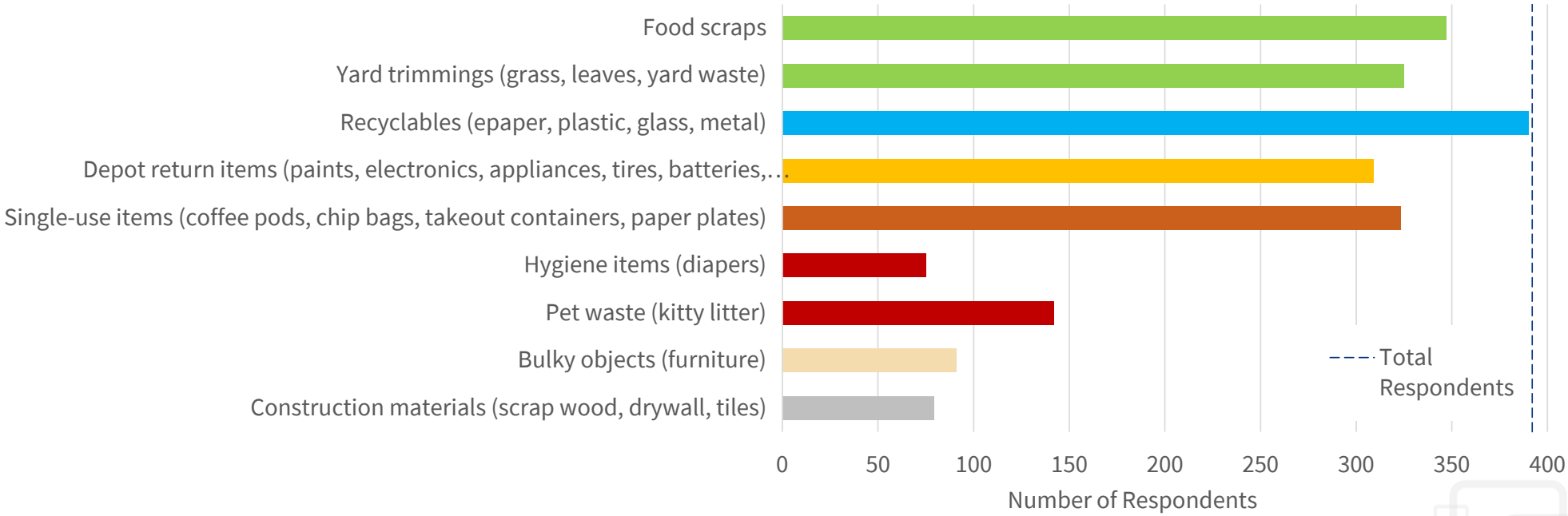


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Section 2

Recycling and Garbage at Home

Q3. What are examples of the types of materials/waste that you produce at home?



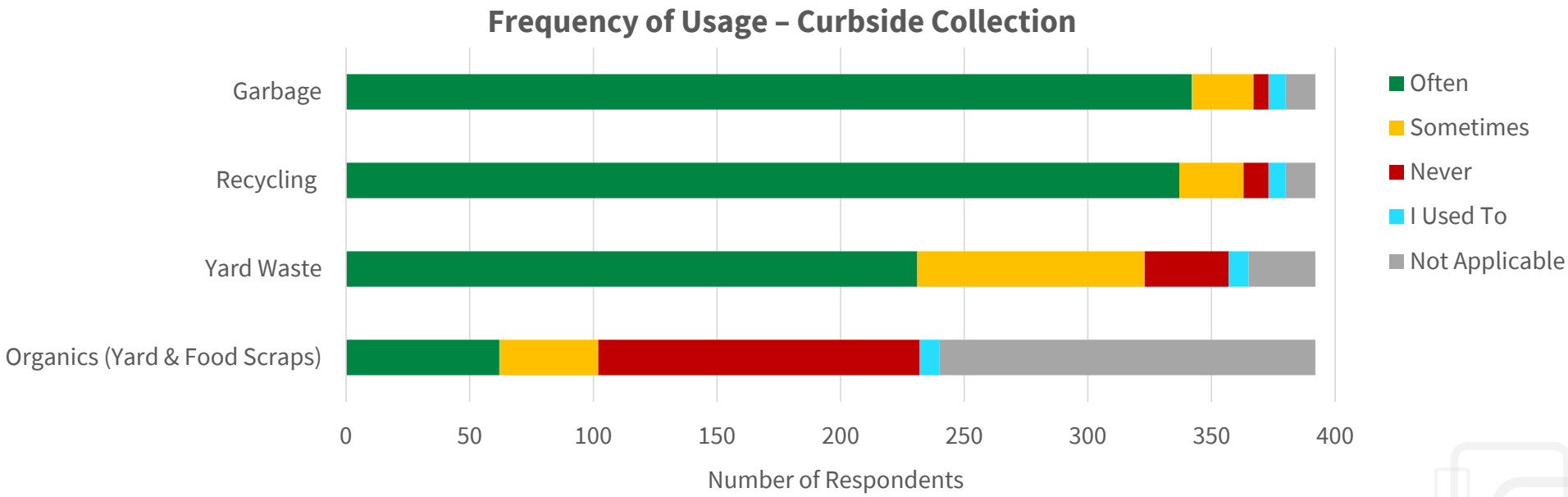
- Other items listed by respondents generally fit into the garbage stream (e.g. non-recyclable packaging, spray cans, water filters, old toys)

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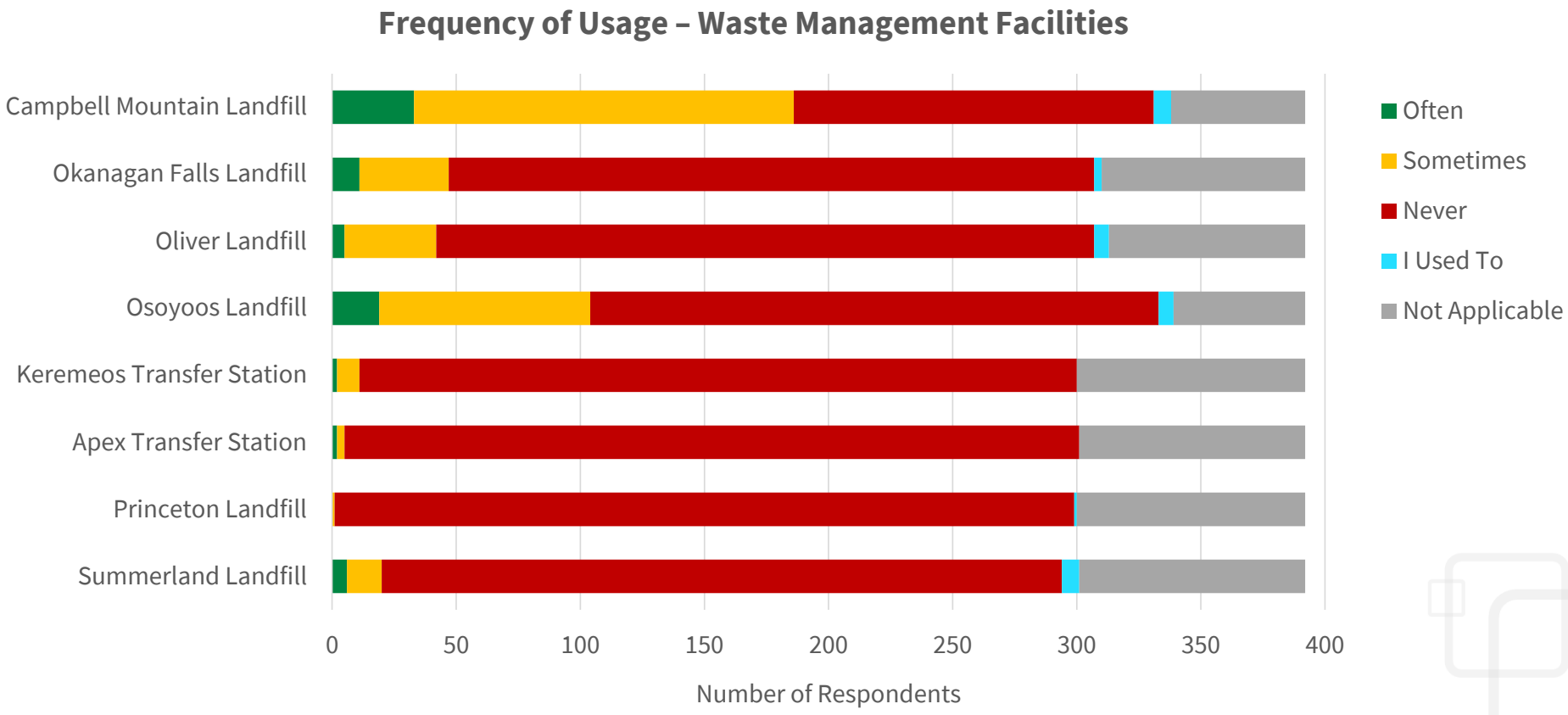
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Usage of Facilities/Waste Disposal Methods

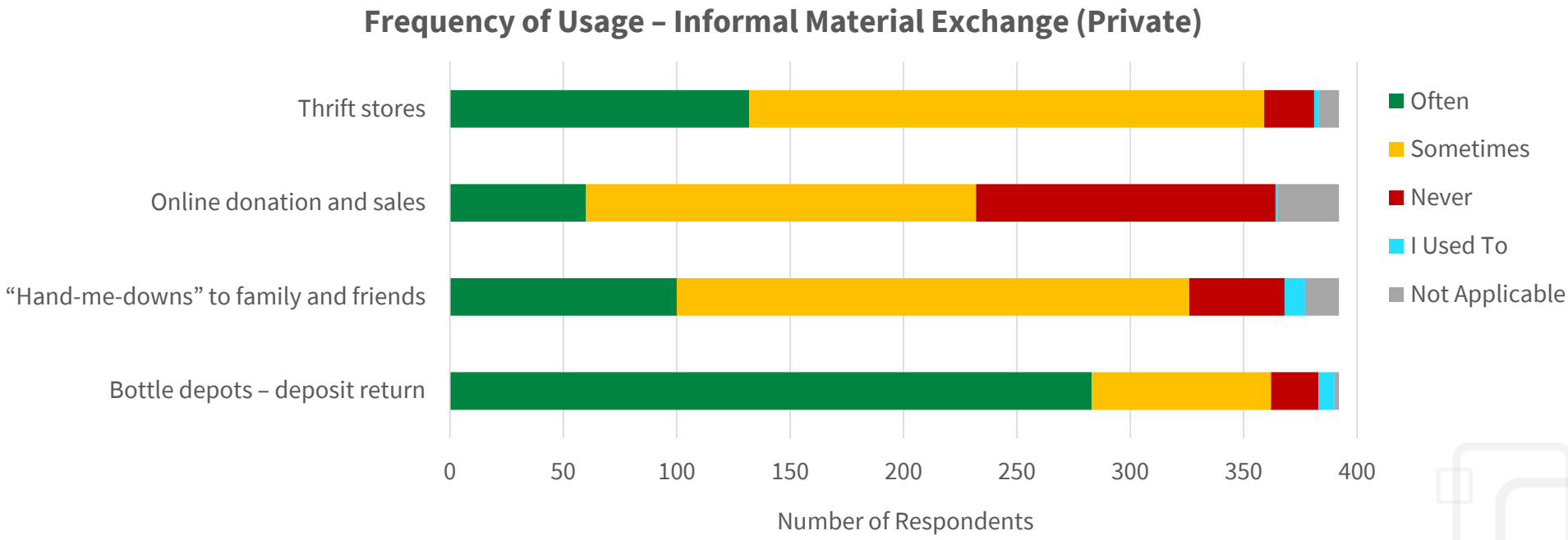
Q4. Usage of Facilities - Curbside



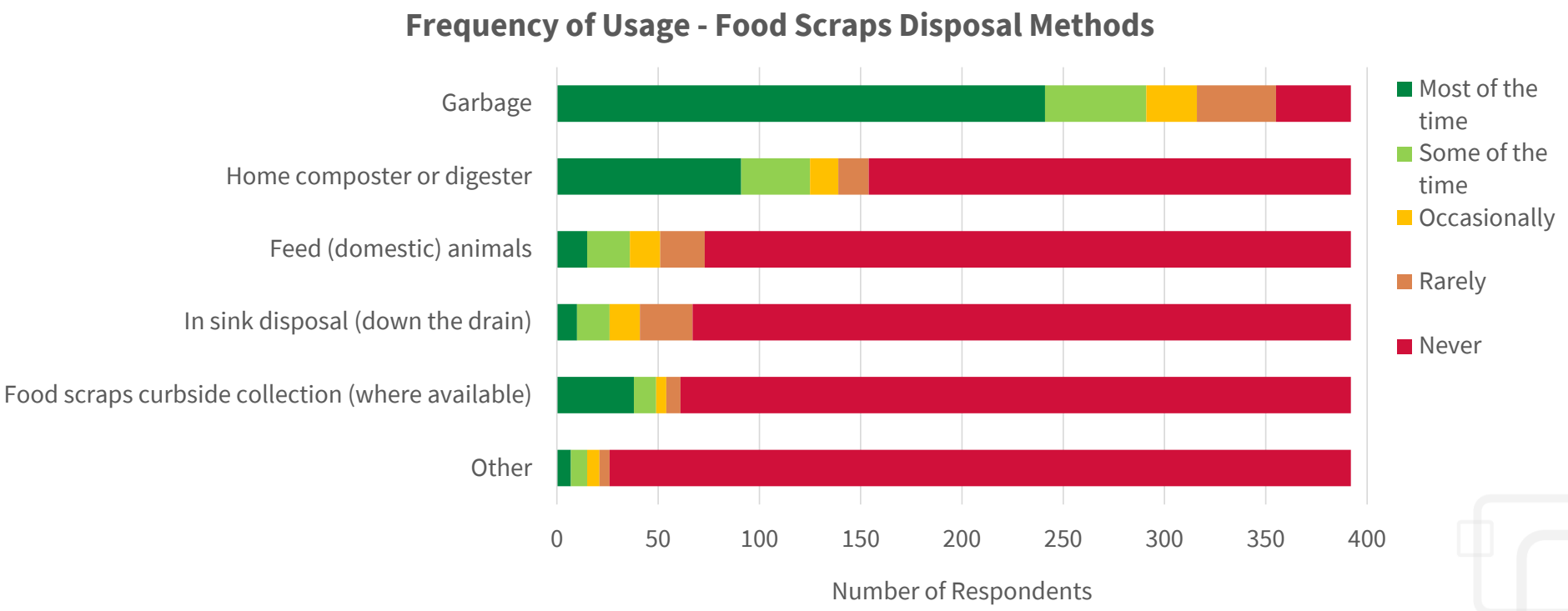
Q5. Usage of Facilities – Waste Management Facilities



Q6. Usage of Facilities – Informal Material Exchange



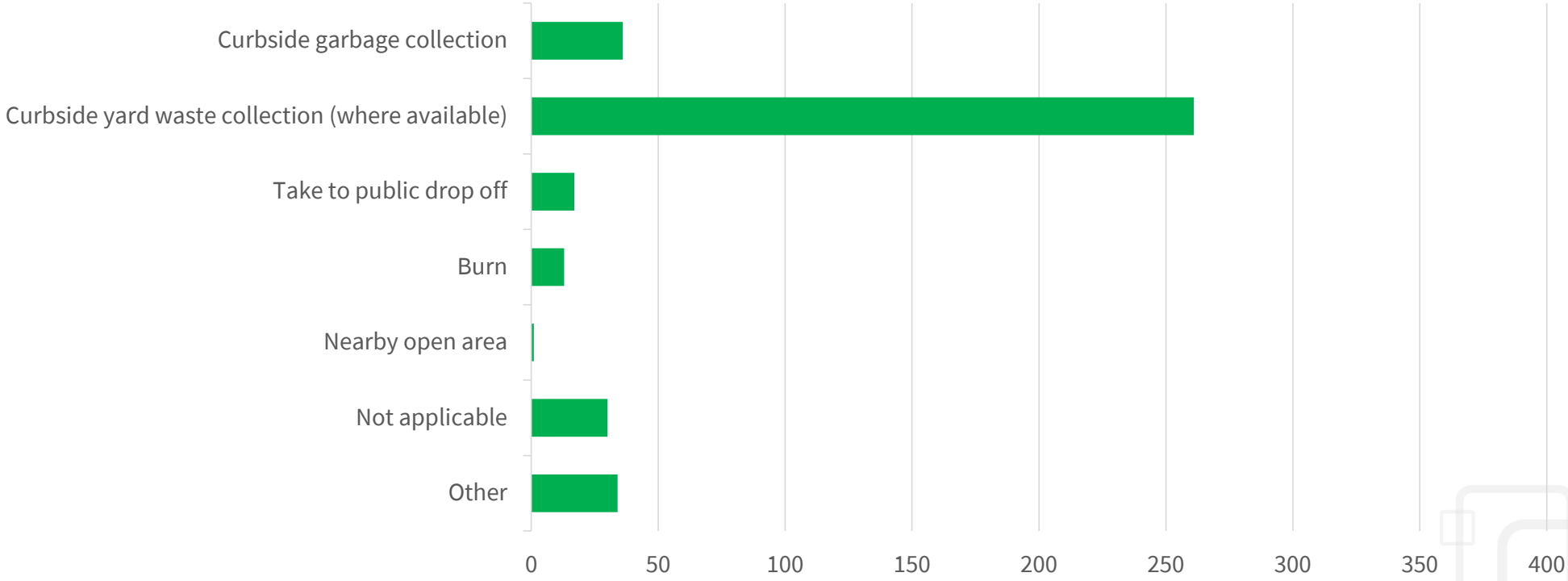
Q7. How often do you use each method to dispose of your food scraps?



Q8. If you use another method to dispose of your food scraps, please describe.

- Other food scraps disposal methods provided by respondents:
  - Home garden or rural property (x2)
  - Chicken feed (x2)
  - “Impactful Zero-Waste Refillery & Pantry” in Penticton
  - Food donation
  - Use scraps to prepare stock
  - Minimize waste by purchasing wisely
  - Take to a bin behind a business
  - Take to landfill

Q9. How do you usually handle yard and garden debris (such as grass, leaves, smaller branches)?



Q9. Yard and garden debris - Other methods

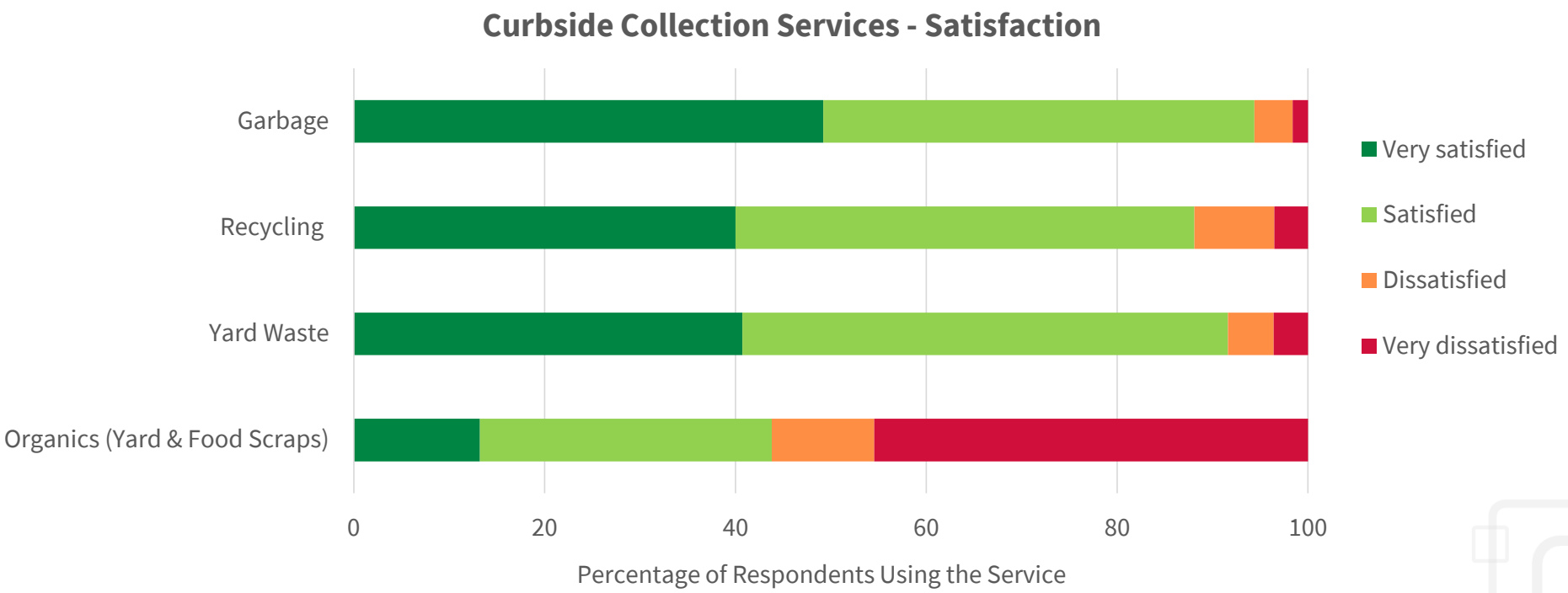
- Other yard and garden debris handling methods provided by respondents:
  - Compost (x17)
  - Landfill (x5)
  - Property manager or landscaper deals with it (x4)
  - Pile on property (x2)
  - Sometimes burn (x1)
  - Chipper (x1)
  - Locally operated volunteer location (x1)
  - Use on an orchard (x1)
  - Dumpster (x1)

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Section 4

Level of Satisfaction

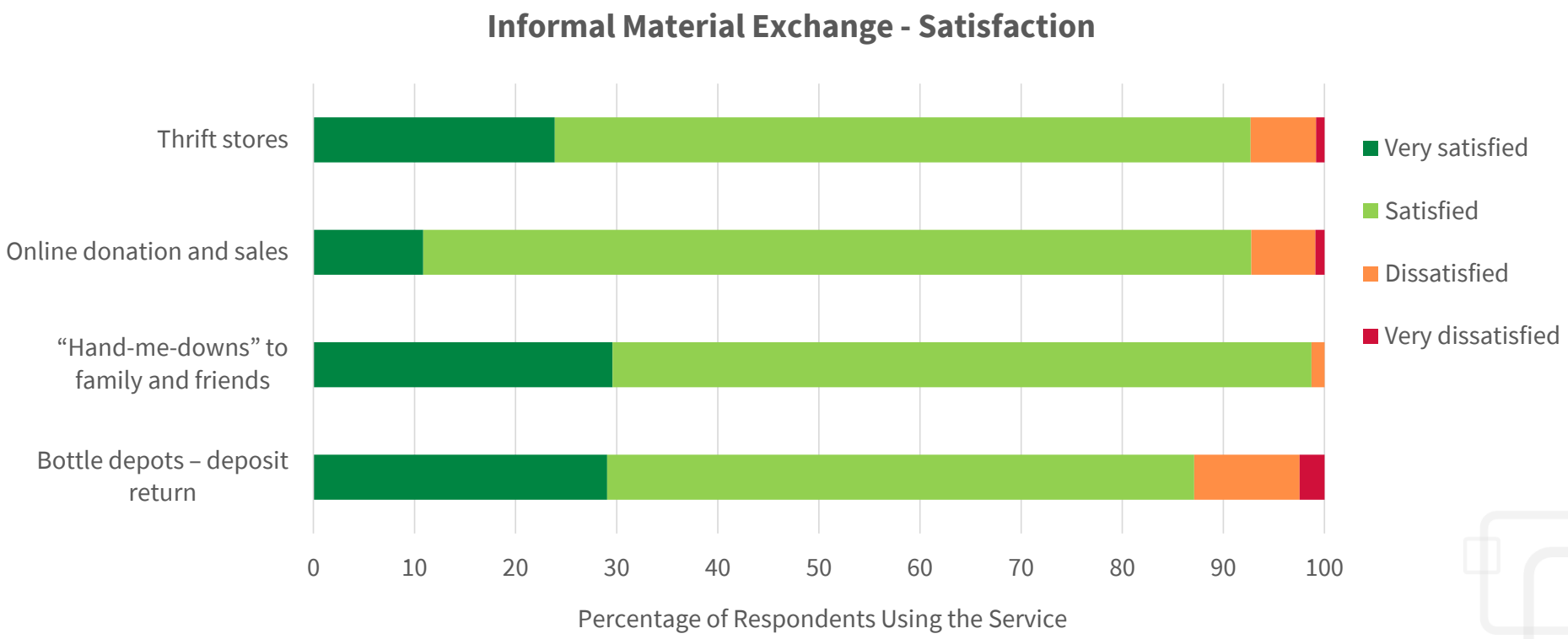
Q10. Satisfaction Level - Curbside



Q11. Satisfaction Level – Waste Management Facilities



Q12. Satisfaction Level – Informal Material Exchange (Private)



Q13. What solid waste management services and waste reduction programs would you like to see change and why?

- 261 responses were entered with suggested changes. The most frequent responses included:
  - Implementation of food scraps collection (131 respondents)
    - *"I'd like to recycle food scraps because it could reduce waste space in regular garbage and be made into organic compost for garden use."*
    - *"Compost or green waste - most of our garage is food scraps!"*
    - *"I would love to have curbside compost and kitchen waste collection in Penticton. It would keep at least half of our waste out of the garbage."*

Q13. What solid waste management services and waste reduction programs would you like to see change and why?

- Expanded curbside collection of recyclable material types (70 respondents)
  - Glass (57 respondents)
  - More plastic types, e.g. film plastic (21 respondents)
  - Styrofoam (9 respondents)
  - Other materials/general expanded curbside collection (13 respondents)
    - *"Glass collection in curbside blue bins. Styrofoam collection in blue bins. Soft plastic, food wrap collection in blue bins. "*
    - *"…it would be great if you could figure out a way to collect plastic bags and wraps. Even if it was just 4 times a year we could manage. As it is now these items are ending up in the trash and also contaminating mixed recycling. There is still so much of this material in consumer goods it would be great to be able to recycle it again."*
    - *"Include periodic curbside pickup for glass, recycled items (electronics, plastics etc) presently taken to depots. Some seniors & disabled may not have the capacity to take these items to drop-off facilities."*
    - *"I would like to see styrofoam and plastic bag /wrapper pick up. Even just once a month. Or more places where it can be dropped off"*

Q13. What solid waste management services and waste reduction programs would you like to see change and why?

- Yard waste – additional service, more frequent collection, longer collection season, and/or unlimited pickup quantity (35 respondents)
  - *"We live in a rural area on 1/4 acre surrounded by orchards and other trees, we would like Bi-weekly yard waste pickup like the Village of Keremeos has. March to November preferred."*
  - *"Yard waste pick up will be limited to one container, which is a problem when you own 1 acre. We compost leaves and grass but still have significant yard waste (pruning, garden trimmings) so losing unlimited yard waste pick up will be hard."*
  - *"We would like organic waste pick up and yard waste pick up at our complex"*
  - *"During peak spring and fall when cleaning out the yard, being able to put out yard waste only every two weeks is not enough, it should be picked up weekly."*
  - *"Longer season for yard waste Pickup. We never get all the leaves before before pickup ends."*
  - *"Being rural we only get yard waste pickup once a month - while in Osoyoos they get every 2 weeks. Being out of town the majority of us have larger yards and more yard waste. It would be fantastic if we could have the pickup of yard waste every 2 weeks from April to October like the Town does. I get tired of loading up my yard waste all the time and taking it to the landfill!*

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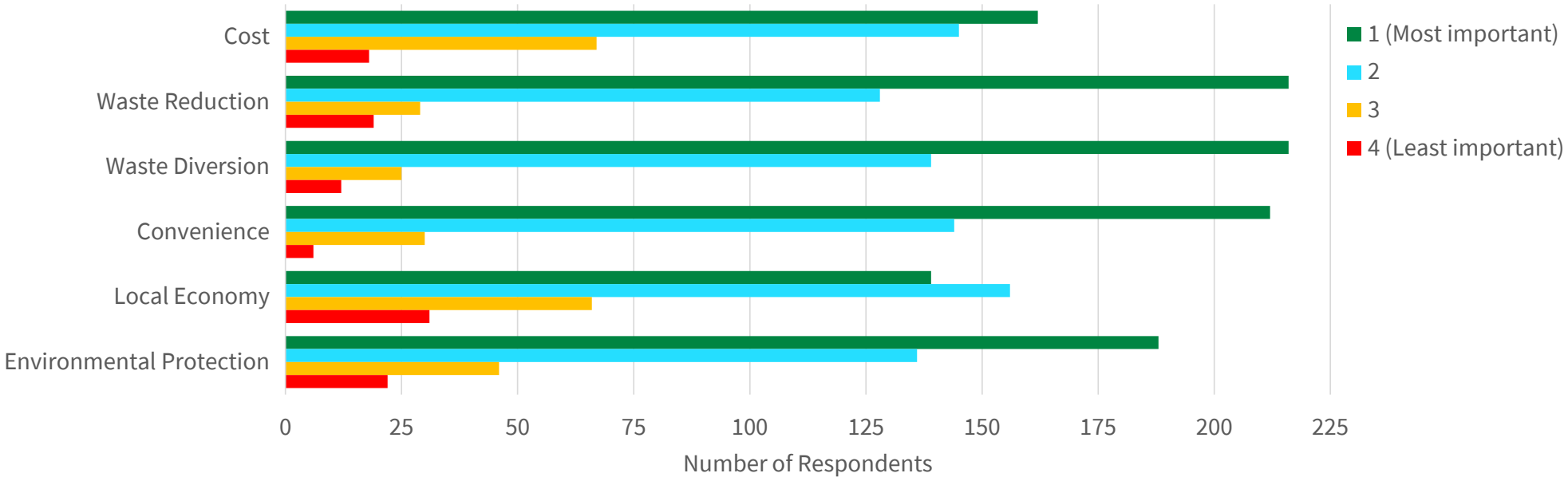
- Other responses
  - Changes to collection frequency (23)
    - *13 want more frequent (weekly) recycling collection*
    - *7 want less frequent (biweekly) garbage collection*
    - *7 prefer weekly garbage collection*
    - *2 would like a choice on collection frequency*
  - Reduce costs of waste services (11)
  - Wildlife concerns (10)
  - Change bin size (10)
  - Periodic curbside pickup of special wastes (e.g. bulky items, electronics, hazardous waste) (9)
  - Opposition to food scraps collection/composting programs (7)
    - *Some want focus on home composting; some concerned about cost, wildlife, or contaminants*
  - Various facility/service expansion (11)
    - *E.g. after hours in-town drop-offs for materials going to landfill/depots, additional scale at Campbell Mountain landfill, material swap shed at waste management facilities, more accessible transfer stations (e.g. within town limits), extended hours for about waste management facilities, more info about facilities and services*

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Section 5

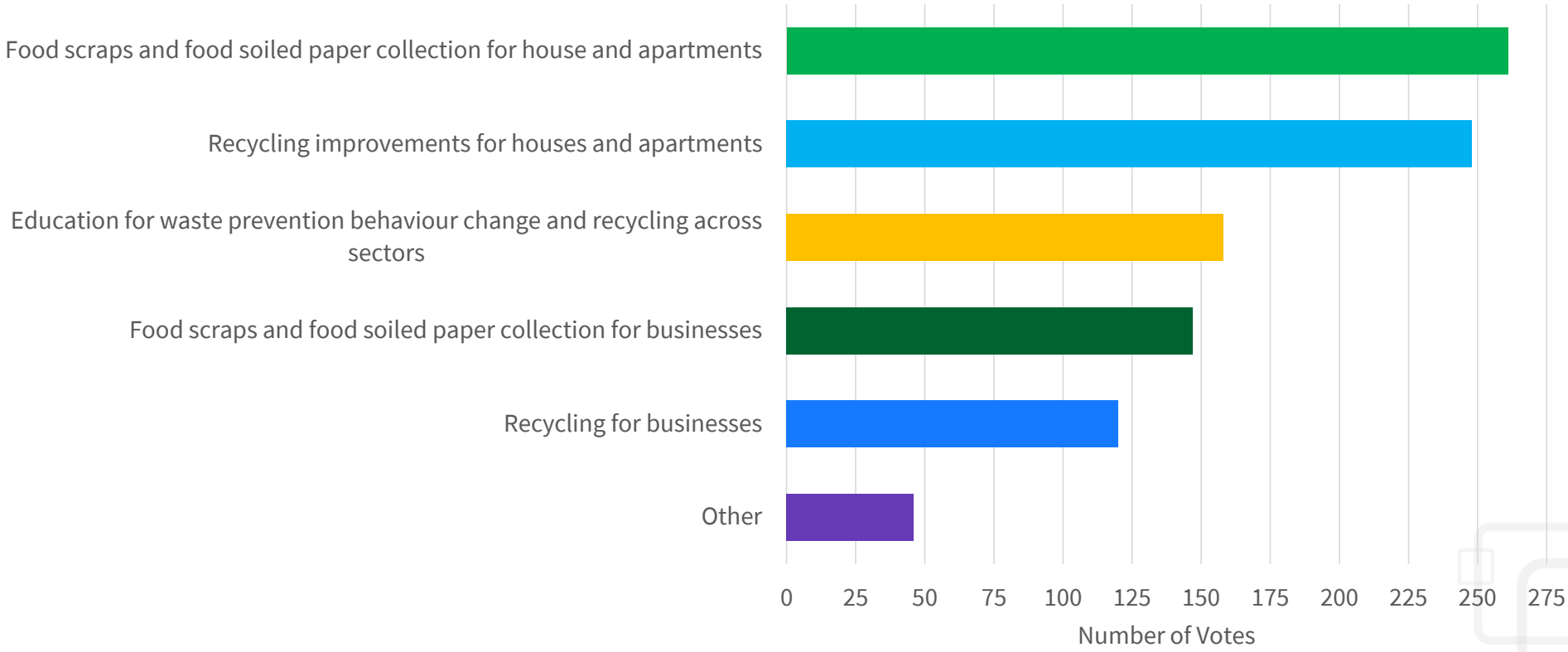
Looking Forward - Priorities

Q14. What considerations are most important to you when you think about how solid waste services should be provided? Rank based on your level of importance.



- Cost - Keeping the cost of waste management services as low as possible
- Waste Reduction - Preventing organics and recyclables from going into the garbage wherever practical
- Waste Diversion - Increasing the amount and types of material diverted from landfills for recycling or composting
- Convenience - Simple to participate
- Local Economy - Developing solutions that support the local economy and create jobs
- Environmental Protection – Reducing greenhouse gas emissions, maintaining clean air and water, etc.

Q15. The RDOS is looking at several priorities for further review. Which are your top three priorities?



Q15. The RDOS is looking at several priorities for further review. “Other” responses.

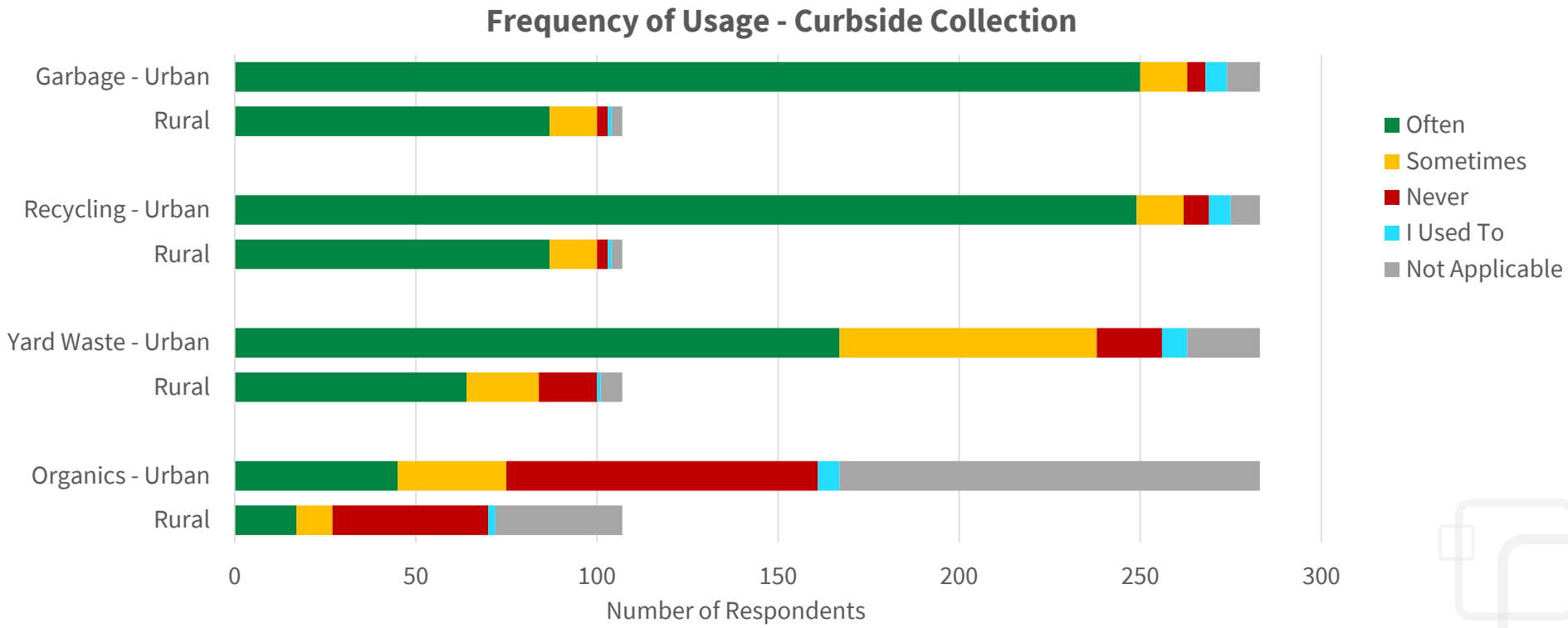
- 46 “Other” responses were entered. The most frequent included:
  - Collection of additional items (x12):
    - Glass (x6)
    - Bulky items - collection more than once per year (x2)
    - Yard waste – more frequent collection (x2)
    - Large cardboard and plastic (x1)
    - Hazardous materials – local drop-off/collection (x1)
  - Keep costs down (x7)
  - Education on reducing wildlife-related issues (x5)
  - Make local/rural recycling drop-off more convenient to access (x4)
  - Ban burning of waste, including agricultural waste (x3)

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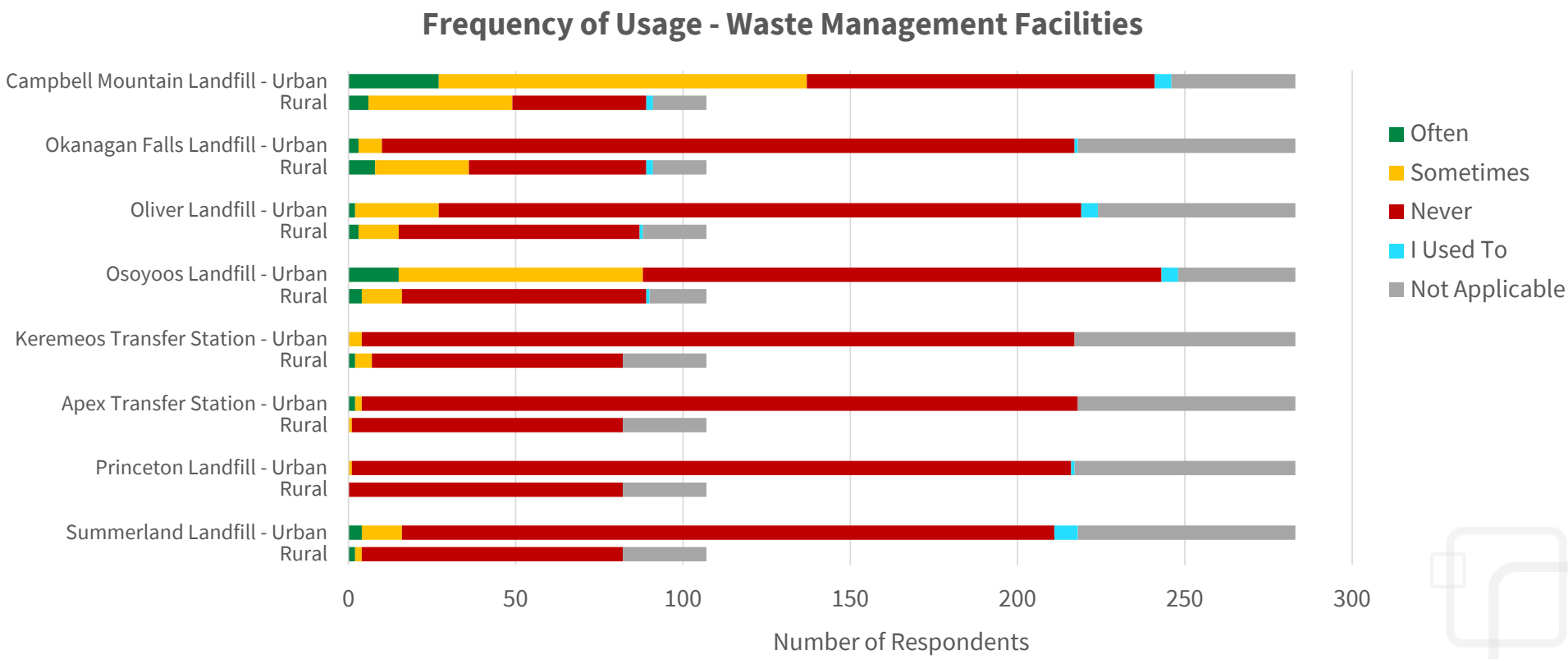
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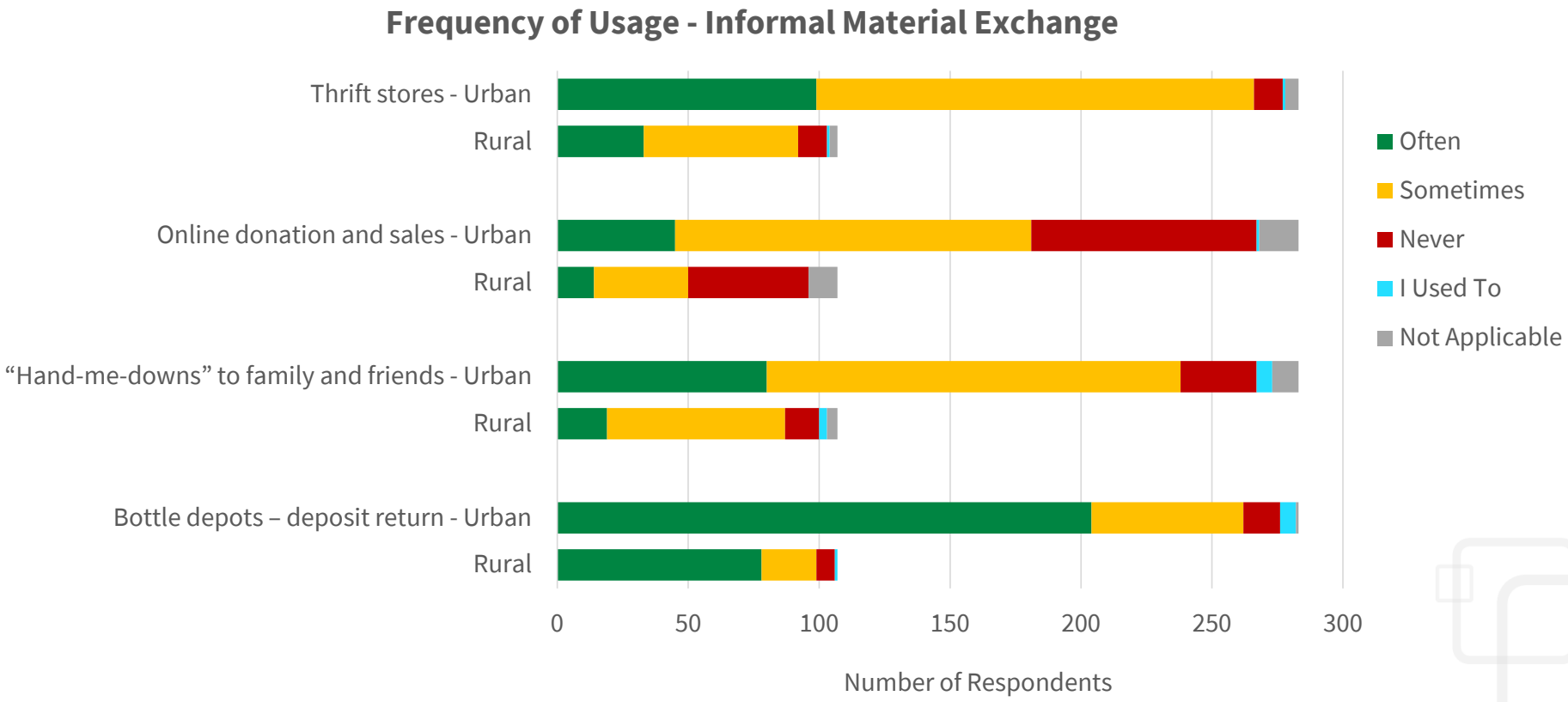
Q4. Usage of Facilities - Curbside



Q5. Usage of Facilities – Waste Management Facilities



Q6. Usage of Facilities – Informal Material Exchange

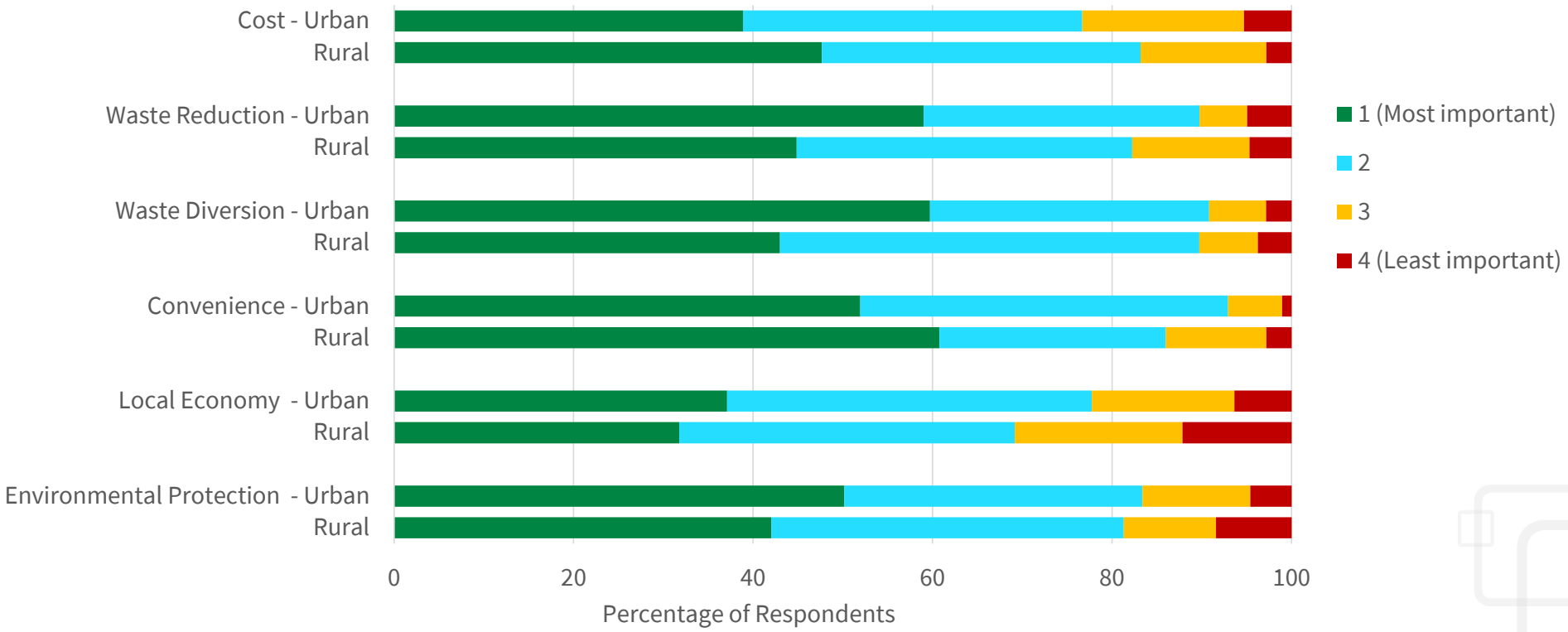


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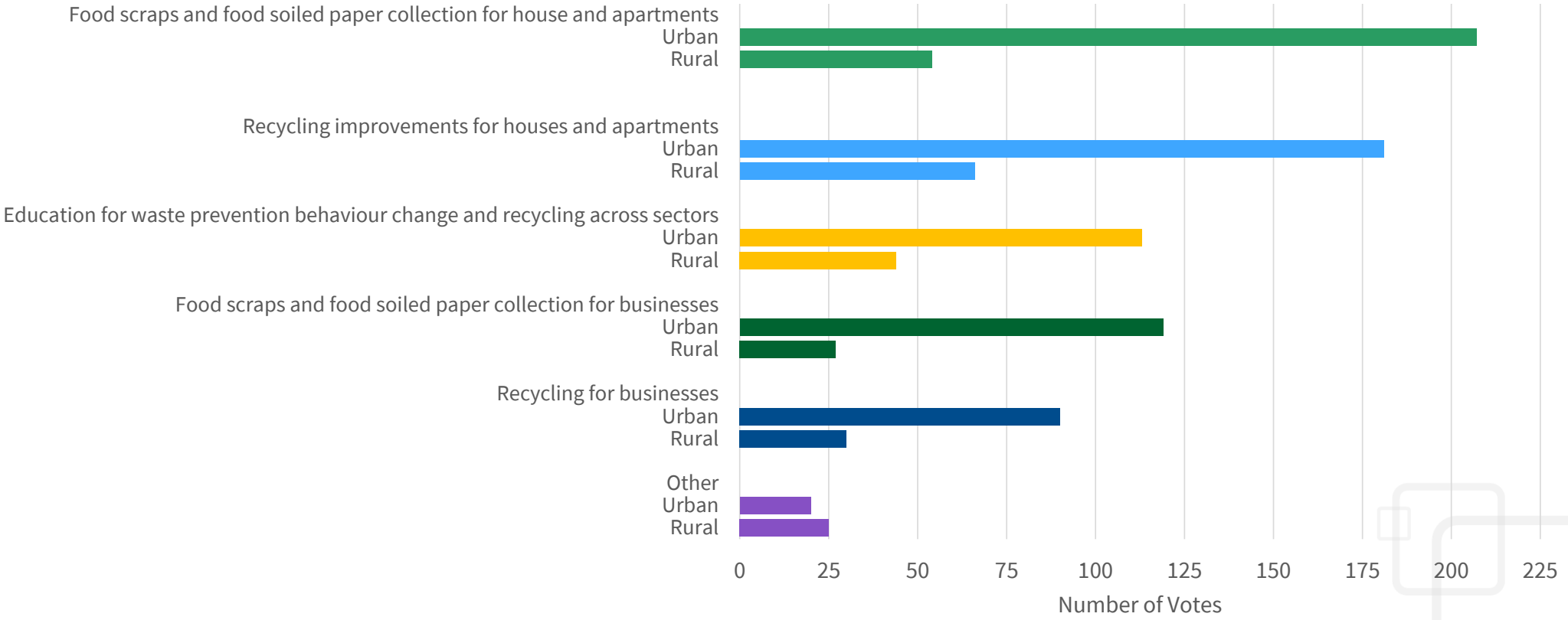
Topic	Number (%) of Reponses from RDOS Residents*		
	Total	Urban	Rural
TOTAL RESPONSES	**259**	**194 (75%)**	**65 (25%)**
Implementation of food scraps collection	131	115 (88%)	16 (12%)
Expanded curbside collection of recyclable materials • Glass • Plastics (e.g. film) • Styrofoam	70 • 57 • 21 • 11	49 (70%) • 41 (72%) • 15 (70%) • 8 (73%)	21 (30%) • 16 (28%) • 6 (30%) • 3 (27%)
Yard waste – additional service, more frequent collection, longer collection season, and/or unlimited pickup quantity	35	18 (51%)	17 (49%)
Collection frequency changes	23	12 (52%)	11 (48%)
Cost reduction	11	2 (18%)	9 (82%)
Wildlife concerns	10	5 (50%)	5 (50%)

*2 of the 261 responses may not have been from within RDOS

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APPENDIX D

PROMOTIONS, ADVERTISEMENTS, AND OUTREACH MATERIALS

RDOS WANTS TO TALK TRASH

Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen wants to talk trash to its citizens

Chelsea Powrie - Mar 16, 2026 / 4:19 pm | Story: 603998



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RDOS headquarters.

The Regional District of Okanagan SImilkameen is inviting residents to talk trash.

As the RDOS makes plans for a new Sold Waste Management Plan, they have lined up a series of events open to all in the various communities that make up the region in order to gather feedback.

Topics of discussion will include:

- New or expanded organics programs
- Recycling convenience improvements
- System efficiency and cost savings
- Environmental and health impacts
- Help with reducing and reusing

Staff will then take all the information back in a report to the board of directors in the spring before any final decisions are made.

The draft Solid Waste Management Plan and an online comment form is available online here.

In-person events, which are free to attend, are as follows:

Event location	Address	Date (2026)	Time
Okanagan College (Room PC113)	583 Duncan Ave West, Penticton	Tuesday, March 17	6:00 - 7:00 pm
Princeton Library Meeting Room	107 Vermillion Ave, Princeton	Wednesday, March 18	6:00 - 7:00 pm
Okanagan Falls Recreation Centre	1141 Cedar St, Okanagan Falls	Thursday, March 19	6:00 - 7:00 pm
Kaleden Community Hall	320 Lakehill Rd, Kaleden	Friday, March 20	6:00 - 7:00 pm
Victory Hall	427 7th Ave, Keremeos	Monday, March 23	6:00 - 7:00 pm
Live online session (recording will be posted on the RDOS YouTube channel)	Link available at: rdosregionalconnections.ca	Tuesday, March 24	5:00 - 6:00 pm
Oliver Community Hall (1/3 Hall)	6359 Park Dr, Oliver	Wednesday, March 25	6:00 - 7:00 pm
Sonora Centre (Room 4/5)	8505 68th Ave, Osoyoos	Thursday, March 26	6:00 - 7:00 pm
Summerland Community Centre	9710 Brown St, Summerland	Friday, March 27	6:00 - 7:00 pm

Photo: RDOS

More Penticton News

RDOS draft Solid Waste Management Plan engagement events

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Issued **Feb 27 2026 3:52PM PST**
Public Topics: **General Notifications**

2399 Estimated Notifications

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Description

The RDOS is seeking regional input on the **draft Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP)**.

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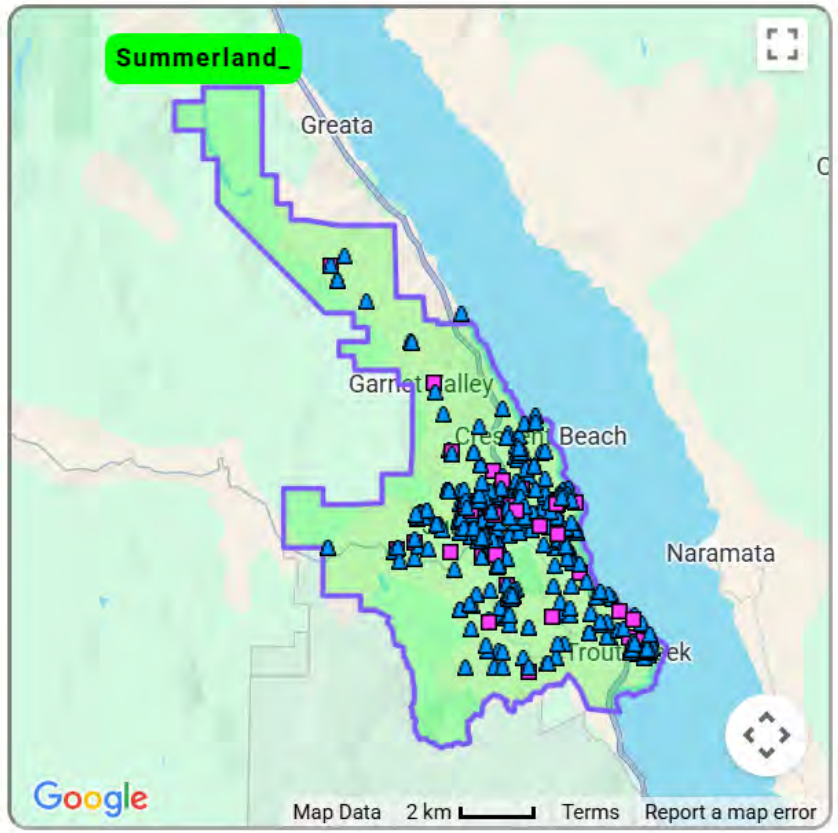
Event details and the **comment form** can be found on the **Regional Connections SWMP project page** at **rdosregionalconnections.ca**, or contact RDOS Communications at 250-490-4148.

Instructions

NONE SPECIFIED

Additional Information

Click the link to view the information release with the engagement event details.



RDOS draft Solid Waste Management Plan engagement events

Issued **Feb 25 2026 4:17PM PST**
Public Topics: **General Notifications**

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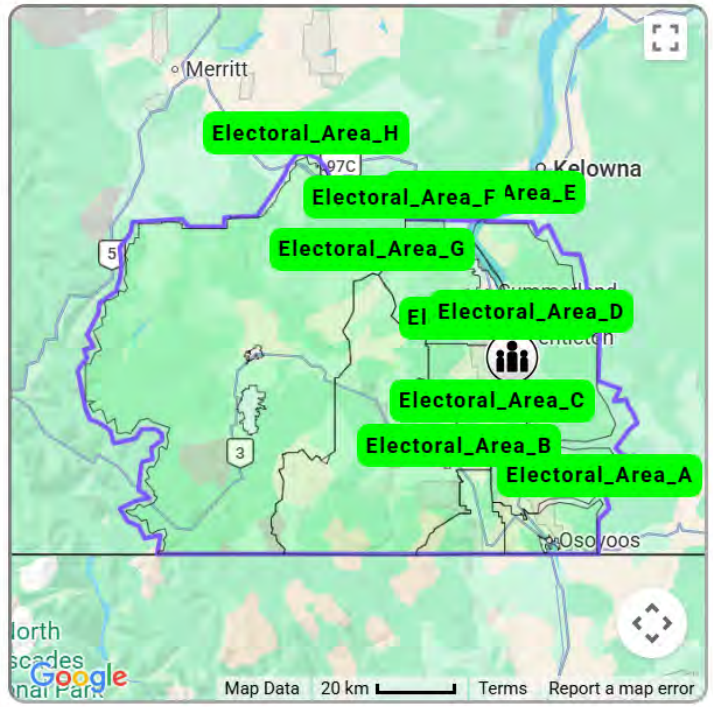
Reminder - Engagement events for RDOS draft Solid Waste Management Plan

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Issued **Mar 12 2026 8:53AM PDT**

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Description

Starting next week, the RDOS will be hosting nine (9) engagement events seeking regional input on the **draft Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP)**.

The SWMP establishes the region's long-term approach to waste reduction, recycling, and organics management for the next decade.

Key areas of the SWMP that impact residents:
1) New or expanded organics/composting programs coming to the Regional District
2) Recycling convenience improvements
3) System efficiency and cost savings
4) Environmental and health impacts
6) Rethink, Reduce and Reuse

In-person community engagement events will take place **between March 17 and March 27** at various locations, and one (1) online engagement event is scheduled on Tuesday, March 24, 2026, at 5:00 pm.

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MANAGING WASTE

RDOS wants to hear from you!

The Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen is updating its **Solid Waste Management Plan.**

More than 40 strategies are being considered to reduce garbage, increase recycling, and improve waste services across the region.

Have your say.

Visit rdosregionalconnections.ca to read the draft Plan.

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MANAGING WASTE

How much waste is produced?

The region generates approximately 96,500 tonnes of solid waste each year, which is recycled or disposed.

Nearly 50% of this material is recycled; however, approximately 50,000 tonnes of waste are disposed of in landfills annually. This means that, for every person living in the region, 585 kg of waste is landfilled each year.

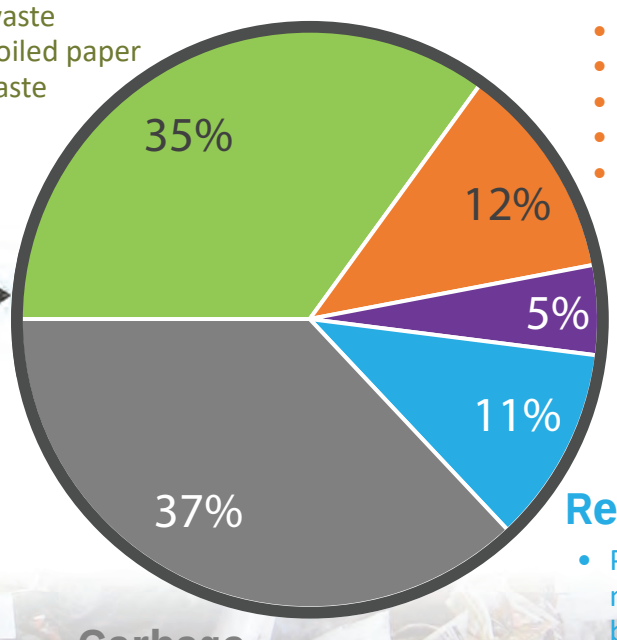
More than 60% of the material currently sent to landfill is recyclable or compostable. Of this, 35% is compostable organic material. Many of the strategies proposed in the Solid Waste Management Plan are designed to reduce the amount of waste being landfilled, provide more options to make recycling more convenient and improve waste management practices to ensure proper use of our existing waste diversion programs.

What's going to landfill?



Compostable

- Food waste
- Food-soiled paper
- Yard waste



Drop Off

- Plastic film, styrofoam
- Textiles
- Scrap metal
- Glass containers
- Asphalt shingles

Product Stewardship

- Deposit beverage containers
- Household hazardous waste
- Electronics

Recyclable

- Paper, plastic, and metal items for the blue bin

Garbage

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Guiding Principles

1



Waste Prevention

Prevent organics and recyclables from going into the garbage (and subsequently landfill sites).

Zero Waste

Promote zero waste approaches and support a circular economy.



2

3



Polluter Pays

Support polluter and user-pay approaches and manage incentives to maximize behaviour outcomes.

Cost Optimization

Optimize cost over time, while considering short- and long- term financial aspects.



4

5



Collaborative Partnerships

Develop collaborative partnerships with interested parties to achieve regional targets.

Regional Collaboration

Collaborate with other regional districts and the province whenever practical.



6

7



Resource Recovery

Maximize beneficial use of waste materials and manage residuals appropriately.

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Goals and Targets

The RDOS is working towards meeting Provincial targets, and the RDOS's Solid Waste Management Plan aims to achieve the following:

- **Explore** and support local waste **reduction**, **reuse, and repair** initiatives across the region.
- **Increase diversion of organics**, recyclable materials, and construction, demolition, and renovation waste materials to achieve a regional solid waste disposal target of 450 kg per capita per year by 2036.
- **Reduce improper disposal** and waste management practices, including illegal dumping and contamination of waste diversion streams.
- **Optimize disposal efficiency** across the regional district with a focus on financial sustainability of solid waste services.
- **Increase collaboration** with community partners and member municipalities to support development of local solutions.

RDOS Target



Provincial Targets



75% of BC's Population covered by Organic Waste Disposal Restrictions



75% Recovery of Materials Covered by Extended Producer Responsbility Programs

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Key Aspects of the Plan

- Reduce, Reuse, and Repair
- Recycling, Organics, and C&D Waste Diversion
- Waste Management Practice Improvements
- Disposal System Efficiency and Financial Sustainability
- Planned Infrastructure and Program Supports

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Reduce, Reuse & Repair Strategies

- Developing waste prevention, reduction and reuse education materials with member municipalities and key stakeholders
- Enhancing education packages and toolkits
- Promoting waste prevention, reduction and diversion programs at community events
- Supporting disassembly and right-to-repair initiatives and events
- Advocating for expansion of EPR programs to include reuse and repair
- Developing partnerships to increase reuse and repair networks and programs

REPAIR CAFE



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Recycling Strategies

- Providing education and behaviour change programs that target organics diversion.
- Supporting use of compost in local government construction and operation projects.
- Expanding organics collection to commercial and multi-family sectors.
- Making recycling depots more accessible to residents.
- Developing mandates and options to divert more construction and demolition materials from disposal in landfills.
- Assessing options for diverting materials such as asphalt shingles, gypsum and fats, oils and greases (FOG).



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Waste Management Improvements

- Optimizing organics diversion from single-family homes
- Monitoring waste streams and programs through annual reports and waste characterization studies
- Develop landfill gas management systems at landfills
- Developing strategies to manage disaster debris
- Assessing emerging waste management technologies









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Planned Infrastructure and Programs

- Establishing a regional organics processing facility
- Constructing a transfer station(s) if an organics processing facility cannot be established
- Procuring equipment to operate facilities and programs
- Implementing planned scheduled activities at local landfills and transfer stations







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Disposal System Efficiency

- Coordinating with key stakeholders to share resources and optimize waste management services
- Addressing regulatory SWMP implementation requirements
- Exploring options to enhance disposal system efficiency
- Developing strategies for financial sustainability and asset management



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Solid Waste Management Plan Update

Welcome to the Solid Waste Management Plan Open House



Agenda:

6:05pm – 6:20 pm Solid Waste Management Plan Overview

6:20 pm – 6:30 pm Group Questions and Answers

6:30 pm – 7:30 pm Ask Questions, Comment



Solid Waste Management Plan Update

Presented by:

Lauren Quan, P. Eng., MPA

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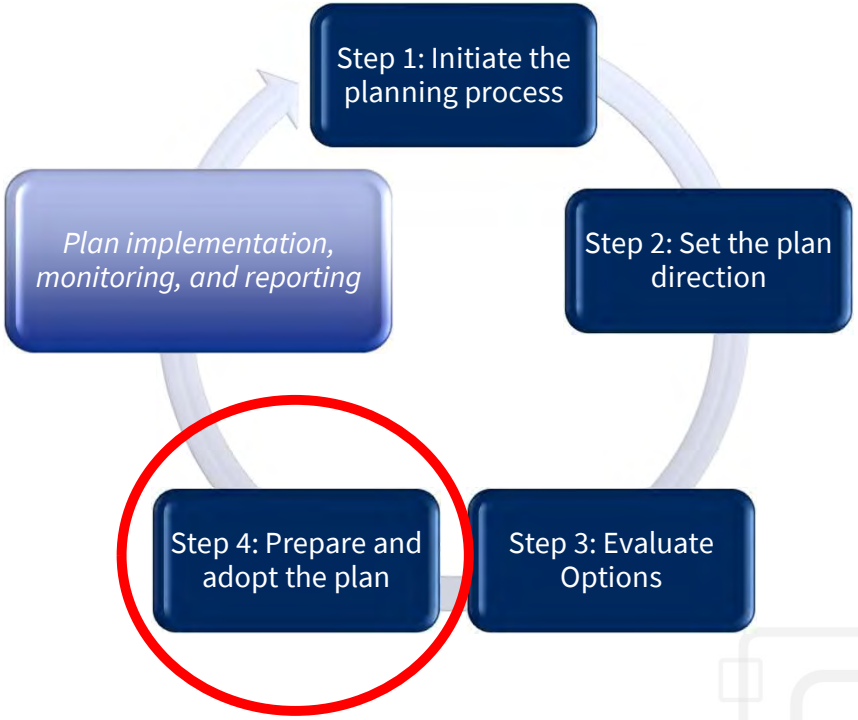
Solid Waste Management Plans

- Regional Districts are required to prepare Solid Waste Management Plans (SWMP) every 10 years
  - The SWMP is a framework to reduce waste and manage solid waste efficiently
- The SWMP:
  - Helps to ensure that waste is being managed responsibly
  - Guides waste reduction and solid waste activities
  - Prioritizes waste management programs and investments using the pollution prevention hierarchy
  - Identifies resources and implementation schedule for the initiatives in the SWMP



Solid Waste Management Planning Process

- Four-Step Planning Process
  - BC Ministry of Environment and Parks
- Steps
  - 1. Initiation
  - 2. Set direction
  - 3. Evaluate options
  - 4. Prepare and adopt plan
- Engagement
  - Advisory Committees
  - Public Consultation Phases (3)
  - Collaborator Meetings

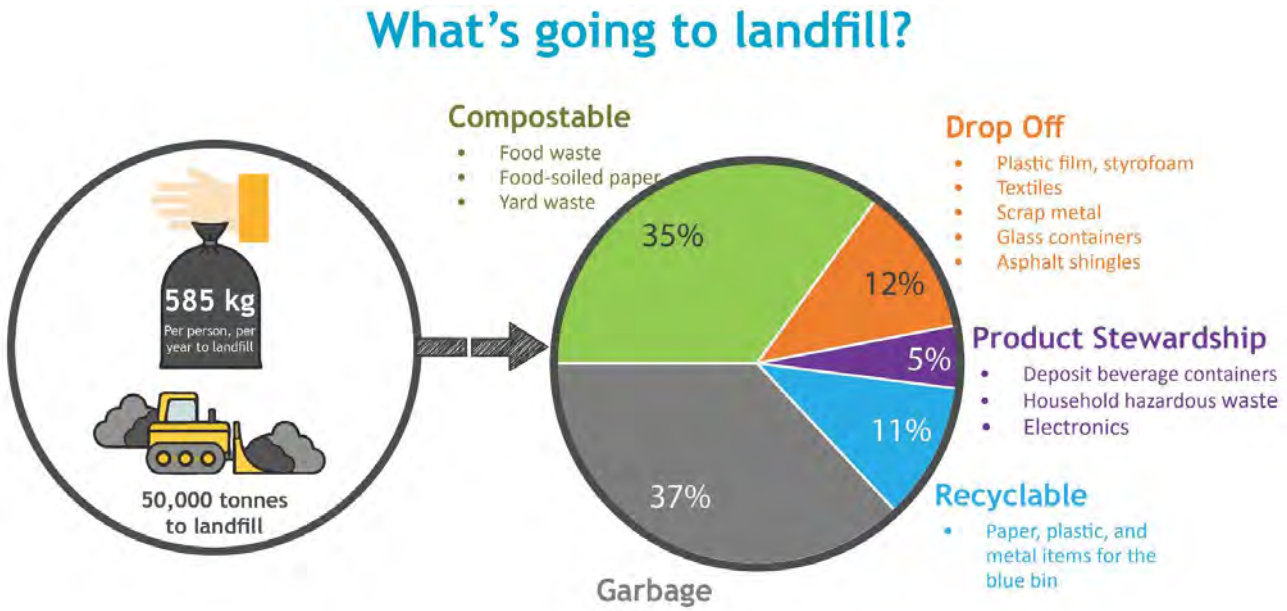


What is municipal solid waste?

- **Municipal Solid Waste (MSW)**
  - Refuse that originates from residential, commercial, institutional, demolition, land clearing or construction sources
  - **Includes all materials:** garbage, recyclables, food waste, yard waste, etc.
  - **Does not include:** heavy industry, hazardous waste, biomedical waste, agricultural or forestry waste



What's in the waste?



- The region generates approximately 96,500 tonnes of solid waste each year.
- Nearly 50% of this material is recycled.
- Remaining 50,000 tonnes of waste is disposed of in landfills annually (585 kg for each person living in the RDOS).

Local Management of Municipal Solid Waste

- Community-wide Yard Sales
- Municipal Collection Services
  - **Garbage, Recycling, and Yard Waste Collection**
- Recycling Services
  - J&C Bottle Depot (Temporarily Closed)
  - London Drugs
  - Return-It
  - Metal Recycling and Salvage (Action Steel Sales)



Electoral Areas "I" (Kaleden and St Andrews)
Wednesday Curbside Collection July 2025 to June 2026
Garbage collected every Wednesday

#	Garbage
#	Recycling & Garbage
#	Yard Waste & Garbage
#	Unlimited Yard Waste Only & Garbage

Local Management of Municipal Solid Waste

- Landfills
  - **Campbell Mountain Landfill**
    - Estimated Capacity ~86 years at current disposal
    - Accepts waste from residents and businesses
  - **Okanagan Falls Sanitary Landfill**
    - Estimated Capacity ~30 years at current disposal
    - Focuses on Demolition and Construction waste recycling.



Solid Waste Management Plan



SWMP Guiding Principles

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SWMP Goals

RDOS Target



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- **Optimize disposal efficiency** across the regional district with a focus on financial sustainability of solid waste services.
- **Increase collaboration** with community partners and member municipalities to support the development of local solutions.

Key Aspects of the SWMP



Reduce, Reuse and Repair



Recycling, Organics, and Construction, Demolition, and Renovation Waste Diversion



Waste Management Practice Improvements



Disposal System Efficiency and Financial Sustainability



Planned Infrastructure and Program Supports

Highlights

Planned Infrastructure and Program Supports

What does the SWMP say?

Establish a regional organics processing facility.

- Construct the planned Regional Organics Processing Facility adjacent to the Campbell Mountain Landfill.
- Develop and implement operating plans, contracts, and procedures required to effectively operate the facility.

- If required, construct organic waste transfer infrastructure at existing solid waste facilities and coordinate access to organics processing capacity.

How does this affect you?

For Kaleden residents:

- In future, organics collection could include food scraps. Organics collection could be changed to weekly with garbage collected ever-other-week.

Highlights



Recycling, Organics, and C&D Waste Diversion

What does the SWMP say?

Expand organics collection to commercial and multi-family sectors.

- Provide educational materials, collaborate between jurisdictions, expand services, provide technical support, accept non-residential materials at a regional organics facility.

Develop mandates and options to divert more construction and demolition materials from disposal in landfills.

- Mandate deposits within the building permit system, multi-stream bins.
- Increase tipping fees to support markets for material recycling.

How does this affect you?

For businesses / organizations / multi-family buildings:

- Access to educational materials.
- Future access to organics collection and drop-off facilities.

For individuals / Construction and Demolition sector:

- Possible changes to bylaws to promote deconstruction over demolition (pre 1950's buildings).
- Mandatory waste diversion in Construction and Demolition .

Highlights



Waste Management Practice Improvements



Disposal System Efficiency and Financial Sustainability

What does the SWMP say?

Develop a Disaster Debris Management Plan:

- Collaborate on a plan including all municipalities and electoral areas that will direct the approach to disaster debris management to minimize future costs and delays in recovery.

Optimize and harmonize waste disposal system infrastructure:

- Conduct a study to rationalize waste disposal infrastructure by consolidating landfill services and closing or transitioning some of the existing facilities to transfer stations.

How does this affect you?

For residents:

- Confidence that there is a plan to manage debris after a disaster.

For businesses:

- Opportunities to engage in contracts in case of an emergency.

For residents and businesses:

- Potential changes to services/hours at facilities aimed to balance cost, convenience, and environmental performance.
- Potential facility closures.

Financial Implications of the SWMP



- No new significant capital projects (**all capital projects based on 2011 SWMP and landfill DOCPs**).
- Over the life of the plan the **RDOS is expected to spend approximately $700,000** (average $70,000 per year) and will require additional staff members (average of 0.9 FTE per year).

Have Your Say

- **Submit** a comment card.
- **Indicate** your support.
- **Ask** questions.
- Visit rdosregionalconnections.ca to **read the SWMP** and **submit comments**.

Mingle and Ask Questions





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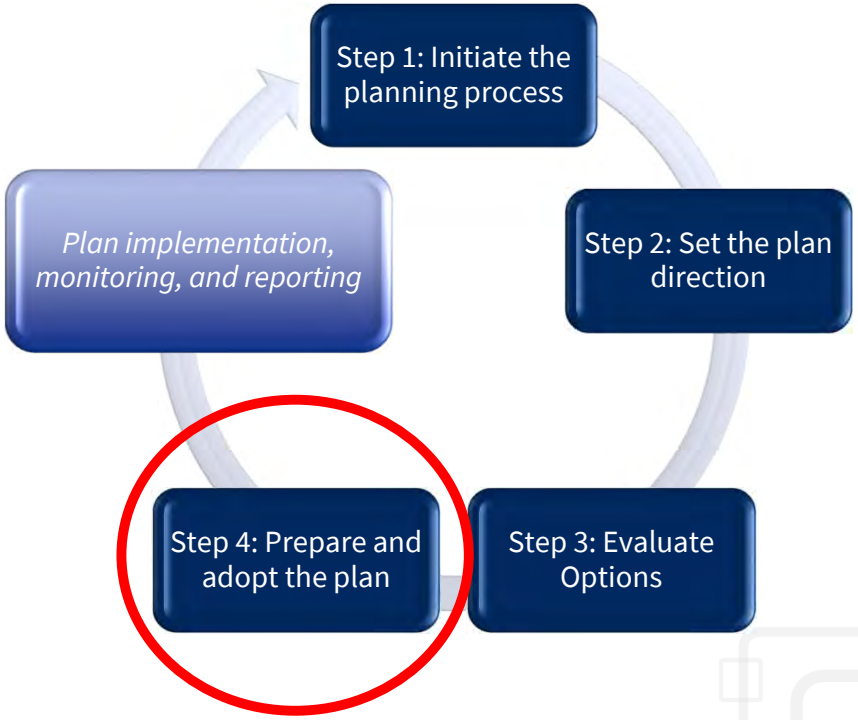
Solid Waste Management Plans

- Regional Districts are required to prepare Solid Waste Management Plans (SWMP) every 10 years
  - The SWMP is a framework to reduce waste and manage solid waste efficiently
  - Member municipalities, First Nations communities, electoral areas are all key stakeholders
- The SWMP:
  - Guides waste reduction and solid waste activities
  - Prioritizes waste management programs and investments using the pollution prevention hierarchy
  - Identifies resources and implementation schedule for the initiatives in the SWMP



Solid Waste Management Planning Process

- Four-Step Planning Process
  - BC Ministry of Environment and Parks
- Steps
  - 1. Initiation
  - 2. Set direction
  - 3. Evaluate options
  - 4. Prepare and adopt plan
- Engagement
  - Advisory Committees
  - Public Consultation Phases (3)
  - Collaborator Meetings

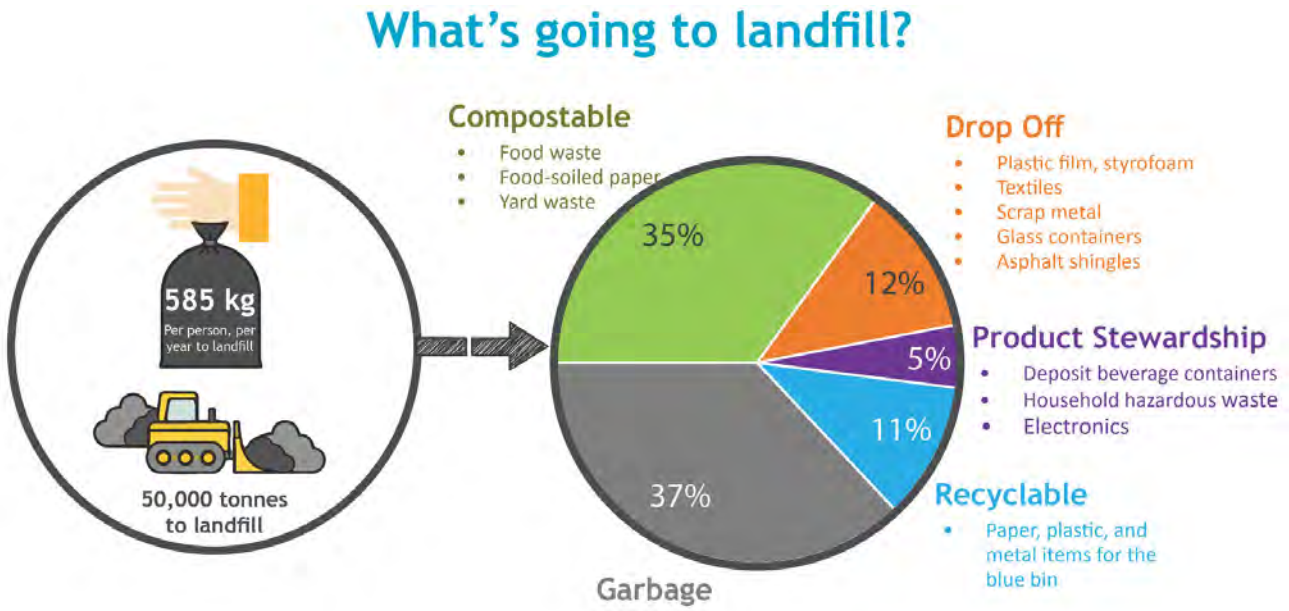


What is municipal solid waste?

- **Municipal Solid Waste (MSW)**
  - Refuse that originates from residential, commercial, institutional, demolition, land clearing or construction sources
  - **Includes all materials:** garbage, recyclables, food waste, yard waste, etc.
  - **Does not include:** heavy industry, hazardous waste, biomedical waste, agricultural or forestry waste



What's in the waste?



- The region generates approximately 96,500 tonnes of solid waste each year.
- Nearly 50% of this material is recycled.
- Remaining 50,000 tonnes of waste is disposed of in landfills annually (585 kg for each person living in the RDOS).

Solid Waste Management in Penticton

- Municipal and Private Collection Services:
  - Garbage, Recycling, and Yard Waste Collection
- Self-Haul Facilities
  - J&C Bottle Depot
  - London Drugs
  - Return-It
  - Metal Recycling and Salvage (Action Steel Sales)
  - Campbell Mountain Landfill





Solid Waste Management in Penticton

- Waste Disposal
  - Campbell Mountain Landfill
    - ~86 years of space remaining
    - Leased to the RDOS until 2035
    - Services 47,000 people
    - Planned projects include construction of a biocover and future landfill expansion.
- Composting/Recycling
  - City of Penticton Compost Facility (Campbell Mountain Landfill)





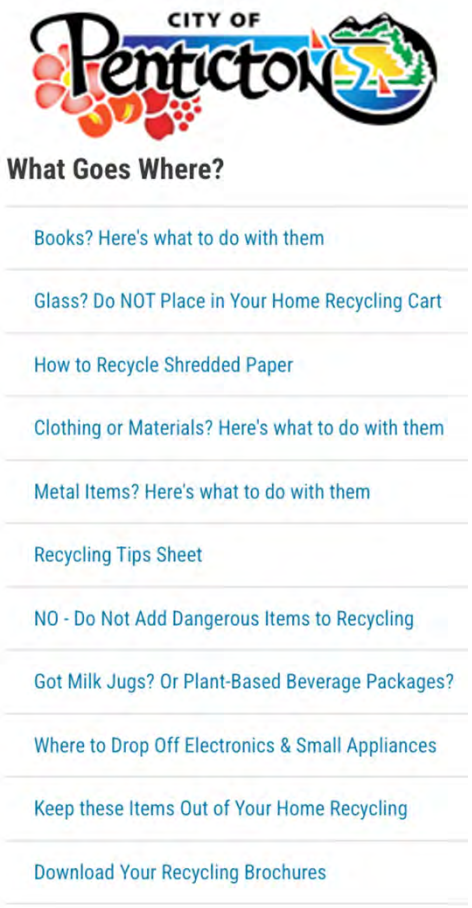
Solid Waste Management in Penticton

- Support for Waste Diversion, Communication, and Education
  - Penticton Area Cooperative Enterprises
    - —Electronics repair/sales and recycle
    - —Mattress recycling, some deconstruction
  - Habitat for Humanity ReStore



Solid Waste Management in Penticton

- City of Penticton
  - Environmental Outreach Ambassadors (2)
    - Conduct curbside recycling audits
    - Implement recycling education @ schools
  - Educational materials and campaigns for additional recycling items ('What goes where')
    - Book recycling program @ Penticton Library won Gold Quill Award
  - Annual education outreach activities include multi-media and in-person approach such as at the Farmer's Market
  - Solid Waste Coordinator





In-School Recycling Presentations



Our Sustainability Coordinator is providing recycling presentations to classrooms and other organized groups throughout Penticton. This is a 45-minute discussion, providing tips and tricks about how to recycle better.

Solid Waste Management Plan



SWMP Guiding Principles

Waste Prevention	Prevent organics and recyclables from going into the garbage whenever practical.
Zero Waste	Promote zero waste approaches and support a circular economy.
Polluter Pays	Support polluter and user-pay approaches and manage incentives to maximize behaviour outcomes.
Cost Optimization	Optimize cost management over time considering short- and long- term financial considerations.
Collaborative Partnerships	Develop collaborative partnerships with interested parties to achieve regional targets set in plans.
Regional Collaboration	Collaborate with other regional districts whenever practical.
Resource Recovery	Maximize beneficial use of waste materials and manage residuals appropriately.

SWMP Goals

RDOS Target



- **Explore** and support local waste **reduction, reuse, and repair** initiatives across the region.
- **Increase diversion of organics**, recycling materials, and construction, demolition and renovation waste materials to achieve a regional waste disposal target of 450 kg/capita per year by 2036.
- **Reduce improper disposal** and waste management practices, including illegal dumping and contamination of waste diversion streams.
- **Optimize disposal efficiency** across the regional district with a focus on financial sustainability of solid waste services.
- **Increase collaboration** with community partners and member municipalities to support the development of local solutions.

Key Aspects of the SWMP

- Reduce, Reuse and Repair
- Recycling, Organics, and C&D Waste Diversion
- Waste Management Practice Improvements
- Disposal System Efficiency and Financial Sustainability
- Planned Infrastructure and Program Supports

Highlights



Planned Infrastructure and Program Supports

What does the SWMP say?

Establish a regional organics processing facility.

- Construct the planned Regional Organics Processing Facility adjacent to the Campbell Mountain Landfill.
- Develop and implement operating plans, contracts, and procedures required to effectively operate the facility.

- If required, construct organic waste transfer infrastructure at existing solid waste facilities and coordinate access to organics processing capacity.

How does this affect your community?

Access to **organics processing capacity** :

- Expand collection programs and look to move to every-other-week garbage collection.

Highlights



Recycling, Organics, and C&D Waste Diversion

What does the SWMP say?

Expand organics collection to commercial and multi-family sectors.

- Provide educational materials, collaborate between jurisdictions, expand services, provide technical support, accept non-residential materials at a regional organics facility.

Develop mandates and options to divert more construction and demolition materials from disposal in landfills.

- Mandate deposits within the building permit system, multi-stream bins.
- Increase tipping fees to support markets for material recycling.

How does this affect your community?

- Access to **educational materials** from the RDOS and other member municipalities.
- Consider **expanding collection services** to include businesses and multi-family.

- Possible **bylaw changes** to promote deconstruction over demolition (pre-1950's buildings). (Support for development from RDOS.)
- **Mandatory waste diversion** in Construction and Demolition .
- **Enforcement.**

Highlights

Waste Management Practice Improvements

Disposal System Efficiency and Financial Sustainability

LET'S TALK less trash
REDUCE • REUSE • RECYCLE • COMPOST

<u>What does the SWMP say?</u>

Develop a Disaster Debris Management Plan:

- Collaborate on a plan including all municipalities and electoral areas that will direct the approach to disaster debris management to minimize future costs and delays in recovery.

Optimize and harmonize waste disposal system infrastructure:

- Conduct a study to rationalize waste disposal infrastructure by consolidating landfill services and closing or transitioning some of the existing facilities to transfer stations.

<u>How does this affect your community?</u>

- Contribute to disaster debris planning.
- Collaborative procurement of emergency support services.
- Collective planning for staging/storage areas.

- Consider operations/ownership of the Campbell Mountain Landfill.
- Opportunity to review all the facilities in the RDOS and decide what to operate.

Financial Implications of the SWMP

- No new significant capital projects (**all capital projects based on 2011 SWMP and landfill DOCPs**).
- Over the life of the plan the **RDOS is expected to spend approximately $700,000** (average $70,000 per year) and will require additional staff members (average of 0.9 FTE per year).
- Expected municipal costs:
  - Staff time to implement programs such as education for curbside collections, bylaw changes, and enforcement. Staff hours will depend on which initiatives the City adopts.
  - Increased collection/process costs to include organics collection.

Borrowing to Support Continuity in Essential Services

- Once approved the plan provides the authority for the RDOS or member municipalities to **borrow up to $8 Million to purchase or lease the equipment necessary to operate essential services**.
  - Operation by the Town of Princeton of the Princeton Landfill and Recycle Depot.
  - Curbside garbage, yard waste, and recycling collection by the RDOS and member municipalities.
  - Waste hauling between regional transfer stations and landfills.

Request

- **Adopt a resolution** supporting the Solid Waste Management Plan to be included in the RDOS' submission to the Ministry of Environment and Parks.
- **Provide comments** on the Plan to RDOS.
- **Provide any additional information** that should be included in the Plan.

Questions?



APPENDIX E

FIRST NATIONS COMMUNICATIONS

Nov. 14, 2023

File No.5330.20 SWMP

Chief and Council
Upper Similkameen Indian Band
161 Snaza'ist Drive
PO Box 220
Hedley, BC V0X 1K0

To whom it may concern:

RE: Solid Waste Management Plan

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For further information, please call Andrew Reeder, RDOS Senior Manager of Solid waste at 250-490-4131 or email areeder@rdos.bc.ca.

Respectfully,

Mark Pendergraft, Chair
Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen

Nov. 14, 2023

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Chief and Council
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841 Westhills Dr.
Penticton, BC V2A 0E8

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Nov. 14, 2023

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Chief and Council
Osoyoos Indian Band
Development Corporation
1155 SenPokChin Blvd
Oliver, BC V0H 1T8

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10/14/2023	Andrew Reeder	PIB	Chief and Council Penticton Indian Band 841 Westhills Dr. Penticton BC V2A 0E8	Letter	Seek engagement and invitation to join the Public Advisory Committee or Technical Advisory Committee		Yes
10/14/2023	Andrew Reeder	OIB	Chief and Council Osoyoos Indian Band Development Corporation 1155 SenPokChin Blvd Oliver, BC V0H 1T5	Letter	Seek engagement and invitation to join the Public Advisory Committee or Technical Advisory Committee		Yes
10/14/2023	Andrew Reeder	LSIB	Chief and Council Lower Similkameen Indian Band PO Box 100 Keremeos, BC VOX 1NO	Letter	Seek engagement and invitation to join the Public Advisory Committee or Technical Advisory Committee		Yes
10/14/2023	Andrew Reeder	USIB	Chief and Council Upper Similkameen Indian Band 161 Snaza'ist Drive PO Box 220 Hedley, BC VOX 1KO	Letter	Seek engagement and invitation to join the Public Advisory Committee or Technical Advisory Committee		Yes
1/16/2025	Allen Fillion	PIB	Chief and Council Penticton Indian Band 841 Westhills Dr. Penticton BC V2A 0E8 ewray@pib.ca rtrimble@pib.ca	Letter/Email	Seek engagement and invitation to join and participate in the SWMP workshops, in-person meeting to discuss new ideas and options		Yes
1/16/2025	Allen Fillion	LSIB	Chief and Council Lower Similkameen Indian Band PO Box 100 Keremeos, BC VOX 1NO communications@lsib.net	Letter/Email	Seek engagement and invitation to join and participate in the SWMP workshops, in-person meeting to discuss new ideas and options		Yes
1/16/2025	Allen Fillion	USIB	Chief and Council Upper Similkameen Indian Band 161 Snaza'ist Drive PO Box 220 Hedley, BC VOX 1KO sandra.allan-wagnitz@usib.ca saisha.wagnitz@usib.ca	Letter/Email	Seek engagement and invitation to join and participate in the SWMP workshops, in-person meeting to discuss new ideas and options		Yes
1/16/2025	Allen Fillion	OIB	Chief and Council Osoyoos Indian Band Development Corporation 1155 SenPokChin Blvd Oliver, BC VOH ITS aanderson@oib.ca myrah.baptiste@gmail.com	Letter/Email	Seek engagement and invitation to join and participate in the SWMP workshops, in-person meeting to discuss new ideas and options		Yes
1/28/2025	Allen Fillion	OIB	Amanda Anderson aanderson@oib.ca	Email	Responded to OIB's invitation to present in-person		Yes
1/31/2025	Allen Fillion	OIB	Amanda Anderson aanderson@oib.ca	Phone call	Follow-up call to finalize the in-person meeting		Yes
2/18/2025	Allen Fillion/Tetra Tech	OIB	OIB Council	In-person	SWMP Presentation	Access to landfills. Impacts on the environment.	Yes
3/12/2025	Allen Fillion	OIB	Amanda Anderson aanderson@oib.ca	Email	Sent information and documents requested by OIB		No
2/11/2026	Allen Fillion	OIB	Amanda Anderson <aanderson@oib.ca>; Teresa Anderson <tanderson@oib.ca>; OIB-Referrals <referrals@oib.ca>	Email	Request input on the draft SWMP and to present to Chief and Council		Yes
2/11/2026	Allen Fillion	USIB	Sandra Allan-Wagnitz (USIB) <sandra.allan-wagnitz@usib.ca>; Saisha Wagnitz (USIB) <saisha.wagnitz@usib.ca>	Email	Request input on the draft SWMP and to present to Chief and Council		Yes

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2/11/2026	USIB	Allen Fillion	Sandra Allan-Wagnitz <Sandra.Allan-Wagnitz@usib.ca>	Email	USIB (Sandra) replied to contact USIB Executive Assistant, Elena Snow to coordinate a suitable meeting date that aligns with the Chief and Council availability		Yes
2/13/2026	Allen Fillion	USIB	Elena Snow <ea@usib.ca>	Email	Emailed Elena Snow to coordinate a meeting with the Chief and Council between Mar. 16 and Mar. 27 or whichever date USIB C&C prefers		Yes
2/27/2026	Allen Fillion	USIB	Elena Snow <ea@usib.ca>	Email	Sent a follow-up email to coordinate a suitable meeting date with the USIB's C&C		Yes
3/9/2026	USIB	Allen Fillion	Elena Snow <ea@usib.ca>	Email	USIB (Elena) sent an email to inform that USIB recently had an election and that the new C&C will have yet to meet. A follow-up email will be sent to RDOS to inform the dates that best suited for the USIB C&C		Yes
2/11/2026	Allen Fillion	LSIB	Communications LSIB <communications@lsib.net>	Email	Request input on the draft SWMP and to present to Chief and Council		Yes
2/11/2026	LSIB	Allen Fillion	LSIB Communications <communications@lsib.net>	Email	Email acknowledgement that the RDOS request has been forwarded to the Chief and LSIB Council (C&C) for discussion and scheduling		Yes
2/27/2026	Allen Fillion	LSIB	LSIB Communications <communications@lsib.net>	Email	Sent a follow-up email to coordinate a suitable meeting date with the LSIB's C&C		Yes
2/28/2026	LSIB	Allen Fillion	LSIB Communications <communications@lsib.net>	Email	Email from LSIB that the request is again forwarded to the LSIB C&C		Yes
2/11/2026	Allen Fillion	PIB	Elizabeth Wray <ewray@pib.ca>;	Email	Request input on the draft SWMP and to present to Chief and Council		Yes
2/12/2026	PIB	Allen Fillion	Richard Trimble <rtrimble@pib.ca>	Email	PIB replied with the Chief and Council meeting dates in March		Yes
2/12/2026	Allen Fillion	PIB	Richard Trimble <rtrimble@pib.ca>	Email	Allen replied with a preference to present on March 17th, 10am		Yes
2/18/2026	PIB	Allen Fillion	Richard Trimble <rtrimble@pib.ca>	Email	PIB provisionally put RDOS on their March 17 meeting agenda (10am) and inform us to send the copy of presentation before March 13.		No
3/10/2026	PIB	Allen Fillion	Richard Trimble <rtrimble@pib.ca>	Email	PIB reached to get the list of RDOS attendees to the Chief and Council meeting and confirmed that 10am, March 17th is allotted for RDOS		Yes
3/10/2026	Venus Atienza	PIB	snpink'tn Council Assistant <cc.assistant@pib.ca>	Email	Replied with the list of attendees and sent a copy of the Draft SWMP and the presentation slides		No
3/13/2026	Venus Atienza	PIB	snpink'tn Council Assistant <cc.assistant@pib.ca>	Email	Sent an email to confirm the location of the Chief and Council meeting		No
3/13/2026	PIB	Venus Atienza	snpink'tn Council Assistant <cc.assistant@pib.ca>	Email	Sent the meeting location		No
3/17/2026	Allen Fillion/ Venus Atienza/ Joni Reimer/ Tetra Tech	PIB	snpink'tn Council Assistant <cc.assistant@pib.ca>	In-person	Draft SWMP Presentation	Illegal dumping challenges and need for more waste education and knowledge. Partnership on communication and education to include indigenous language and knowledge in future programs. Partnership for future organics processing.	No
4/10/2026	Allen Fillion	USIB	PIB Chief and Council	Email	Sent a follow-up email to coordinate a suitable meeting date with the USIB's C&C		Yes
4/10/2026	USIB	Allen Fillion	Elena Snow <ea@usib.ca>	Email	Sent an email to confirm if a virtual meeting on April 24, 1:30pm works		Yes
4/10/2026	Venus Atienza	USIB	Elena Snow <ea@usib.ca>	Email	Confirmed RDOS and Tetra Tech's availability for a virtual meeting (Apr.24, 1:30pm) and sent a copy of the draft SWMP		No
4/14/2026	USIB	RDOS	Elena Snow <ea@usib.ca>	Email	Sent a virtual meeting placeholder		No
4/17/2026	Venus Atienza	USIB	Elena Snow <ea@usib.ca>	Email	Sent an email to confirm if an advance copy of the presentation slides is required		No
4/20/2026	USIB	Venus Atienza	Elena Snow <ea@usib.ca>	Email	Sent an email to confirm if an advance copy of the presentation slides is required		No
4/23/2026	Tetra Tech (Lauren)	USIB	Elena Snow <ea@usib.ca>	Email	Send a copy of the presentation slides		No
4/23/2026	USIB	Tetra Tech (Lau	Elena Snow <ea@usib.ca>	Email	Confirm receipt of the presentation slides		No
4/10/2026	Allen Fillion	LSIB	Elena Snow <ea@usib.ca>	Email	Sent a follow-up email to coordinate a suitable meeting date with the LSIB's C&C		Yes

Date	From	To	Indigenous Community	Medium	Communication Description	Nature of Concern	Follow-up required?
4/10/2026	LSIB	Allen Fillion	LSIB Communications <communications@lsib.net>	Email	LSIB (Justin) replied that he will reach out to LSIB C&C in-person instead of forwarding the email to them.		Yes
4/10/2026	LSIB	Allen Fillion	LSIB Communications <communications@lsib.net>	Email	LSIB (Justin) sent a Briefing Note to be filled out and mentioned that the earliest available date for meeting with the LSIB C&C is on May 12th		Yes
4/10/2026	Venus Atienza	LSIB	LSIB Communications <communications@lsib.net>	Email	Sent the filled up Briefing Note and confirmed that RDOS is agreeable to the May 12th meeting date. Also sent a copy of the draft SWMP.		Yes
4/10/2026	LSIB	Venus Atienza	LSIB Communications <communications@lsib.net>	Email	Confirm receipt of the Briefing Note and the draft SWMP, forwarded it to the EA to the C&C, and informed that meeting date and time is yet to be finalized and will advise RDOS.		No
4/24/2026	Allen Fillion/ Venus Atienza/ Tetra Tech	USIB	LSIB Communications <communications@lsib.net>	Virtual meeting	Draft SWMP Presentation		No
4/24/2026	USIB	Allen Fillion	USIB Chief and Council	Email	Formal written comments on the draft SWMP	Late engagement did not allow for meaningful involvement in decision-making. Capacity funding is needed to support meaningful participation. Importance of environmental protection in infrastructure development and operational changes. Interest in future joint plan development. First Nations Land Guardians' roles in initiatives and importance of ensuring they don't have to pay for clean-ups. Ensuring appropriate responsibilities for illegal dumping and clean-up costs.	Yes
5/1/2026	Venus Atienza	LSIB	Sandra Allan-Wagnitz <Sandra.Allan-Wagnitz@usib.ca>	Email	Follow-up email to confirm the May 12th meeting date and to provide the specific time and location		No
5/1/2026	LSIB	Venus Atienza	LSIB Communications <communications@lsib.net>	Email	Email response re: May 12th meeting is moved to May 19th, specific timeslot will be advised		No
5/13/2026	Allen Fillion	USIB	Sandra Allan-Wagnitz <Sandra.Allan-Wagnitz@usib.ca>	Email	Email response to USIB comments on the draft SWMP		No
5/14/2026	Venus Atienza	LSIB	LSIB Communications <communications@lsib.net>	Email	Follow-up email to confirm the May 19th meeting date and if it can be done virtually. List of attendees is also mentioned in the email		No
5/14/2026	LSIB	Venus Atienza	LSIB Communications <communications@lsib.net>	Email	Email response confirming that virtual meeting is fine		No
5/14/2026	Venus Atienza	LSIB	LSIB Communications <communications@lsib.net>	Email	Email request to LSIB to send the meeting invite within the week (by May 15) to hold the dates in the calendar.		No
5/14/2026	LSIB	Venus Atienza	Execassist LSIB <execassist@lsib.net>	Email	Send the Teams Meeting invite for May 19 (9am-4:30pm)		No
5/15/2026	Venus Atienza	LSIB	Execassist LSIB <execassist@lsib.net>	Email	Emailed Joanie (LSIB) to ask the specific time slot for the RDOS Draft SWMP presentation on the 19th		No
5/19/2026	Venus Atienza	LSIB	Execassist LSIB <execassist@lsib.net>, LSIB Communications <communications@lsib.net>	Email	Sent a follow-up email to ask for the specific time slot		No
5/19/2026	LSIB	Venus Atienza	LSIB Communications <communications@lsib.net>	Email	LSIB confirmed that the time slot for RDOS is at 1pm		No
5/19/2026	Kyle Gabelhei/ Venus Atienza/ Joanne Malar/ Tetra Tech	LSIB	LSIB Chief and Council	Virtual Meeting	Draft SWMP Presentation	Potential for partnership on organics processing in future. Illegal dumping on reserve lands and traditional territory. Potential role for Land Guardians in illegal dumping programs.	No

APPENDIX F

MUNICIPAL MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES
Committee of the Whole Meeting
9:30 AM - Tuesday, March 10, 2026
Council Chambers

PRESENT:	Mayor Coyne, Councillor Willis, Councillor McLean, and Councillor Elliott
Also in Attendance:	Chief Administrative Officer Lyle Thomas, Director of Corporate Services-Deputy Corporate Officer Carrie Kassa, and Director of Finance James Graham
ABSENT:	Councillor Gould Director of Economic Development Gary Schatz, Manager of Civic Works Jared Thomas, and Development Coordinator Mark McNaughton

Mayor Coyne acknowledged the Similkameen Valley on which we learn, work, and organize is the ancestral, traditional and unceded territory of the sməlq'míx People, and is home to the Upper Similkameen Indian Band.

1 CALL TO ORDER

1.1 **Mayor Coyne calls the March 10th, 2026 Committee of the Whole to order at 9:30 am.**

2 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

2.1 **March 10th, 2026 Committee of the Whole**

2026-001-RES
Moved by Councillor McLean
Seconded by Councillor Willis

THAT Council adopt the March 10th, 2026 Committee of the Whole agenda.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3 ADOPTION OF MINUTES-NONE

4 PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

4.1 Each delegation shall be limited to a fifteen (15) minute presentation unless a longer period is agreed to by a 2/3 majority vote of Council members present.

The Town of Princeton Council, by resolution carried unanimously, provides an opportunity for individuals to address Council, as per Delegations/Petitions, with regard to items included in the agenda, excluding bylaws in which a public hearing/consultation period has been held. Council reserves the right to refuse an individual to speak if that individual has spoken at previous meetings regarding an item. Individuals wishing to participate in this opportunity are required to put their

name on this list and reference the agenda item that is to be addressed. Each person will have a maximum of fifteen (15) minutes, at Council's discretion, to bring forward their comments.

4.2 **Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen**
Lauren Quan, P. Eng.,MPA from Tera Tech, along with Allen Fillion, Managing Director, Joni Reimer, Waste Reduction Coordinator, and Venus Moreno-Atienza, Engineering Technologist from the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen present to Council a draft Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP).

5 UNFINISHED BUSINESS-NONE

6 STAFF REPORTS-NONE

7 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVE AND FILE-NONE

8 CORRESPONDENCE ACTION REQUESTED-NONE

9 NEW BUSINESS

10 AGENDA CONCLUSION-NONE

11 AGENDA ADJOURNMENT

11.1 **March 10th, 2026 Committee of the Whole**

2026-002-RES
Moved by Councillor Elliott
Seconded by Councillor McLean

THAT the March 10th, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting of Council be adjourned at 10:00 am.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

These Minutes were adopted by Resolution of Council this 18th, day of March 2026

_____
Spencer Coyne, Mayor

_____
R. Lyle Thomas, Chief Administrative Officer

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE TOWN OF OLIVER

Date:	March 16, 2026
Location:	Council Chambers
Committee Members:	Mayor Johansen Councillor Grice Councillor Mattes Councillor Veintimilla Councillor Schafer Water Councillor Machial Water Councillor Dhaliwal N. Collerette-Reza, Senior Youth Councillor
Absent:	D. Crawford, Junior Youth Councillor
Staff:	W. Anderson, Chief Administrative Officer J. Kurvink, Chief Financial Officer P. Sizemore, Director of Development Services K. Mercer, Director of Operations C. Sheridan, Director of Recreation R. Lougheed, Corporate Officer B. Mader, Deputy Corporate Officer
Public:	6

A. CALL TO ORDER AT 4:34 PM

Councillor Veintimilla, Chair

B. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

C. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

C.1 Adoption

COW-20/2026
It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

D. ADOPTION OF PRIOR MINUTES

D.1 Adoption

COW-21/2026
It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the minutes of the February 23, 2026 Meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

E. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF PRIOR MINUTES

E.1 Youth Councillor Introduction

- Corporate Officer presented her report

Senior Youth Councillor Nathaël Collerette-Reza introduced himself, formally pledged his oath of office and shared his rationale for wanting to serve as a Youth Councillor for the Town of Oliver

F. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS

F.1 Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen - Solid Waste Management Plan

- Kyle Gabelhei, Manager Solid Waste Operations, Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen and Lauren Quan, Project Engineer, Tetratech presented to Council regarding the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen Solid Waste Management Plan which will be the framework to reduce waste and manage solid waste efficiently for the next 10 years.

G. WATER MATTERS

G.1 Drought Management Plan

- Director of Operations presented his report

- Dr. Nelson Jatel, Water Stewardship Director, Okanagan Basin Water Board presented to Council regarding the Okanagan Basin Water Board's regional approach for drought management in the Okanagan.

Discussion ensued.

COW-22/2026
It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Committee of the Whole refer back to staff for additional information.

CARRIED

G.2 Council Remuneration Policy

- Corporate Officer presented her report

Discussion ensued.

COW-23/2026
It was MOVED and SECONDED

The Committee of the Whole direct staff to advertise for a task force of five Oliver residents, including rural Water System users, to undertake a review of Council's remuneration package.

Against (4): Mayor Johansen, Councillor Mattes, Water Councillor Machial, and Water Councillor Dhaliwal

DEFEATED (4 to 3)

H. BUSINESS

H.1 Official Community Plan Phase II Engagement Summary

- Director of Development Services presented his report

Discussion ensued.

COW-24/2026
It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Committee of the Whole receive for information the Official Community Plan Phase II Engagement Summary as attached to the March 16, 2026, Committee of the Whole Agenda.

CARRIED

H.2 Sign Maintenance Bylaw Evaluation

- Director of Development Services presented his report

Discussion ensued.

COW-25/2026
It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Committee of the Whole direct staff to prepare amendments to the Sign Regulation Bylaw and the Bylaw Enforcement Notice Bylaw to clarify sign maintenance requirements and establish appropriate enforcement mechanisms including designated fines; and

That the Committee of the Whole direct staff to concurrently prepare amendments to the Bylaw Enforcement Notice Bylaw to address the lack of enforcement mechanisms for depositing filth, leaves, rubbish, discarded materials, or hazardous objects or materials onto Town property or highways.

CARRIED

Notice of Motion - Councillor Grice

- Councillor Grice presented her Notice of Motion regarding the maintenance of flags on private property.

I. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

I.1 An opportunity was provided for the audience to ask questions regarding matters discussed during the meeting.

J. ADJOURNMENT AT 6:08 PM

J.1 Adjournment

COW-26/2026
It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

CERTIFIED AS CORRECT

Chair

Corporate Officer

Regular Council Meeting

Minutes

March 17, 2026 at 1:00 P.m.
City of Penticton, Council Chambers
171 Main Street, Penticton, B.C.

Council Present:

- Mayor Bloomfield
- Councillor Watt
- Councillor Graham
- Councillor Gilbert
- Councillor Reynen
- Councillor Stewart

Council Absent:

- Councillor Miller

Staff Present:

- Anthony Haddad, City Manager
- Angie Collison, Corporate Officer
- Kristen Dixon, General Manager of Infrastructure
- Kelsey Johnson, General Manager of Community Services
- Julie Czeck, General Manager of Public Safety and Partnerships
- Cheryl Hardisty, Manager of Intergovernmental Relations
- Paula McKinnon, Deputy Corporate Officer
- Courtney Jones, Manager of Financial Planning
- Audrey Tanguay, Manager of Planning & Licensing

1.

Call Regular Council Meeting to Order

This item has Video

The Mayor called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2.

Introduction of Late Items

This item has Video

3.

Adoption of Agenda

This item has Video

- **67/2026**

  THAT Council Adopt the Agenda for the Regular Council Meeting held on March 17, 2026 as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.

Recess to Committee of the Whole

This item has Video

- **68/2026**

  THAT Council Recess to a Committee of the Whole meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.1

Call Committee of the Whole to Order

This item has Video

The Mayor called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

4.2

Adoption of Agenda

This item has Video

- THAT Council adopt the agenda for the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on March 17, 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.3

Delegations

4.3.1

Opening of Neighbourhood Small Grants, Food Security Summit Recap & Municipal Grants Program Update

This item has Video

Kim English, Community Foundation of the South Okanagan, provided Council with a presentation about the Neighbourhood Small Grants (NSG) Program which is now open to all residents of Penticton until April 17, 2026.
Kevin Ronaghan, Community Foundation of the South Okanagan, provided Council with a summary of CFSOS's recent food security summit as well as an overview of the 2026 Municipal grant program delivery outcomes.

4.3.2

Solid Waste Management Plan - Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen

Allen Fillion, Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen, and Lauren Quan, Tetra Tech, provided Council with an update on the Solid Waste Management Plan and requested that Council consider adopting a resolution supporting the Solid Waste Management Plan to be included in the RDOS' submission to the Ministry of Environment and Parks.

4.4

Adjourn to Regular Meeting of Council

This item has Video

- THAT Council adjourn the March 17, 2026 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.

Reconvene the Regular Council Meeting

This item has Video

Council Reconvened the Regular Council Meeting at 1:41 p.m.

6.

Adoption of Minutes

6.1
Minutes of the March 3, 2026 Regular Council Meeting
This item has Video

- **68/2026**

  THAT Council adopt the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of March 3, 2026 as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Consent Agenda

This item has Video

- **69/2026**

  THAT Council approve the Consent Agenda:
  1. February 24, 2026 Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes;
  2. February 27, 2026 Accessibility Committee Meeting Minutes; and
  3. March 3, 2026 Public Hearing Minutes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. Staff Reports

8.1
Request for Proposal: License to Use Area Located at 185 Lakeshore Drive West
This item has Video

- **70/2026**

  THAT Council direct staff to refer the proposed five-year renewal of the License to Use Agreement with Bishop's Snow and Marine Ltd. (operating as Pier Water Sports) to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee for their review and recommendation regarding the use of approximately 0.55 acres of Rotary Park

foreshore and the associated building for the operation of water-based leisure activities at market rate, plus CPI.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.2
Esplanade Renewal Plan: Phase 2 Public Engagement Results
This item has Video

- **71/2026**

  THAT Council receive into the record the report dated March 17, 2026, titled "Esplanade Renewal Plan: Phase 2 Public Engagement Results";
  AND THAT Council direct staff to include the following next steps into the draft Esplanade Renewal Plan in response to Phase 2 public engagement results:

  - Begin engineering design work towards creating a formal trail connection between the Esplanade and KVR trail;
  - Initiate the process to enable the development of a new building to support community and commercial uses (i.e. restaurant/retail/community meeting space), replacing the Yacht Club offices and current clubhouse/Rusty Anchor restaurant;
  - Investigate relocation options for the Penticton Tennis Club to provide improved facilities and focus the current area on non-motorized watercraft related uses, trailhead amenities, and enabling more public access to the area;
  - Designate the eastern natural beach as a "non-motorized watercraft beach" to support compatible uses in that location over the plan horizon, including the removal of the former yacht and tennis club building.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor Bloomfield declared a conflict of interest due to the owner being a previous client and left the meeting at 2:07 p.m.
Deputy Mayor Gilbert assumed the role of Chair.

8.3
Official Community Plan Amendment Application

This item has Video

Re: 434 Lakeshore Drive West

- **72/2026**

  THAT Council, following the Community Engagement for OCP Amendments Procedure, direct staff to commence public engagement for a proposed Official Community Plan Amendment to change the future land use designation on 434 Lakeshore Drive W from ‘Low Density Residential’ to ‘High Density Residential’ in support of future high density residential development.

  CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

  Mayor Bloomfield returned to the meeting at 2:13 p.m. and resumed the role of Chair.

9.
Public Question Period
This item has Video

10.
Recess to a Closed Council Meeting:
This item has Video

- **73/2026**

  THAT Council recess to a Closed Council Meeting pursuant to the provisions of the *Community Charter* as follows: *Section 90 (1)*
  (k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public; and Section 90 (2)
  (b) the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations
  (iii) between the municipality and a first nation or a prescribed Indigenous entity, or between a first nation or a prescribed Indigenous entity and a third party.

  CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting recessed to a Closed Meeting at 2:24 p.m.

11.

Reconvene the Regular Council Meeting following the Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m.

This item has Video

The Regular Council Meeting reconvened at 6:08 p.m.

12.

Bylaws and Permits

12.1

Business License Bylaw No. 2026-01, Municipal Ticketing Information Amendment Bylaw No. 2026-02, Bylaw Notice Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 2026-03, Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2026-04, and Inter-Community Business Licence Bylaw No. 2026-05

This item has Video

Delegations/Submissions:
- Frank Conci, thoughts included in submitted letter, opportunity to reconsider bylaw fees changes for short term rentals, revert back to original business license level.

- **74/2026**

  THAT Council adopt "Business License Bylaw No. 2026-01";
  AND THAT Council adopt "Municipal Ticketing Information Amendment Bylaw No. 2026-02";
  AND THAT Council adopt Bylaw Notice Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 2026-03";
  AND THAT Council give second and third reading to "Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2026-04";
  AND THAT Council adopt Inter-Community Business License Bylaw No. 2026-05".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.2

Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 2026-07 and Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2026-08

This item has Video

Re: Pro-Active Planning Additional Updates

- **75/2026**

  THAT Council adopt "Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 2026-07";
  AND THAT Council adopt "Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2026-08".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.3
Tenant Protection Bylaw No. 2026-12, Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 2026-13 and Development Procedures and Delegation Amendment Bylaw No. 2026-14
This item has Video

- **76/2026**

  THAT Council adopt "Tenant Protection Bylaw No. 2026-12";
  AND THAT Council adopt "Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 2026-13";
  AND THAT Council adopt "Development Procedures and Delegation Amendment Bylaw No. 2026-14".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.4
Firehalls Replacement and Upgrades Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 2026-15
This item has Video

- **77/2026**

  THAT Council adopt "Firehalls Replacement and Upgrades Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 2026-15".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.5
Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2026-16 and Development Variance Permit PL2025-10059

This item has Video

Re: 251 Comox Street, 1013 Westminster Avenue West, 997 Westminster Avenue West and 998 Burnaby Avenue

- **78/2026**

  THAT Council adopt "Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2026-16";
  AND THAT Council approve "Development Variance Permit PL2025-10059".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.
Notice of Motion

13.1
Notice of Motion introduced by Councillor Stewart for consideration:
This item has Video

- **79/2026**

  THAT Council send a letter to the Province of British Columbia requesting that municipalities are exempt from the 7% provincial sales tax on professional services.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14.
Business Arising
This item has Video

15.
Public Question Period
This item has Video

16.
Council Round Table
This item has Video

17.

Adjournment

This item has Video

The Regular Council Meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

- **80/2026**

  THAT Council adjourn the March 17, 2026 Regular meeting of Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TOWN OF OSOYOOS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MARCH 24, 2026

A. CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: Acting Mayor King
Councillors Bennett, Cheong, and Poturica

STAFF: Marg Coulson, Director of Corporate Services (Corporate Officer)
Shannon Duong, Planner
Nicolette Keith, Director of Financial Services
Amy Robinson, Deputy Corporate Officer

Acting Mayor King called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND LATE ITEMS

1. **Moved by Councillor Cheong**
Seconded by Councillor Poturica

THAT the Committee of the Whole agenda of March 24, 2026 be approved.

CARRIED

C. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Committee of the Whole minutes from March 10, 2026

Moved by Councillor Bennett
Seconded by Councillor Poturica

THAT the Committee of the Whole minutes of March 10, 2026 be adopted.

CARRIED

D. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None

E. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

1. Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen Solid Waste Management Plan
   - Presentation by Lauren Quan P. Eng., MPA from Tetra Tech

- Lauren Quan from Tetra Tech presented the Draft Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS) Solid Waste Management Plan.
- The RDOS is requesting a resolution or letter of support for the Solid Waste Management Plan.

F. STAFF REPORTS

1. Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) Block Exclusion - Additional Parcels for Inclusion in Block Exclusion Proposal
   - Report from Planner
   - AI-698

Moved by Councillor Cheong
Seconded by Councillor Poturica

THAT the following properties be included as part of an application to the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) to exclude non-agricultural parcels from the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) that was initiated by Council on December 9, 2025:
• Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, District Lot 2450S, SDYD, Plan KAP28375 (being 5, 6/8, 7, 9, 10, and 11 Wren Place);
• Lot 3, District Lot 2450S, SDYD, Plan KAP21683 (being 6806 97th Street); and
• An approximately 0.9 ha portion of the property described as Lot 1, District Lot 2450S, SDYD, Plan EPP128166 (being 9425 87th Street) immediately adjacent to Osoyoos Lake and Braeburn Place.

AND THAT staff give notice of this revised application in accordance with s. 29(2)(a) of the Agricultural Land Commission Act and s. 15 of the Agricultural Land Reserve General Regulation;

AND THAT staff give notice of the April 28, 2026 public hearing in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act.

CARRIED

G. TERMINATION OF MEETING

1. **Moved by Councillor Bennett**
Seconded by Councillor Cheong

THAT the meeting be terminated.

CARRIED

The meeting terminated at 9:42 AM.

APPROVED: **CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

Original signed by Acting Mayor James King

Original signed by Marg Coulson

ACTING MAYOR KING CORPORATE OFFICER

DISTRICT OF SUMMERLAND

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL
HELD AT DISTRICT OF SUMMERLAND
COUNCIL CHAMBERS / ELECTRONIC
MEETING
13211 HENRY AVENUE, SUMMERLAND, BC
ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2026

Members Present:	Mayor Doug Holmes Deputy Mayor Erin Trainer Councillor Richard Barkwill Councillor Doug Patan Councillor Janet Peake Councillor Marty Van Alphen
Members Absent:	Councillor Adrienne Betts
Staff Present:	Graham Statt, Chief Administrative Officer Kendra Kinsley, Director of Corporate Services/Corporate Officer David Svetlichny, Director of Finance* Julie McGuire, Director of Development Services** Joe Mitchell, Director of Works and Infrastructure* Lori Mullin, Director of Community Services* Jeremy Storvold, Director of Utilities* Rob Robinson, Fire Chief* Shannon Tooey, Planner I* Darren Krell, Bylaw Enforcement Officer II*

**denotes partial attendance*
*** denotes electronic participation*

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Mayor Holmes called the March 25, 2026 Regular Council Meeting to order at 1:00pm.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

No late items.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3.1 Adopt/Amend Agenda

R-2026-71

Moved and Seconded,

THAT the March 25, 2026 Regular Council Meeting Agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- *Items listed in the Consent Agenda are considered for approval in one motion, unless a member of Council wishes to debate an item and requests that it be excluded. If an item is excluded from the Consent Agenda it will be considered as an agenda item under Item 9 - Items Removed from Consent Agenda. The rule of order establishing a Consent Agenda provides that consent agenda items may be considered in total and without debate or amendment.*

4.1 Approval of Consent Agenda

R-2026-72
Moved and Seconded,

THAT the March 25, 2026 Regular Council Meeting Consent Agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

4.2 Adoption of Council Minutes:

R-2026-73
Moved and Seconded,

THAT the following Council Meeting minutes be adopted:

- ***March 3, 2026 Committee of the Whole***
- ***March 3, 2026 Regular Council Meeting***

CARRIED

4.3 Committee Minutes - No Items

4.4 Correspondence

a. City of Abbotsford - Request for Support - 2026 Proposed UBCM Resolutions
b. District of Peachland - Request for Support -2026 UBCM Resolution (Municipal PST Exemption)
c. RDOS - South Okanagan Sub-Regional Growth Strategy (RGS) Bylaw - Proposed Amendment
d. Village of Pouce Coupe - 2026 Proposed UBCM Resolutions
e. Town of View Royal - Judicial Review Coalition Update - Provincial Housing Legislation

R-2026-74
Moved and Seconded,

THAT the correspondence from the March 25, 2026 Regular Council Meeting be received for information.

CARRIED

4.5 Items for Information

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

5.1 The full Mayor's report is available in a written and recorded format on the District of Summerland website, www.summerland.ca.

6. CAO'S REPORT

6.1 The full CAO's report is available in a written and recorded format on the District of Summerland website, www.summerland.ca.

The Director of Works and Infrastructure answered questions from Council.

- noted that due to such little snowfall this year, some streets may only need one round of street sweeping; residents may sweep dirt to side of road to be collected by the sweeper.

7. DELEGATIONS

- *maximum 5 minutes per delegation and 4 delegations per Council meeting*
- *delegations cannot address: topics/issues that do not fall within the jurisdiction of Council; bylaws where a public hearing is to be held or required not to be held in accordance with the Local Government Act; matters subject to legal proceedings where a judgement has not yet been given; matters that are or have been the subject of a claim for damages against the District; matters that are or have been the subject of a bylaw enforcement action; matters related to publicly tendered contracts or proposal calls that have not yet been awarded; matters related to Staff or labour relations; applications, permits, or license not yet considered by Council; information considered in closed meetings (unless that information has been released); and the promotion of business).*

7.1 Community Foundation South Okanagan Similkameen (CFSOS)

Yuki Ihara and Kim English, CFSOS, presented the CFSOS Update - Summerland Impact to Council.

7.2 Garnet Valley Agri-Tourism Association (GVATA)

Doug Raftery, GVATA, presented the GVATA requests for additional funds in support of their judicial review against the issued Provincial mining permit and to be notified should the District receive a referral for another permit.

- noted that as of this morning, no appeal has been submitted nor has there been a request to extend the appeal period
- noted that the GVATA was not awarded costs through the/as a result of the judicial review

- noted that work has stopped on the property and equipment has been removed

7.3 Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen - Solid Waste Management Plan Update

Allen Fillion, RDOS, and Lauren Quan, Tetra Tech, presented the RDOS' Solid Waste Management Plan Update and answered questions from Council.

- clarified that British Columbia is lucky to have the Extended Producer Responsibility System which requires producers to pay a fee for packaging which is then put into a fund to be used for recycling programs across the province; noted that the challenge is that it is cheaper for producers to recycle rather than change practices
- clarified that the Plan does not currently advocate for the removal of plastic stickers on fruit but could be added should the District's wish

8. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY - 15 MINUTES MAXIMUM

- *maximum of 15 minutes in total and 2 minutes per speaker*
- *comments and questions must pertain to business items on the Agenda under items 9 and 18*
- *exception: no comments or questions on any item with a statutory requirement for public input, such as Zoning and OCP Amendments, Development Variance Permit, and Temporary Use Permit applications, or where a public hearing is not permitted to be held or waived in accordance with the Local Government Act*

8.1 Comments from Members of Public

No comments from Member of the Public.

9. BUSINESS ITEMS

9.1 2026 UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund – Emergency Support Services Equipment and Training Grant

R-2026-75
Moved and Seconded,

THAT the District of Summerland participate in a joint grant application with the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen, City of Penticton, Town of Princeton, Town of Oliver, Town of Osoyoos, Upper Similkameen Indian Band, Penticton Indian Band, Osoyoos Indian Band, and the Village of Keremeos to the UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund for Emergency Support Services Modernization and Training in the total amount of $300,000;

AND THAT the District of Summerland Council supports the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen to apply for, receive, and manage grant funding on behalf of the District of Summerland for emergency support services.

CARRIED

9.2 Capital Projects Update

R-2026-76
Moved and Seconded,

THAT the "Capital Projects Update" report from the Chief Administrative Officer, dated March 25, 2026, be received for information.

CARRIED

9.3 2026 Late Grant in Aid Requests

R-2026-77
Moved and Seconded,

THAT the late 2026 grant in aid application from the Summerland Secondary School Girl's Curling Team, in the amount of $500, be supported.

CARRIED

9.4 2027 Budget Timeline

R-2026-78
Moved and Seconded,

THAT the 2027 budget timeline, as attached to the Director of Finance's "2027 Budget Timeline" report dated March 25, 2026, be approved.

CARRIED

9.5 Living Memorial Park Interpretive Sign

R-2026-79
Moved and Seconded,

THAT District staff proceed with the production and installation of Option 1 design for the Living Memorial Park interpretive signage, as presented in the report titled "Living Memorial Park Interpretive Sign" from the Director of Community Services, dated March 25, 2026.

CARRIED

9.6 License of Occupation – Rotary Club Sunday Market

R-2026-80
Moved and Seconded,

THAT the Mayor and Corporate Officer be authorized to execute the license of occupation agreement with the Rotary Club of Summerland, as

included as Attachment 1 to the report 'License of Occupation – Rotary Club Sunday Market', dated March 3, 2026.

CARRIED

10. BYLAWS FOR ADOPTION

10.1 Building Bylaw Amendment (Appendix A) Bylaw No. 2026-009 - Adoption

R-2026-81
Moved and Seconded,

THAT Building Bylaw Amendment (Appendix A) Bylaw No. 2026-009 be adopted.

CARRIED

10.2 Election and Assent Voting Amendment Bylaw No. 2026-006 - Adoption

R-2026-82
Moved and Seconded,

THAT "Election and Assent Voting Amendment Bylaw No. 2026-026" be adopted.

CARRIED

11. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

12. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

12.1 **Close meeting to the public**

R-2026-83
Moved and Seconded,

THAT the March 25, 2026 Regular Council meeting be closed to the public, pursuant to Sections 90(1)(c), (e), (g) and (i) of the Community Charter for one or more of the following:

- ***labour relations or other employee relations;***
- ***the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality;***
- ***litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality;***
- ***the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.***

CARRIED

13. RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT

13.1 Recess Meeting

Mayor Holmes recessed the March 25, 2026 Regular Council Meeting at 3:28pm.

14. PUBLIC HEARING - NO PUBLIC HEARING

14.1 Public Hearing

15. RECONVENE THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING - 6:00PM

15.1 Reconvene the Meeting

Mayor Holmes reconvened the March 25, 2026 Regular Council Meeting at 6:00pm.

16. BYLAWS FROM PUBLIC HEARING

17. DELEGATIONS

- *maximum 5 minutes per delegation; 4 delegations per Council meeting*
- *Delegations cannot address: topics/issues that do not fall within the jurisdiction of Council; bylaws where a public hearing is to be held or required not to be held in accordance with the Local Government Act; matters subject to legal proceedings where a judgement has not yet been given; matters that are or have been the subject of a claim for damages against the District; matters that are or have been the subject of a bylaw enforcement action; matters related to publicly tendered contracts or proposal calls that have not yet been awarded; matters related to Staff or labour relations; applications, permits, or license not yet considered by Council; information considered in closed meetings (unless that information has been released); and the promotion of business).*

18. DEVELOPMENT REPORTS & BUSINESS ITEMS CONTINUED

18.1 TUP26-001 – 18420 Garnet Valley Road, Summerland

Councillor Peake entered Council Chambers at 6:02pm.

R-2026-84
Moved and Seconded,

THAT a Temporary Use Permit for 18420 Garnet Valley Road, legally described as Lot 2, District Lot 1178, Osoyoos Division, Yale District, Plan 9237, Except Plan EPP69723, be approved to allow for the temporary use of Contractor Service, General, for the exclusive purpose of Bartlett Tree Experts and for no other use, for a term of three (3) years, subject to the terms and conditions outlined in the permit.

CARRIED

Opposed: Councillor Barkwill

18.2 February 2026 Monthly Development Services Report

R-2026-85
Moved and Seconded,

THAT the February 2026 Monthly Development Services Report be received for information.

CARRIED

19. BUSINESS ARISING FROM COTW AND CLOSED SESSIONS

19.1 Recommendations/Resolutions Brought Forward

20. NOTICE OF MOTION

20.1 Notice of Motion

21. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

22. ADJOURNMENT

22.1 Adjourn Meeting

R-2026-86
Moved and Seconded,

THAT the March 25, 2026 Regular Council Meeting be adjourned at 6:26pm.

CARRIED

Certified Correct:

~~Corporate Officer~~ Mayor

~~Mayor~~ Corporate Officer

APPENDIX G

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GEOENVIRONMENTAL

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