

Working Together to Rethink Waste

The Capital Regional District (CRD) is developing a new Solid Waste Management Plan—the plan that guides how the region will manage solid waste in the coming years, including recyclables, compostable material and garbage from homes, businesses, institutions, as well as construction and demolition sites.

There have been significant changes to the way in which we think about and manage waste since the last plan was developed. Many more products, such as tires, electronics and used oil, can be returned to depots to be given new life.

We are more aware of the need to reduce our use of single use items, especially plastics. Capital region residents actively participate in blue box recycling and diversion programs for organic matter like food scraps and yard waste.

At the same time, we still produce a lot of garbage. Currently, about 140,000 tonnes of garbage is sent to Hartland Landfill each year. As our population grows and time goes by, we will eventually run out of space in the landfill.

A new plan will ensure we continue to manage solid waste in the best way possible and look to further expand efforts to reduce waste in the region.

The CRD Board has proposed principles, goals and objectives for the new plan. The aim is to reduce our waste from 380 kg per capita (2018 levels) to 250 kg per capita by 2030, a reduction of more than a third.



There are also 15 proposed strategies for the new plan, each with a series of actions, to help us reach this target by significantly reducing, reusing and recycling as much as possible, and extending the life of Hartland Landfill beyond 2100.

Managing Waste is a Shared Responsibility

The easiest way to reduce waste is to avoid purchasing or creating what we don't need. We also want to make sure products and materials don't end up in the landfill when we are done with them, but instead are reused and recycled into valuable new products. The ideal would be to get to zero waste, nothing wasted, although in practice this would be hard to achieve. There is a great deal that we can all do, as individuals, businesses and governments, to significantly reduce the amount of waste sent to the landfill.

Rethinking Waste: What's New?

Highlights of the proposed strategies include:



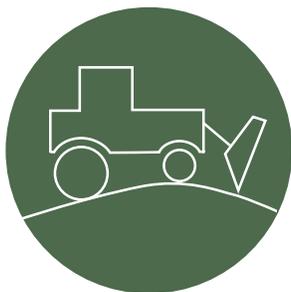
Reduce and Reuse

- Enhance education programs, with a focus on behaviour change to reduce and prevent waste
- Develop a new waste diversion incentive program to support community-based reduction initiatives



Recycling

- Promote depot recycling programs for materials that cannot be recycled at the curb (reviewed after two years)
- Increase diversion from the multi-family and business sectors that are serviced by private service providers
- Conduct an illegal dumping prevention campaign (reviewed after two years)
- Develop a comprehensive strategy for diverting construction, renovation and demolition materials



Recovery & Residuals Management

- Develop the Hartland 2100 design concept as a long-term vision of how to extend the landfill's capacity

Extending the Life of the Landfill

Even as we continuously work to reduce waste, there will always be some materials which will need to go to the landfill for disposal.

To ensure that there is enough landfill space to meet the capital region's needs now and into the future, the proposed Hartland 2100 design concept would enhance disposal capacity to ensure that it meets our needs for the next 80 years and beyond.

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