

Capital Regional District

Meeting Minutes

Solid Waste Advisory Committee

Friday, September 6, 2024

Compost Education Centre 1216 North Park Street Victoria, BC V8T 1C9

PRESENT: F. Baker, M. Coburn, B. Desjardins (Chair), M. Hauzer, E. Latta, D. Monsour, J. Oakley, C. Remington, J. Shaw, A. Sibley, K. Siefried, J. Smith, D. Thran R. Tooke (Vice-Chair),

STAFF: A. Chambers (Recorder), A. Campbell, D. Moghaddam, K. Master, N. Roberts

REGRETS: R. Anderson, C. Blanchard, S. Gose, E. Klimke, M. Kurschner, M. McCullough, R. Pirie, W. Stevens, S. Young Jr.

EP - Electronic Participation

The meeting was called to order at 12:35 pm.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

2. Approval of Agenda

Agenda for the September 6, 2024 Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting.

MOVED by D. Monsour SECONDED by J. Shaw That the agenda be approved as circulated. CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

Minutes from the June 7, 2024, Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting.

MOVED by F. Baker, SECONDED by D. Monsour That the minutes of the June 7, 2024, Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting be adopted as circulated. CARRIED

4. Chair's Remarks

There were none.

5. Presentations/Delegations

There were none.

6. Committee Business

a. What Goes Where Project (Multi-family Dwelling Project)A. Campbell and D. Moghaddam presented to the group. The link to presentation attached as Appendix A.

7. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

8. Compost Education Centre - Site Tour

K. Siefried provided a tour of the grounds to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee.

9. Other Business

There was no other business.

10. Next Meeting

The next Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting will be October 4, 2024.

11. Closing Comments

There were no closing comments.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 13:50

MOVED by D. Thran, SECONDED by J. Shaw That the Solid Waste Advisory Committee be adjourned. CARRIED





Agenda

- 1. Background
- 2. Signs and Educational Materials
- 3. Results
 - Participation of buildings
 - Visual Waste Audits
 - Apartment vs Condos
 - Survey Results
 - Common Themes and Challenges
- 4. Recommendations





Background

Rethink waste

2021 Solid Waste Management Plan

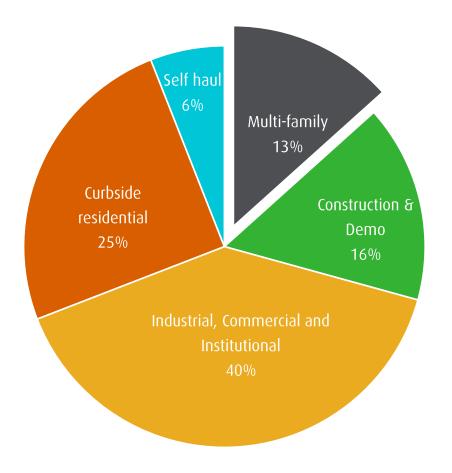
 Identified MFDs as an area of focus for outreach and education to increase diversion of waste from Hartland Landfill.

2022 Solid Waste Composition Study

• Estimated MFDs contribute 13.4% of waste to Hartland Landfill.

Education and Outreach

• Through education, proper outreach & communication strategies and public awareness materials, we believe we can make an impact on this number.





Timeline









What Goes Where 2024

Staff were hired to recruit multi-family building residents and property managers to participate in the project.

Site Visit 1: initial waste audit, install signage, and provide educational materials.

Site Visit 2: check-in, final visual waste audit and participant survey is conducted.



2023 Follow-up



2023 Recommendations	2024 Actions Taken
✓ More direct public awareness	Expanded communications strategy for outreach on social media, stakeholder organizations.
✓ Increase program funding-revaluate signage/implementation	Project budget increased which facilitated improved educational packages and added new signage types (magnetic and vinyl stickers), improved adhesive.
✓ Reduce number of visits to meet time constraints	40 buildings down from 50; Reduced number of visits down to 2 per building.
✓ Enhance efficiency of the project	Project started early May. Streamlined by targeting property managers with multiple buildings
✓ Add surveys and reporting	Introduced survey to gather feedback and perceived impact, stronger emphasis on data collection & reporting.





Signs and Educational Materials

Installed 512 signs

✓ Magnetic signs and vinyl stickers – NEW!

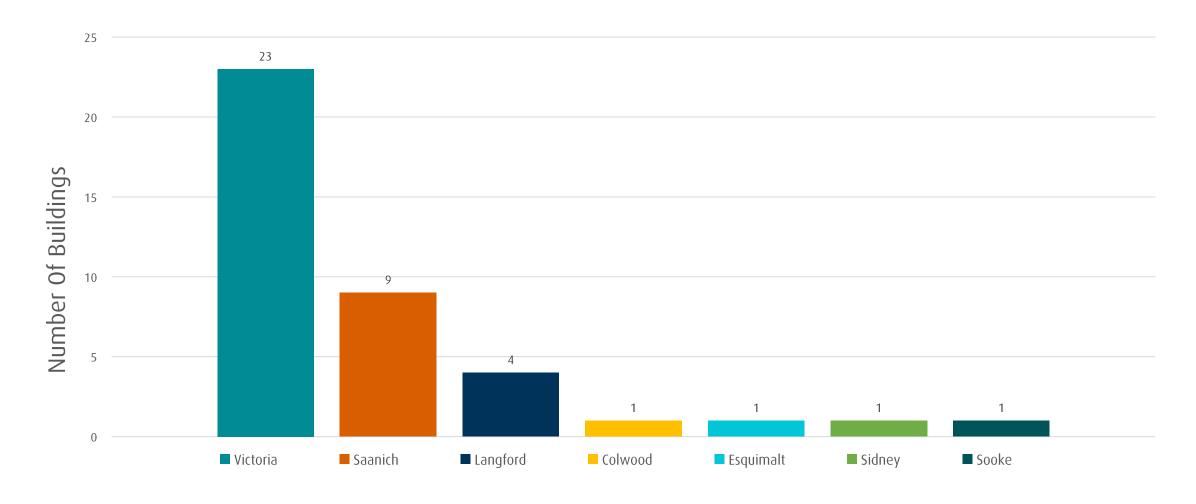
Distributed 2,669 comprehensive packages

- ✓ Sorting guides
- ✓ Move-in/move-out guides
- ✓ Hartland Depot sorting guides NEW!
- ✓ Kitchen Scraps guides –NEW!



Buildings by Municipality

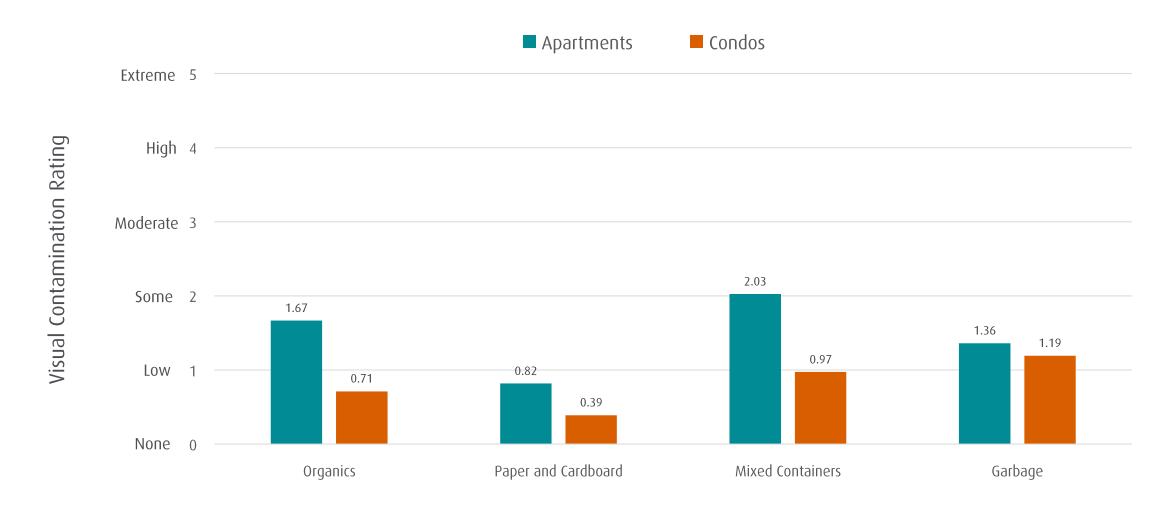






Visual Waste Audit









Feedback Survey

Each project contact (39) got an electronic survey link to provide feedback on the 'What Goes Where' project, including their opinions on:

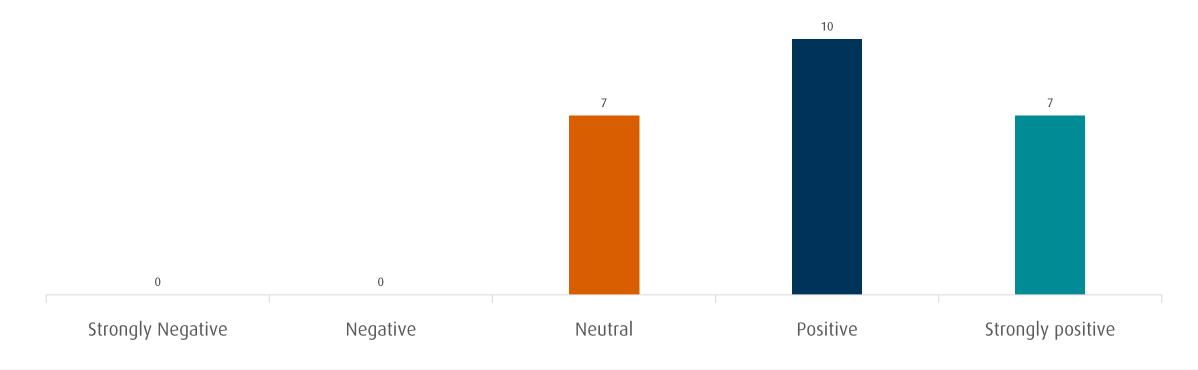
- Recycling habits within their building
- Effectiveness of the educational materials and signage



Feedback Survey Results



How would you describe the response to the What Goes Where Project by the building management and/or strata council?





Common Themes and Challenges

- Illegal Dumping
- Items placed in wrong bins
- Missed pick-ups
- Lack of accountability
- Layout of the waste sorting room
- Attitudes and behaviors between apartments and condos



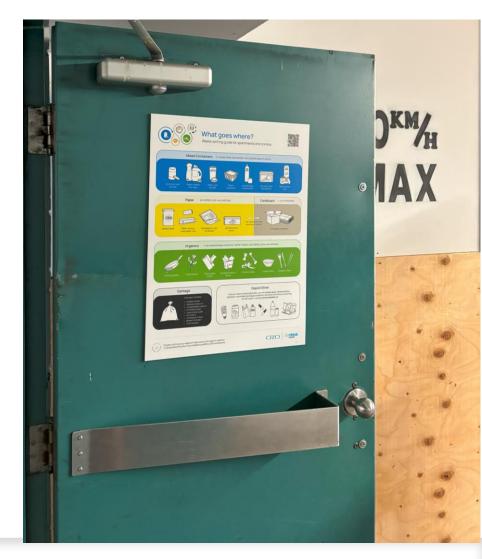




Recommendations for 2025



- Outreach Plan focus on apartments
- Utilize the waitlist
- Update signage/guides
- Building long-term relationships with MFDs
- Develop educational plan to get more information to residents (e.g., posters/booths)







Thank you

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