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Organics Diversion Program - Community Survey Results

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Town of Gibsons disposes its garbage at the Sechelt landfill which is projected to reach its capacity within 10 years. Expanding the landfill or building a new one in consideration of environmental matters will be difficult and expensive. It was determined that almost 50% of waste going to the landfill is compostable, and by developing an Organics Waste Diversion Program the Town would help extend the landfill's life, proactively address the possible banning of organic waste from the landfill, and save money in the long term. To capture the community's interests and perspectives in developing an Organics Diversion Program a survey was sent to 2,011 residents who have utility accounts with the Town. 906 surveys were completed and returned providing results with a margin of error of +/- 3%.

Survey Statistics

- 98% of houses and strata are owned leaving less than 2% being rented
- 50.5% of strata are single occupancy, while 52.6% of houses have two occupants
- ~95% of residents live in Gibsons on a fulltime basis
- 70.9% fill 50% or less of their weekly garbage container, with 11.3% filling 100% of their container
- Strata units divert less than 20% of compostables from the garbage, while houses divert 50% of the Fruit and Vegetables, Coffee and Filters, and 23.6% of Grains and Bread. 80% or more of other compostables are placed in the garbage.
- House diversion preferences rank in order of Home Compost, Curbside, and Community Drop. Strata diversion preferences rank in order of Curbside, Home Composting, and Neighbourhood Drop. Significantly, the least preferred option for both houses and strata is to maintain the status quo.
- A new diversion program would have little effect on those who currently compost but would provide an alternative to the 50% of people who do not compost
- >60% of residents would prefer a Drop Off option and <40% would prefer Curbside Collection

There is significant interest in the community to develop an Organics Diversion Program, with many people giving praise to the Mayor and Council for taking a leadership role in stopping waste going to the landfill. Push back came in the form of concerns about the impact of and on wildlife such as rats; bears; raccoons, and coyotes. There is also concern over a possible increase in taxes and impacts on people with fixed incomes; as well as the risk of subsidizing people who do not participate. Others praised Gibsons Recycling Depot, lamented its closing, and thought the Town should pursue options to keep it running. People living in strata units need solutions for their limited space.





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BACKGROUND

The Town of Gibsons disposes its garbage at the Sechelt landfill which is projected to reach its capacity within 10 years. Expanding the landfill or building a new one in consideration of environmental matters will be difficult and expensive. It was determined that almost 50% of waste going to the landfill is compostable, and by developing an Organics Waste Diversion Program for the Town would help extend the landfill's life, and proactively address the possible banning of organic waste from the landfill.

To develop such a program, the Town appointed a Zero Waste Committee that through a consultative process developed the recommendation to offer residents options for diverting their organic waste. To further this recommendation and to develop services that meets everyone's needs, the Town decided to use a survey to collect citizen's interests and perspectives on organic diversion.

An Organic Waste Diversion Survey was developed cooperatively between external and internal Town resources. The resultant survey was sent to all 2,011 Town of Gibson utility account holders, of which 906 surveys were completed and returned. Two surveys were returned uncompleted with explanations, and the remainder were complete to varying degrees resulting in a margin of error of +/- 3% for question that could be analyzed statistically. (See Appendix A: Organics Diversion Program - Community Survey)

341 respondents supplied comments either in the comments section or in the survey margins. All comments were captured and categorized into: Supportive (88); Unsupportive (26); Financial (53); Concerns (26); General (94); Gibsons Recycling Depot (43); and Questions (11). The numbers within the brackets represent the number of comments within the category. Overall, the quality of the comments were high and relevant, with less than a dozen comments focusing on unrelated issues.

Where possible, responses were divided between those who live in strata units and those who lived in houses to determine differences between the two living conditions. After distinguishing any differences, the results were then recombined to provide the collective results as appropriate. All responses were recorded, and answers left blank were not used for calculation purposes.

The results were compiled and presented in this report.





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SURVEY RESULTS

Type of Residence and Ownership

>98% of houses and strata units are owned, with <2% being renters. There was no statistically significant difference between houses and strata.

Question 1. Do you rent or own? What kind of residence?

Options for residences were: House or Strata Unit.

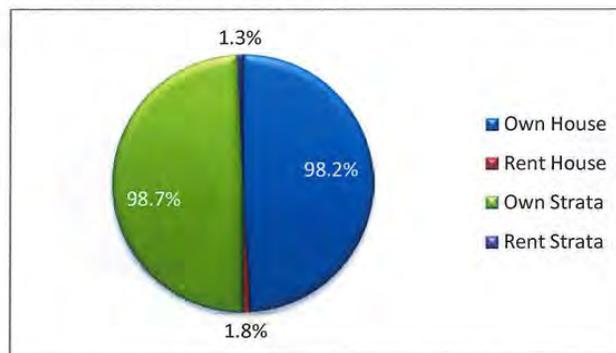


Figure 1 Ownership vs. Renting by Category

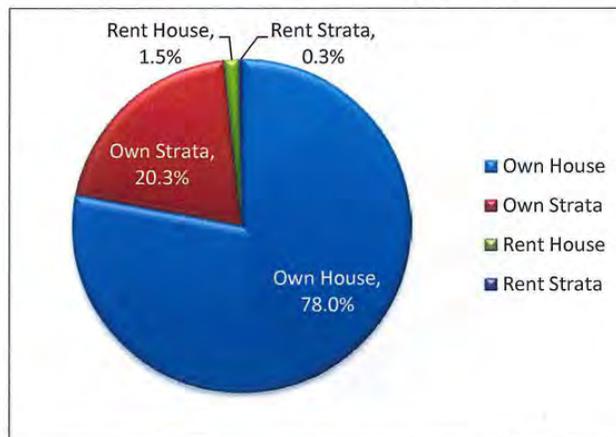


Figure 2 Overall Percentage Ownership





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Number of Occupants Per Unit

When combined 50% of all residences contained two occupants, 29% one occupant, and 21% with three or more occupants. Primary difference between houses and strata is that 50.5% of strata are single occupants, while 50% of houses have two occupants.

Question 2. How many people live in your residence?

Options were: 1 person; 2 people; and 3+ people.

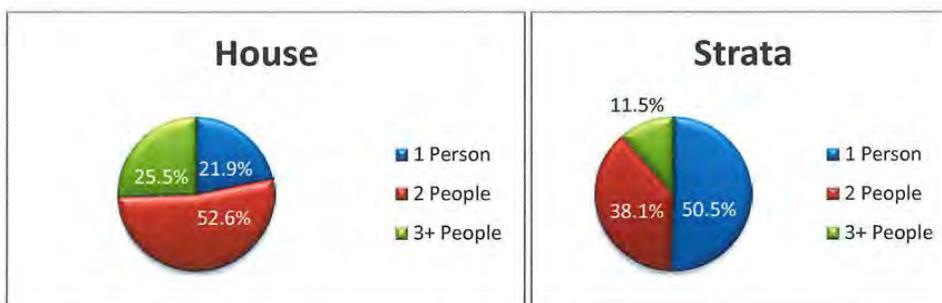


Figure 3 Number of Occupants per House and per Strata

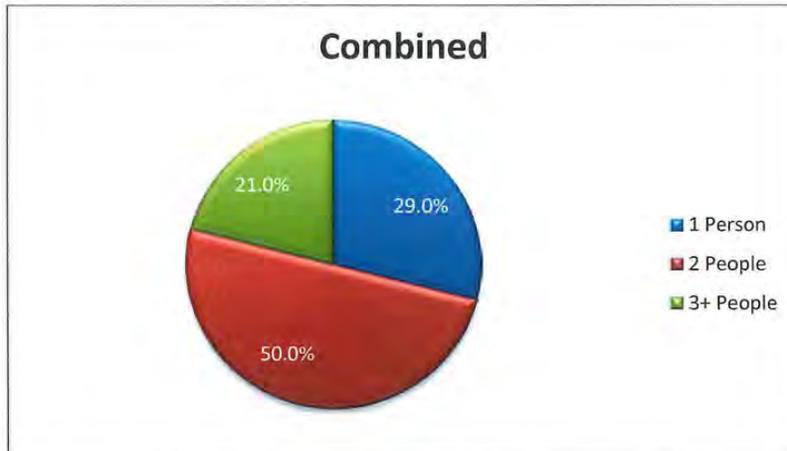


Figure 4 Number of Occupants Combined House and Strata

Frequency of Residency

The majority of residents (95%) for both Strata and Houses live in Gibsons on a fulltime basis with a slightly higher number of part time residents in houses compared to strata.

Question 3. How often do you reside in Gibsons?





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Options were: full-time; part-time; and less than 6 months of the year.

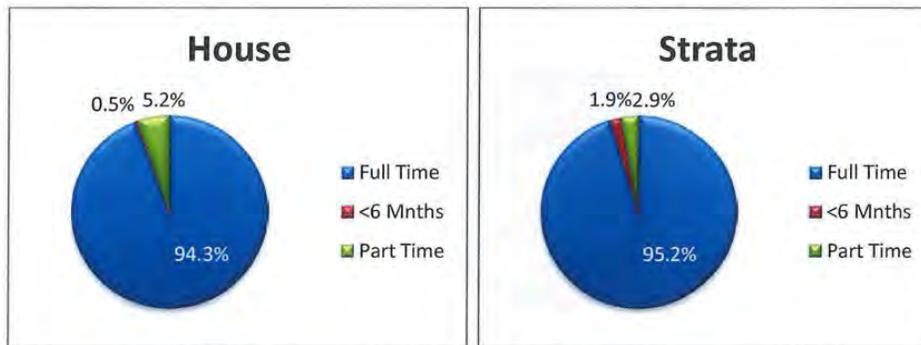


Figure 5 Percentage Time Spent in Gibsons Residence

Current Waste Generated

Combined, 70.9% report filling 50% or less of the garbage container used for garbage collection. Further, what is not captured in the statistical data but reflected in various comments is that many households report using significantly less than 25%. The need for weekly pick-up services applies to 29% of combined residences, suggesting a possible oversupply of garbage removal services or the opportunity to optimize current , garbage pick-up services.

Question 4 What percentage of a large 121-L / 32-gallon garbage container do you fill on average per week?

Options were: 100% or more; 75%; 50%; or 25% or less.

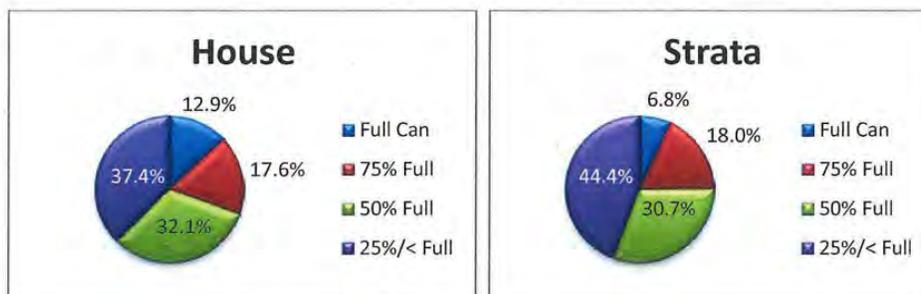


Figure 6 Garbage container usage



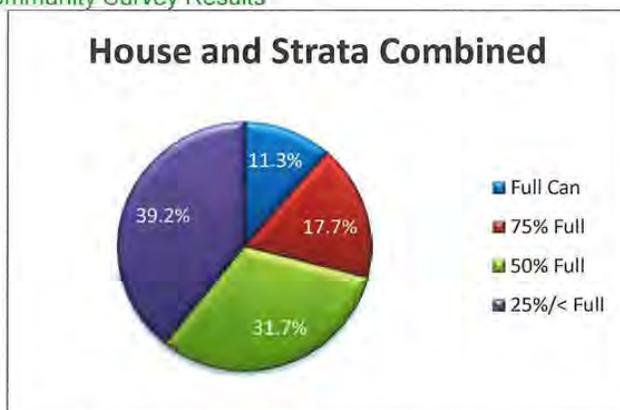


Figure 7 Garbage container usage combined

Current Residential Handling of Organics

There is a clear difference in diversion rates between strata and houses. The percentage of strata diverting Fruit and Veggies is 17.3%, and 16.7% for coffee grounds and filters. All other categories reported diverting 10.3% and less. In contrast, the percentage of houses diverting Fruit and Vegetables is 46.3% and 47.1% for Coffee Grounds. All other categories were at 18.9% or less, with the exception of Bread and Grain at 23.6%. All these number increase by 3.1 to 24.3 % points when the "Take Elsewhere to Compost or Animal Feed" option is included. What needs to be noted is that those reporting to compost their coffee grounds and filters are actually using their garburator and kitchen sink. Impacts of garburating needs to be assessed in terms of water use particularly during the dry season, and whether the sewage treatment plants separates the material and ships it to the landfill thereby negating the effort.

Question 5 What do you do with your organic waste now?

Options were: Home Compost; Take Elsewhere to Compost or Animal Feed; and Garbage. Categories Included: Fruit and Vegetable Scraps; Meat and Bones; Bread and Grains; Coffee Grounds and Filters; Leftover/Expired Food; Food Soiled Paper (Napkins, Paper Towel, Paper Plates); and Food Soiled Cardboard (Pizza Boxes, Takeout Containers).





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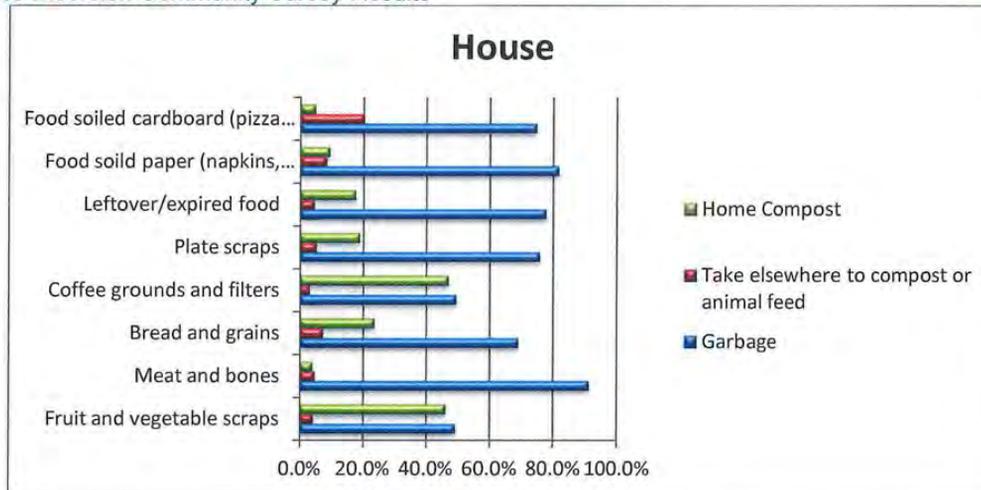


Figure 8 House Handling of Organics

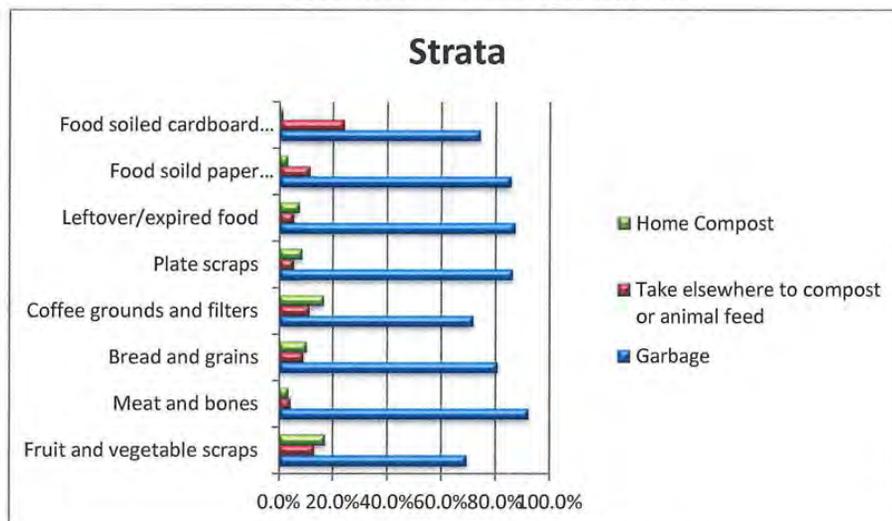


Figure 9 Strata Handling of Organics

Diversion Methods Preferences

Another significant difference exists between houses and strata when it comes to preference for diverting organic waste. The priority for houses is Home Composting at 53.7%; Curbside Pickup at 51.8%; Community Drop at 31.5%; followed by a Neighbourhood Drop at 29.6%. In contrast, strata preference is Curbside Pickup at 57.5%; Home Composting at 40%; Neighbourhood Drop at 39%; and Community Drop





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at 34.2%. This difference is likely due to the limited storage space available in strata and that some Strata Councils have banned composting.

It is important to note that there are strong advocates for Home Composting and those whom are adamantly opposed to Home Composting, as captured in the comments section and notes made along the margins of the question.

The majority of respondents to the "Other" category interpreted this option to mean status quo, and commented that they were concerned that nothing would be done and that the organic material would continue to the landfill. It also suggests a dissatisfaction with the current diversion methods.

Question 6 What method would you choose to divert your food scraps from the Sechelt Landfill? Please rank your preferences (1-highest to 6-lowest).

Options were: Continue to Home Compost; Town-Supported Home Composting; Neighbourhood Drop-off Point or Community Composter with 500M of my house; Deliver to One Central Depot (Gibsons); Curbside Collection, and Other.

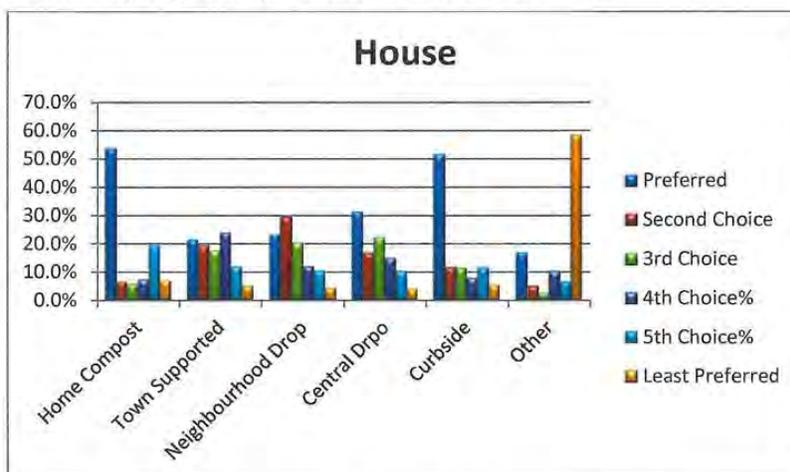


Figure 10 House Preferences for Diversion Options





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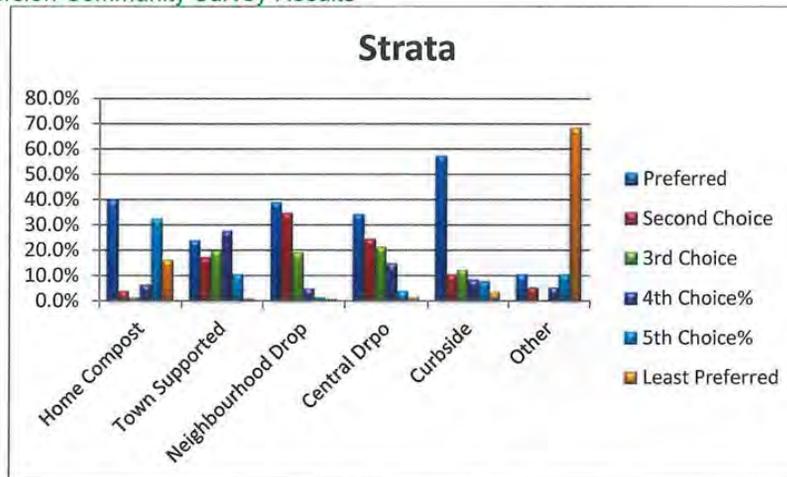


Figure 11 Strata Preferences for Diversion Options

New Program Impacts on Current Practices

67% of people living in strata and 43.6% of people living in houses do not compost. If a new program is implemented by the Town, 40% of people living in houses and 24.2% of those living in a strata would continue or start home composting. Comments related to this question indicate a desire to avoid an increase in taxes and a passion for composting are key factors. 16.4% of home dwellers and 8.8% of strata dwellers would stop or reduce home composting if a program was implemented.

Combined 14.3% would stop or reduce composting and 35.7% would continue to compost, while 50% report they do not compost.

Question 7 If a curbside program were set up for your food waste, how would it affect your home composting?

Options were: I'd Continue Home Composting; I'd Reduce Home Composting; I'd Stop Home Composting; I'd Continue or Begin Home Composting if Given the Option to Opt Out of Curbside Collection (and its fee); and I Don't Compost.





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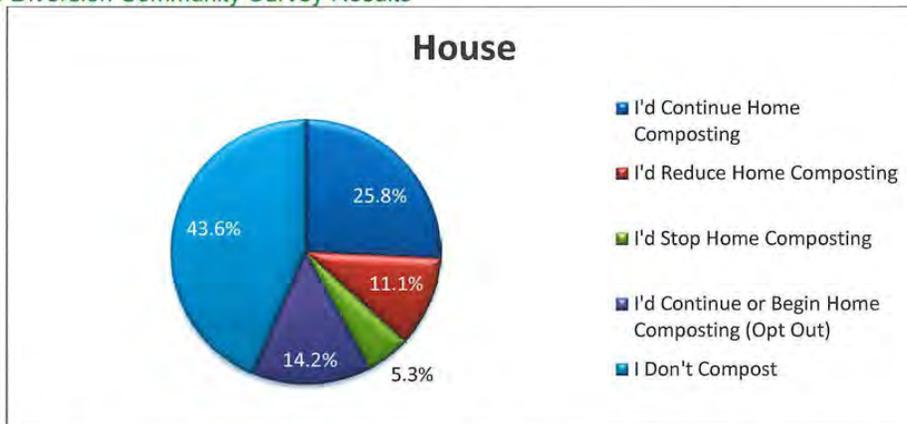


Figure 12 Projected Impact of New Program on Current Diversion Practices - Houses

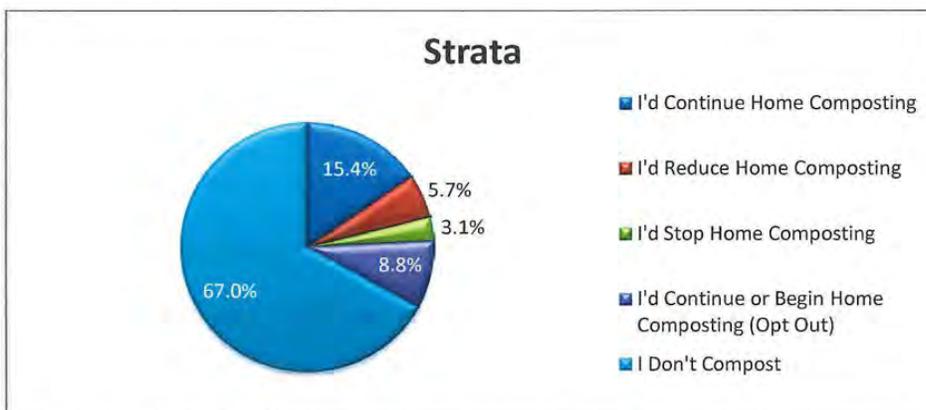


Figure 13 12 Projected Impact of New Program on Current Diversion Practices - Strata





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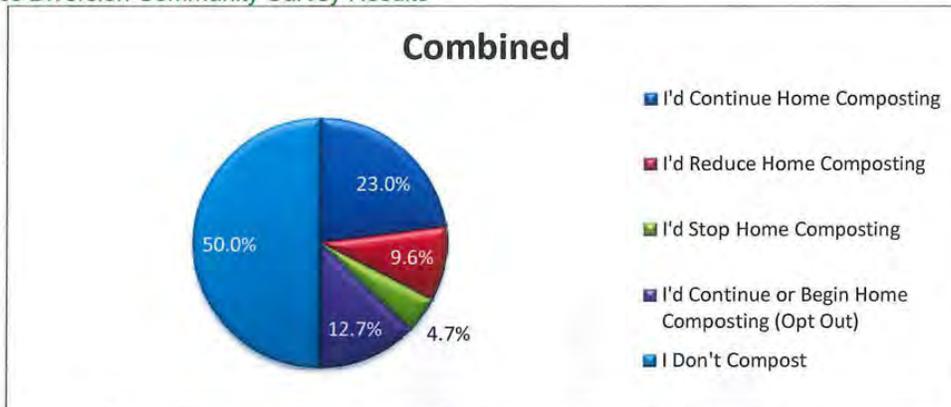


Figure 14 Project Impact of New Program on Current Diversion Practices - Combined

Current Rational For Not Home Composting

The primary concern regarding home composting for both houses and strata is the attraction of wildlife in general and rats and bears in particular. The second major concern for strata units is available space.

Question 8 If you don't home compost, please let us know why:

Options were: Too Much Work; Too Physically Demanding; Disagreeable Smell/Mess; Not Enough Space; Nowhere To Put Resulting Soil; Attracts Rodents/Wildlife; Bear Proof Composters Are Too Expensive; and I Use A Garburator

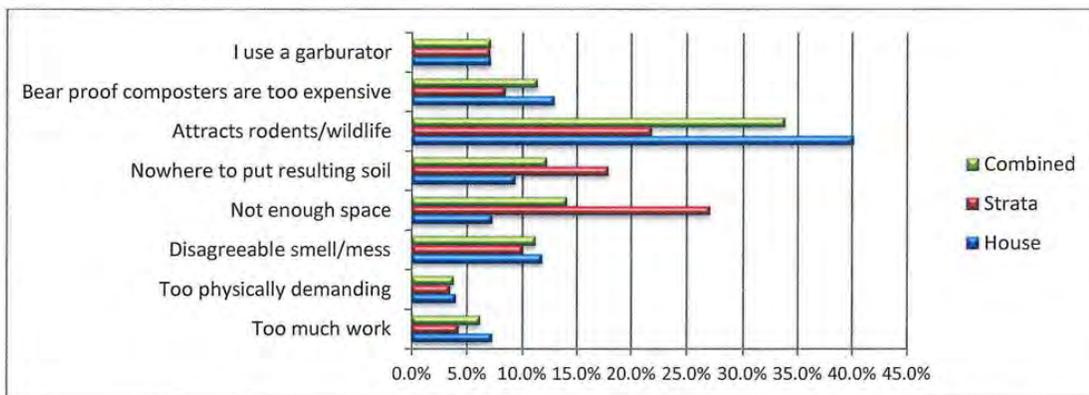


Figure 15 Rational for Not Composting

Disposal Options for Recyclables

>60% of respondents indicated a preference for a drop-off option versus <40% preferring the curbside option for recyclables. Preference for both drop-off and curbside





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was based on interpretations of convenience and flexibility. An additional factor supporting curbside is concern for those with mobility challenges related to access to a vehicle or physical limitations. An additional factor favouring the depot option is a sense of community that it instills.

Question 9 What would you prefer to do with your household recyclables (plastic, paper, glass, Styrofoam and metal packaging)?

Options were: Drop off at Depot or Curbside Collection.

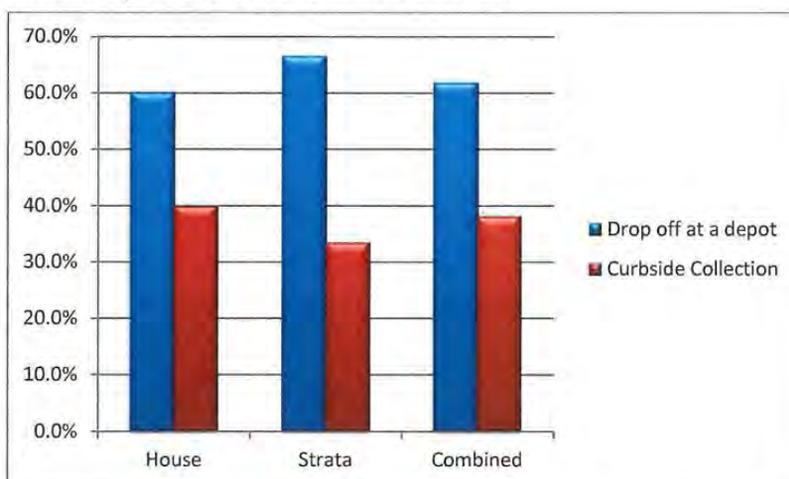


Figure 16 Preference for Curbside or Depot for Recyclables

Program Communication Preferences

The top four methods for communicating about waste reduction programs were via Direct Mail (26.5%), with Utility Bill (25.2%), Email Bulletin (21%), and Newspaper Articles (18.1%). 278 emails were captured and can be found in *Appendix B: Email Addresses for Electronic Bulletin*. The category "Other", elicited ideas such as flying a banner from a small plane to individual phone calls.

Question 10 What is the best way for us to communicate with your about waste reduction programs?

Options were: Direct Mail; Information Sent With Utility Bill; Articles In Local Newspaper; Social Media; Email Bulletin; Radio Announcements; Community Bulletin Boards; Posted On Our Website; and Other.





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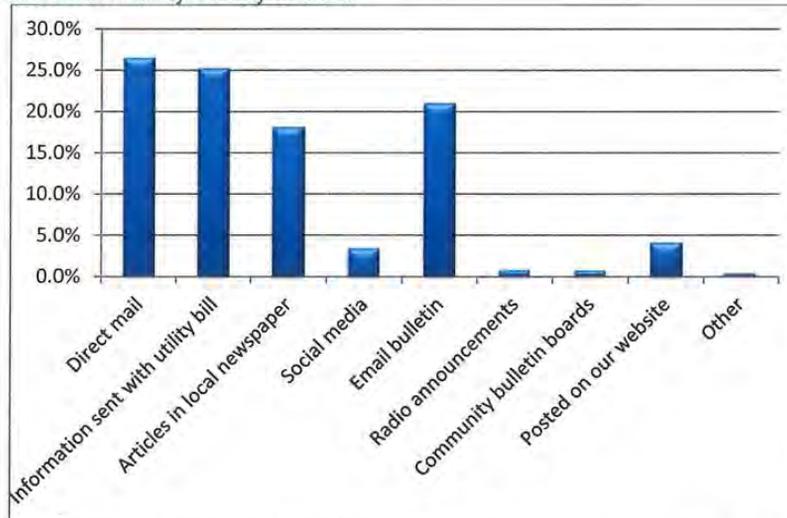


Figure 17 Communication Methods Preferred for Waste Reduction Programs

Comments Summary

A total of 341 comments were captured and categorized into: Supportive (88); Unsupportive (26); Financial (53); Concerns (26); General (94); Gibsons Recycling Depot (43); and Questions (11). The numbers within the brackets represent the number of comments within the category. (See Appendix C: Comments from Community Members)

Supportive Comments

The supportive comments include an appreciation for the communicative approach to addressing Organics Waste Diversion; the leadership assumed by Mayor and Council; and addressing citizens desire to stop sending waste to the landfill.

Unsupportive Comments

A lack of support was primarily due to concerns for rats; bears; raccoons, coyotes, and wildlife in general. It is perceived that composting would attract them into the Town and cause conflicts with human residents.

Financial Comments

The financial concerns raised primarily focused on current taxes are already too high. There are many seniors and others on fixed incomes who think they will be unduly stressed financially if additional fees were to be charged. As well, there are those who state they generate very little waste due to their recycling and related efforts and think they are subsidizing others who fill a garbage can on a weekly basis.





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Concern Comments

While supportive of Organics Waste Diversion, the concerns expressed are similar to those who are unsupportive in that there are concerns for rats; bears; raccoons, coyotes, and wildlife in general. The other primary concern was how it would actually work, in particular for those who live in strata units.

General Comments

The comments placed in this category are summarized as the need to:

- be respectful of wildlife, keeping them away from Gibsons;
- address possible human health issues related to attracting rodents;
- address Strata Councils banning of composting and providing space;
- provide Educational Programs or support to ensure proper handling of compost
- provide multiple options to meet the majority needs (drop sites, curbside, and home composting)

There were several comments which were political in nature and were not necessarily related to the survey.

Gibsons Recycling Depot (GRD) Comments

These comments praised GRD, and lamented its closure and the resulting loss of its services and its community atmosphere. Many expressed a desire for the Town to make an effort to keep it operational.

Questions

Questions provided focused on wanting to know how to make Organics Diversion work, how to compost, and where the compostable material would be sent.





Appendix A: Organics Diversion Program - Community Survey

TOWN OF GIBSONS

Organics Diversion Program - Community Survey

This questionnaire will take no more than five minutes to complete. Thank you for your time and interest!

1. Do you rent or own? What kind of residence?

- Rent House
- Own Strata unit

2. How many people live in your residence?

- 1 person 2 people 3+ people

3. How often do you reside in Gibsons?

- fulltime part-time
- less than 6 months of the year

4. What percentage of a large 121-L/32-gallon garbage container (pictured) do you fill on average per week? (If you use a smaller container, and/or don't put out your garbage every week, please estimate how much of a 121-L/32-gallon container you would fill per week).

- 100% or more 75%
- 50% 25% or less



5. What do you do with your organic waste now? Check all that apply.

| Home Compost | Take elsewhere to compost or animal feed | Garbage | Item |
|--------------|--|---------|---|
| | | | Fruit and vegetable scraps |
| | | | Meat and bones |
| | | | Bread and grains |
| | | | Coffee grounds and filters |
| | | | Plate scraps |
| | | | Leftover/expired food |
| | | | Food-soiled paper (napkins, paper towel, paper plates) |
| | | | Food-soiled cardboard (pizza boxes, takeout containers) |

6. What method would you choose to divert your food scraps from the Sechelt Landfill? Please rank your preferences (1-highest to 6-lowest):

- Continue to home compost
- Town-supported home composting (i.e. subsidized composters and education program)
- Neighbourhood drop-off point or community composter within 500 m of my house
- Deliver to one central depot (in Gibsons)
- Curbside collection
- Other: _____





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7. If a curbside collection program were set up for your food waste, how would it affect your home composting?

- I'd continue home composting
- I'd reduce home composting (i.e. certain items, times of year)
- I'd stop home composting
- I'd continue or begin home composting if given the option to opt out of curbside collection (and its fee)
- I don't compost

8. If you don't home compost, please let us know why:

- Too much work and/or too time-consuming
- Too physically demanding
- Disagreeable smell/mess
- Not enough space
- Nowhere to put resulting soil
- Attracts rodents/wildlife
- Bear proof composters (i.e. Jora) are too expensive
- I use a garburator

Bonus question on waste diversion:

9. What would you prefer to do with your household recyclables (plastic, paper, glass, Styrofoam and metal packaging)?

- Drop off at a depot (such as Gibsons Recycling or Return-it bottle depot)
- Curbside collection

10. What is the best way for us to communicate with you about waste reduction programs?

- Direct mail
- Information sent with utility bills
- Articles in local newspaper
- Social media (FaceBook)
- Email bulletin (please provide your email: _____)
- Radio announcements
- Community bulletin boards
- Posted on our website
- Other: _____

OTHER COMMENTS:

To be eligible for one year free waste collection service please provide your:

Name: _____
Civic Address: _____

Please return by June 30th.





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We're willing to drop some waste at a central depot but of course would prefer curbside collection as the "Cadillac" services. We pay a private recycling collection service for curbside pickup of dry recyclables because it is easy and important to us that recyclables go to correct destination

We would like to have recycling/compost and garbage collection on alternate weeks

It would be great for the community if ever there was pickup for green waste

Would love either curbside collection or central drop off location

Very excited about the potential of curbside organics and recycling pick up. Would also be very happy to reduce my garbage pick up to every other week

I am in full support of full curbside recycling program to ensure all organic and recyclable materials are kept out of the landfill

Curbside composter would be great experience with a choice of type and size. Curbside pickup with annual option of buying compost worked great at a previous town. Size of bin for curbside would be an issue. Small brown bin would be best

I do home compost but would welcome a subsidized and much better composting system than I currently have. Also I could put meat and soiled paper products in home or community composter. Either would be fine. But I definitely support less reliance on the landfill

I prefer a combination of home composting and central drop of non-compostable material and garbage for meat/bones/food scraps/expired foods

If possible a repeat of the system initiated in Vancouver, neighbourhood composting of all food scraps and food soiled paper products. Reduces garbage dramatically. Thanks for this survey

I fully support reducing food and other waste going to the landfill. Education and community involvement initiatives, local team coordinated make it easy for seniors and low income families

Curbside everything would sure be nice

Curbside compost and recycling would be amazing. We would use it for everything we could. We can barely keep up with our recycling and compost because we commute

I think both curbside and depot should be available. I'm just moving to Gibsons. I currently recycle at the curb and depot. Depot a must. Curbside a plus for non drivers, immobile owners/renters

We were hesitant when our Vancouver home went to curbside organics pick up. It didn't take much to get used to and it reduced our garbage greatly. For us, we would prefer a drop off spot in Gibsons as we are part time and would often miss pick up days

We are surprised at how much recycling we accumulate and faithfully drop off at GRD. But would prefer curbside pickup if it was available

Great to see proactive review of alternatives. I will support any resultant initiatives as best as practical

Curbside collection! This would cause my household to recycle most of our waste. Drop off doesn't work for us - too many rules/bins and so inconvenient. Would rather pay extra for curbside and reduce my garbage by 50-75%. Had this service with SCR and miss it so much. It was awesome

I fully support organic composting. Being part time - as are many - makes it difficult to do curbside without inviting wildlife





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I personally think curbside pick up for recycling would increase the amount of people to recycle. With lack of space and busy lives people throw out a lot of recyclables into the trash

I would love to have the blue bins like Sechelt has - curbside recycling

A community based system is favoured by me - either a central location or local depot for recycling and composting

I recycle all household recyclables because it is ways to do and well organized, I would like to compost if I knew how to do this correctly and there was a system in place

I would support whatever method of public composting that could be offered, I would greatly like to see this happen

If this would happen I would encourage my renters to follow on this. I live in Roberts Creek and have home composting available

This would be a great idea. I understand lot of people throw out a lot of food. That does not apply to us. We easily eat 90% of what we buy. Left overs I take to work

Bears come into our yard and were concerned that composted attract them. We support curbside food waste collection program

Our neighbour does home composting. It attracts rodents, bears, and crows. Not a healthy situation. Personally I think curbside pickup for both compost and recyclables is the best option Thanks for exploring these options. I think that this is a necessary and very worthwhile initiative

Davis Bay currently has curbside organics and my friends tell me they love it! So simple and convenient. Gray Co does an amazing job with that as well as our garbage

I fully support this idea of town assisted composting

I would love to have curbside pickup / it's a lot of work to go to recycling depot with cardboard, paper etc. My husband is ill and I work full time so it's difficult to manage it less than once a month

Great idea to begin a diversion program - curbside would be our preference though will definitely step up home composting especially if bear proof cans can be provided

I used to compost but developed a rat problem. Would like curbside pickup for all compostables

My weekly garbage is largely made up with cat litter. Compost wise, I don't have a lot but would consider it if a convenient location to take it.

Would like curbside pickup

We use GRD, but curbside would also be great

We are thrilled to know Gibsons is looking at this issues, Will soon be encouraging residents to do more with their waste

I have always home composted in Ontario before coming here as we had roadside pickup. I really hate throwing stuff in the garbage and would welcome a needed change. Thanks!

Thanks! The world needs to do this

You made me realize I could reduce my garbage by 1/2 if I did home composting. You have me thinking. Where can I get a container to start?

Not everyone owns a vehicle or has a garden to appreciate the gift of compost so curbside collection makes sense, Please look up Milan's solution. They use biodegradable bags





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I applaud the town for being proactive

Delighted to know this is in the works

Unsupportive Comments

Even bear proof composters are not 100% bear proof. In a seaside community there will always be rats. Raccoons and coyotes also love household leavings

I do not think composting should be a priority until the town comes up with a solution for recycling. I moved here from Vancouver a year ago and am aghast at seeing most people here throw everything into the garbage. Recycling would divert more from the landfill than food waste. Thank you.

At one point our household did try home composting - every morning the "bear proof" container was tipped over and needed to be cleaned up. Therefore it was not worth it to continue home composting

Residing in a strata, home composting is not an option

I did home compost but now that I am alone it seems not worthwhile and I don't want to attract rats I only compost yard and garden matter because food brings in raccoons and rats and my neighbours wouldn't be happy about that! When my neighbours tried a composter I was unhappy about the odour

We do not want curbside collection ever. The system we now have is very good

Can't put fruit or meat or table scraps in compost because it attracts rats, raccoons, bear. Curbside collection would have the same problem. Why didn't the tow actively support Boyd and Heatherington when they were trying so hard?

Definitely do not want composter within 500M of house. Odour, rodents, raccoons, are a big problem

My landlord forbids me to compost because of rat problem in Lower Gibsons. Please keep compost out of neighbourhoods. Too smelly

I don't want to compost because: we have rats nesting by compost next door (even though they are careful about what they put in compost). I freeze organics before putting them out on garbage day, even so animals and birds still get at the garbage and make a mess; curbside collection requires the city providing bear-proof organic waste containers (like they learned in North Vancouver). Residents may be required to pay for them - I'm willing. I like the convenience of a neighbourhood drop-off but I don't want the smell and I think it will attract bears, rats, etc into the neighbourhood

I tried composting in our backyards only to attract rats and our resident lower Gibsons bears. Probably would not compost regardless of what you provided or made available but would do curbside if available weekly

Davis Road is a thoroughfare for unleashed dogs, Day or night to the White Tower Park. It's not pleasant walking on dog defecation when mowing grass. Don't encourage more home composting in Residential areas!

Can you not make another landfill along the Port Mellon Highway? Tons of land out there.

Way too many rats in Lower Gibsons. Bears will attack a home composter eve if it is bear proof. They may not be able to access the compost however it will still attract them





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Home composting should be discouraged. Even bear proof composters smell and attract bears and rats to residential areas

I welcome a plan to divert food waste from landfill, I could compost but cannot tolerate rodents. Some people aren't methodical and even if I don't compost I risk a rodent problem by proximity

Composting is stinky and attracts wildlife and rodents, bears, raccoons. Spread disease. Composting as suggested here is a bad idea. People are already over-loaded with 100% size containers

I do not want to home compost. It will cause problems with animals and is too much work

Curbside won't work on Crucil Road, bears

Attracting rodents, raccoons, bears a major issue for me. Have had rats chew through heavy duty ABS composters, In Greater Vancouver area curbside containers are often raided, knocked down etc. I have had bears try to enter my garage when smelling food inside, biting into the siding next to garage door,

Bears , raccoons, coyotes on Arrowhead Trail - very difficult to even keep recyclables in our shed as the bears manage to rip the boards down very quickly

I strongly oppose neighbour hood drop off points because: attracts bears, odour and hygiene of bins, difficulty in finding fair locations as everyone will say not in my backyard

I have not used curbside for 5 year. Totally self sufficient

Why don't we burn all our waste at pulp mill like we were going to do years ago? Why not fill the Indian gravel mine when its complete?

Adding compostables to the other items at the dump helps break it down.

Financial Comments

We always composted when we lived in Roberts Creek. We removed our garburator from our condo. Would compost again is available - not hard. Have concerns roadside collection is too costly?

While we like going to the depot, we recognize that others might throw things out rather than recycle and that more waste might be diverted with roadside collection - however it is expensive Curbside recycling is obviously most convenient, but if it is too expensive (i.e. my taxes have to go up) I'd be happy to take compost and recyclables to a convenient location in Gibsons. Right now I take my compost to Salish Soils

I am a senior on a fixed income and cannot afford to pay more taxes

I'd rather spend the money on composting solutions. I don't mind dropping off recycling at depot

I am not pleased about a charge

Special curbside collection + fee not necessary

How do you purchase compost bins or water barrels at a reduced rate?

We usually have 1 or 2 small bags of garbage in our pail per week. Sometimes we don't bother to put a pail out. We compost mostly everything and recycle all materials that can be recycled at GRD. What about a reduction in collection fees for households that generate a minimum amount of waste instead of a once a year fee? That would save this household money

I am annoyed property taxes 14 years ago was 8\$800 but this year its \$2,500 bucks. It goes up too fast and now you are hinting at more fees for curbside collection. I want the town to spend our





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money wisely and frugally

Re curbside collection of compostables - charging a fee for this does not provide an incentive for people to participate. Better to offer an incentive like reduction of the garbage collection fee and provide for a penalty of regular garbage us found to contain compostables. Human nature as is such that we sometimes wont comply unless it hurts us not to...

Curbside collection is ideal, but I assume a depot drop-off system would be much cheaper. Thank you for the green waste drop off.

I don't need weekly garbage pickup. We all have been taught to recycle and very little for garbage. I need to have my taxes reduced

It usually costs \$5-6 for a staff person to compose, print and mail a survey like this. Add in .32 cents post and this ranks as a colossal waste of tax payers money

As an alternative to get people to compost and recycle (there are lots that don't) how about a break on property taxes for those who do? Or some other monetary benefit?

Charge for garbage collection by quantity/volume rather than a flat fee

I would need a reduced senior fee as I am on a fixed income

Being one person, why am I paying for weekly garbage collection when I don't need weekly garbage collection?

Curbside pickup would be the most convenient, but also probably very expensive. I'd be happy to give up some convenience to save money. If we do town composting, who gets the compost? Can we have a system where the more compostables you contribute the more free finished compost we get in return?

I would prefer a pay for use system perhaps by way of tags allotted to each resident. I pay for waste collection now but I don't use it more than once or twice a year. Ideally users could buy their estimated # bins on a quarterly, semi or annual basis.

Curbside collection would be great as long as our taxes do not go up too much. Otherwise we still need drop off. Digesters need to be offered to families/residents at a minimal fee to encourage people to reduce waste

Make it easier for people to recycle and compost and you will have more success - e.g. cheaper composters and curbside recycling, we paid \$100 for our composter. I liked it when we had the community curbside exchange. A lot of stuff found a new home

Frustrated by the lack of services on the SC so hope this survey indicates changes in the recycling/waste programs. Taxes are fairly high for the town, but little to show for it in terms of day to day conveniences

We're pro curbside collection but we're against raising our property taxes or utility bills to pay for this service. We're retired and on fixed incomes so increasing our property taxes and or utility bills for curbside collection is problematic

Recycling maybe get a little cash refund. Encourage the resident to recycle

We don't live in this house but have just rented it out. We will move there in a couple of years and would gladly pay for curbside collection of green waste and recyclables





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We only compost vegetables - no meat/bones as we had a bear issue. We use the yard waste dump regularly - green waste issue. We recycle as much as we can. Cost will be the factor for us
Thank you guys for dealing with this issue. Although more expensive, curbside help will be the most effective

Due to the increase in older residents who can't drive curbside pickup would be great. However, as a senior owner if it hiked taxes. I will eventually not be able to live here. I am a 45 year resident struggling to pay the existing increased taxes and utility fees

Garbage collection once a month with reduced fee

Current drop of is free, but the comment below implies there will be a charge?

We would consider home composting if equipment was supplied

I'm concerned about the costs and efficiency of curbside collection whether for household recyclables or for compostables

If it was too expensive for both organics and recyclables I prefer for the organics to be curbside pickup

They recycle, are willing to compost at a neighbourhood drop-off within 500M of home, They are a family with small children and cannot afford curbside fees and higher taxes

Realistically curbside pickup would be what would work best. Involves a cost?

Curbside collection could get costly but more people would definitely participate in the program. If you have a recycle depot it would be convenient to drop off there too. All of people don't drive

I would want my yearly garbage collection costs to go down if organics diversion program started. Costs constantly going up does not work for me

I wish to recognize cuttings costs where we can, i.e. I don't need curbside collection for anything

Has any serious study been done re: cost and benefits of incineration? Obviously the entire coast would have to be involved.

Any cost associated with composting program must be offset by reduction in garbage collection fees

We would like to take all our stuff to one depot. We currently object to paying for curbside pick up rates. We travel frequently and are paying for curbside pick up, A bag tag program might work

Taxes / fees are high enough without pitting extra burden on seniors and middle income residents

Would like to be provided with an option that does not create a fee. I have been and will continue to be responsible for reducing the amount of waste being sent to the landfill

I wonder what the cost will be for each of the service options mentioned in this survey. Additional costs on top of fairly high property taxes and utility bills will be tough for me to handle. Those who are able to home compost should be excluded from paying any general tax

Curbside collection would be preferable if inexpensive to free, but taking the compost to GRD was easy and I go there any ways

I don't think our community is large enough to handle the cost of curbside recycling. I think continuing a central recycling center that offers free food waste recycling would be amazing. It would also be nice to offer incentive or options for bi-monthly garbage pickup for a lower cost if recycling included food waste at a central location. Financial incentives are fantastic for motivating people.





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We put our one can of garbage out ever 3-4 months! Therefore we are subsidizing others wastefulness, The town forces us to pay the same as those who put out one can each week! Recycling and composting is not new news, we have been doing this for decades! People should pay for watch can they put out.

As a long time SC resident, (70+ years) it is becoming more and more difficult to live in Gibsons. Taxes are out of control. Is it time to move? We compost kitchen waste, directly burying in the garden and never had a problem with wildlife and rodents. A neighbourhood Java composter might help some folks, Bear safety is our main concern

Have a tag system for garbage collection!

The services you are describing are currently available for no charge, If someone wishes another service or another way of obtaining that service they can pay privately

I would rather home compost than pay more money. Taxes in Gibsons are already ridiculous!

Concerns

Our strata bylaws do not permit composting. We are on marina Place, the rodent population is exploding to say the least. There are concerns with the rodents. My husband and I had to stop growing veggies in containers as this attracted the rats to us.

When I lived in southern Ontario I always home composted. Since moving to Gibsons in 2003 and buying a strata unit we were visited by bears regularly. Only by being strict with the use of a yellow screw top can have we managed to keep bears away. This is one of the reasons we chose not to compost at home

Our 42 unit strata has spent \$20,000 - \$25,000 to create bear proof garbage containers outdoors and they worked. We no longer have bears here. Our units are too small to store compost inside and is too smelly. We have nowhere outside to store compost nor anywhere indoors. We should not be penalized. An outdoor bin would attract bears which we have already paid dearly to avoid and we should not have to stink up our Club house. We also have many very elderly residents here

Really miss Gibsons Recycling where everything could be taken. I was also able to help my neighbours who can't drive. Now everything goes into the garbage can so at last I'm making use of the money I am charged on my taxes for garbage

I tried to recycle my organics when I first moved here, 2 years ago. However, the container was so disgusting at the recycling place it turned me off. So I stopped collecting organics separately. I'm ready to try again is curbside is made ready

I composted in Granthams Landing for 20 years and used the soil. We are not allowed to compost in the strata. I am 82 years old and may not be able to take my recyclables to a depot

Whatever happens I don't want it to endanger wildlife by being an attractant

I live in a condo, I am not sure how this program would work in this situation. All units have garburator

I think you need to consider our larger population of seniors that are no longer driving or viable to recycle or compost for other reasons but would gladly do both if it would be picked up





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In a strata many people live close together - a concentration of waste in a small neighbourhood. Not like separate houses spaced out

My grandparents and parents composted, my husband and I have composted for 40+ years. With the GRD and bottle return we have little landfill garbage. I believe curbside recycling is an open invitation to marauding bears, coons, dogs, rats, and ravens!

One thing that bears in mind is bears may get into compost bins not done properly. So educated and fines are needed (carrots and sticks). I do not want to see bears targeted/killed due to human ignorance and stupidity.

The only problem with home composting is it attracts rats

I am concerned about smell, insects, rodents with composting of many foods. Fruit and vegetables OK

Rats have been a big problem with my neighbours composting. Seasonally bears are a problem This past spring I have seen rats in my home composter so am reluctant to dispense of food scraps in the composter. In Vancouver a green bin is provided by the city for weekly collection of your waste combined with food, meat, soiled paper food packaging. A blue bin for recyclables, grey bin for glass

I do have veggie garden and compost would be nice but too many rats and bears. Rat in truck engine tonight (June 2) and rat droppings in car engine - neighbour had wiring in vehicle chewed up

We have a resident bear that has come into our yard and patches the lane way. So, I am reluctant to compost and would need training to do so.

Biggest concerns are increased rodents in neighbourhood. I do not have a separate freezer to freezer waste from week to week or for longer and concerned odour will attract wildlife. If it is odour free and wildlife proof way to compost provide the containers and the education to use them

Our main problem is the bears. I can't put any organics outside. So a curbside collection program of any kind of crab is the only solution

We live in the Bals Lane ravine and would be concerned about the wildlife there

I faithfully home composted for years, but had recurring rodent/bear trouble

Any system to work must be odour free - then off to compost area. Avoid curbside - just a great deal for coons and bears

We would love to compost but there is too much wildlife in the neighbourhood

I would compost more of the scraps I send to the dump, but we have a bear around here off and on and he's already packed ones my bin once. Too many trees and bushes attract wildlife besides food

My concern about curbside collection is bears. Crows etc getting into the food waste as people often put out their garbage too early or in improper container

General Comments

Grocery stores are a big part of the problem. Isn't this offer an encouragement to create and dispose of waste? Referring to the one year free waste.

Suggest organic pickup weekly, trash and recycling on alternative weeks

Seasonal curbside collection of yard waste would also help those without trucks take their garden





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waste away

I miss trash and trade day

With curbside collection the containers would have to be very effective in keeping out rodents and bears. I never put out my garbage over night, but if some people have to we don't want to create more problems with wildlife. It's not fair to the wildlife!

Whatever decision is made about the disposal of food waste, the primary concern should be human health. Rats and mice can transmit serious disease. An increased rodent population means increased risk. Rats can be aggressive and children are particularly vulnerable to infectious rat bites and scratches.

We do not have curbside collection, complex has large locked commercial bin

Someone takes me shopping and also we go to the local recycling depot a real bonus for the citizens who live here all year

Garbage collection every second week. Recycling and compost every week - curbside

I do recycle everything I can. I have an arrangement to have it picked up for a fee

Being a frequent visitor to the UK, all organic waste etc has to be put in a special bag and small green bins (provided free to all by council) then collected, which works out very well and has become a household habit

Other communities that have curbside pickup compost it then sell it back to gardeners who need it - Qualicum Beach is one

I have been placing compostable items inside a biodegradable bag and placing into the bin hoping it would not always compost into landfill, which would ultimately create more soil

We have about 2 plastic grocery bags of household waste a week - very little yard waste (gardeners take care of that)

Engage strata councils to provide composting options

My comments are influenced by the fact I do not drive

I also have an indoor cat so need to get rid of litter

I am a 96 year old senior and don't get around much. Most of these questions don't apply.

Most of the +55 people living in my strata do not recycle or compost. The only way that would change is by curbside pickup and fining those who don't comply. Fines are levied in many communities in Europe, Japan and closer to home Seattle. It's the only way

Storage space in a condo is limited and there is need for clearly marked bins onsite in the garage. These need to be rodent proof with lids to avoid odours

We only live in Gibsons about 6 months of the year and put our garbage can once a month. We compost and recycle. Maybe we should consider some kind of incentive to minimize waste

Delivery to central location not eco-friendly from Lower Gibsons

The bicycle paths on Shaw Road is a waste. There are almost zero bicycles that use it. We walk there every day and so far have observed only two bicycles use it in 2 weeks of observing

A tip that might help reluctant composters to start, I keep my fruit and vegetable scraps in a sealed container in my fridge, which eliminates mold and odours. It might sound gross at first, but there is actually nothing in the compost contained that isn't already in the fridge a few days ago.





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I already pay for my recycling to be picked up. A common compost in townhouse sites could easily be done - just have to educate users

Living in a strata unit (owner not rented) It's be nice to have a big bin for food scraps that would be collected weekly - as opposed to having to keep the food scraps in the suite due to smell and space limitations. That is what we did in our condo in Vancouver. Large outside collection bin for the complex

We composted in our home in Vancouver. We have just moved to Gibsons and are working on food waste

If counsels' goals is town wide organics diversion rates then choose an approach that has the best chance of success at achieving this. I strongly support banning organics from garbage cans in the near future and implementing that is very easy for the general public to participation

We invested in the largest home Jora, but it's not perfect - leaking on the deck was an issues, and then we had to build a roof to keep it from filling with rain (the Jora Salesman assembled it). Even so, we would choose another if subsidy were available because fills a void - perhaps we need more composting/educational support!!

If two hens were allowed in each yard, they could eat lots of food scraps, plus produce composting fertilizer as well as local food (eggs)

For those who can't home compost the town might provide a secure bucket that could be then taken with other recycling to the depot

We have very little garbage! We recycle everything possible. We don't order out. We don't use paper products. We would rather take our garbage and pay by weight. However, we realize this may not suit others. Every other weekly would work for use

We recycle everything - paper, plastic, cans, bottles. We no longer have the Zero Waste store in Gibsons for other things

I've been composting organic material for years but I don't add meat to the bin

I would be in favour of much less frequent garbage pickup - we put out 1/3 full garbage can only once or twice a month.

In Kelowna there are 3 pickups, green waste, recycling, and garbage. Wish we had that

Home composting for us does not include meat and dairy products

I don't compost cooked food as they attract wildlife

I don't actually home compost. I use a garburator

Also, I miss having the opportunity to leave unwanted items at roadside for other people to pick up.

This is another method of reducing landfill. I don't want to pay more tax money for pickup of recyclables / compost

Love the improvements to Inglis Trail

Gibsons should introduce a more environmentally effective waste reduction program (i.e.. Study W. Van's program) Gibsons can start off more modestly by having citizens taking waste to several central locations





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This is definitely a challenging issue to find a solution that works for most people. Curbside collection is convenient but I definitely don't want to hold on to compost for a week. I've had maggots in a metal compost tin in the summer after it sat for a few days. Curbside is also expensive. A community drop off would be preferable where we can deposit as often as we like but this can attract bears and rats. Personally I don't mind dropping off recycling, green waste or compost. I would prefer it being open longer

My company spent about \$1,000 on the compost system, however, it is way too much time consuming and easy to fail of making the requested soil. So would suggest to let the town to provide a rebate program to residents to invest in installing a garburator. The garburator costs about \$300 but it can reduce most of the food waste

Despite having only 2 people in my home the volume of veggie waste etc was large due to eating a more vegetarian diet. It was too much for my composter. I loved being able to take meat scraps to GRD. I feel strongly about composting and recycling

The survey does not sufficiently differentiate between vegetable compost and cooked food/meat/dairy waste which is much more attractive to vermin and bears

Composting requires careful attention to avoid increase in rodents. Education is required to avoid rodents and bears in neighbourhoods. Consider smaller sized garbage cans for weekly garbage collection in order to encourage recycling

Curbside collection of recyclables would reduce a large volume of garbage going to the landfill based on what I've observed while visiting the homes of other town of Gibsons residents

We also share our time in another community (Whistler) and when we moved here we were disappointed no community composting. We do not want home composting due to wildlife and rodents but in Whistler we were able to decrease our garbage by more than 75% using their community drop-off site

I think that recycling is the biggest issues in Gibsons. It can be a challenge to take it to the depot for many people and this often results in resorting to throwing away recyclables. Is the town taking this into consideration and thinking of starting curbside recycling service? This would greatly reduce our landfills

The recycle don't take things like photo albums. Now everything goes on computer, I have so many books!?

We recycle weekly, that has changed since downsizing of scraps. We still sort household items, but find everything still goes in 1 bin? Is it going to landfill? Would have at least curbside food waste and pickup. Thank you for reaching out!

Make recycling/composting easier. Reduce frequency and amount of garbage that can be collected per household. I garbage collector sees recyclables put out as garbage he/she should not collect - or appoint bylaw officer

I am home owner answering for tenant. This survey might have been better sent direct to civic address in ToG instead of my address in SCRD

We have to sort out problems of large developments and complexes that we as current property owners do pay for on our taxes and utility bills. These development people should be paying for themselves. Yes really! No thanks

Garbage is deposited along Payne Road we must collect it in our weekly pickup





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The success of an organic recycling is based upon the ease of people to participate

Provincial bear attractant laws must be considered when implementing a program. Please consult with the conservation officer prior to implementing a program

Not sure if curbside pickup would make any difference to some people

We spend half our time in Vancouver where there is a green bin collection weekly. However, as we only have 1/2 time often have to save our food scraps in the fridge. I am told that garburating (which we do) puts a stress on the water and sewage and purification system

Diversion of compostables is a short term solution which is typical of the Sunshine Coast mentality in solving infrastructure issues. To properly understand the landfill issue you should take into account the entire waste stream and then determine a long term solution at the landfill. This is not a new issue

Garage door 2 ply laminate ripped open partially By bear? Possible slight smell from inside can. Will freeze then dispose in future. Offending items? Fish, chicken, etc

Options for kitty and dog waste bags

When will Gibson build a year round road to mainland Canada (Squamish) so we citizens wont have to depend on BC Ferries?

I have a lot of recycling not much organic waste or waste of any kind

Most household recyclables are picked up my Coastline Recycling twice monthly for a modest fee at curbside and we are very satisfied with the service

Not being full time resident it would be highly beneficial to have drop off locations for recyclable, garbage, and compost. Wildlife is always an issue with all the above

where we live has a fair amount of wildlife, raccoons, bears, rats. I do not feel waste in my yard is beneficial. I will continue to take my bottles and papers to recycling. Maybe approach manufacturers and have them use less packaging as well as non plastic packaging, Stores can give paper bags not plastic

we recently moved from Kelowna where there was weekly garbage pickup on alternate weeks either recycling or waste. It was a very convenient program. However, there was no program for compost/food waste

I ran the films at the Heritage Theatre for 3 years or more on composting Recycling, mining and other threats to the environment with Hail Nielson. Also just returned from Africa where there isn't any recycling. Got malaria and typhoid

I recycle as much as possible. I do not have a lot of garbage - frequently only put garbage doe collection once every two weeks

I need an education program to do it properly, not stink up my house or attract critters. I live in a known bear route - evidence left though haven't seen her yet

Due to issues with rodents and bears being attracted, public education would be needed to be sure the container for collection were put curbside the day of pickup only

I've been recycling for, composting since 1960 and its not made a damn bit of difference to the pollution I live with and have seen, so I just quit 5 years ago.

I have been a faithful recycler ever since GRD opened and have been appalled at the increase in my garbage for the landfill ever since their decrease in acceptable materials. It is such a well run easy





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facility to use.

we recently sold a large house in Vancouver with 3 adults living in that residence. We only filled half a garbage container every 2 weeks due to our recycling of food scraps etc. We will be full time residents in 2018

Zero Water is a good goal. All other recyclables options welcome. Central depot easily accessible is acceptable options

I pay bi-weekly recycling pickup and use a garburator which is why there is so little garbage
I moved to Gibsons from Parksville 1.5 years ago. Parksville/Qualicum have introduced a garbage collection centre and green waste/recycling collection program a few years ago. A basic program when it started, there is now a beautiful facility which is a pleasure to use although there is roadside collection

If recycle articles are in garbage fee with utility bill. Support stores charging for packaging which is not recyclable. Support paper over plastic bags for produce in stores

No interest in curbside pickup for compost and recycling. Businesses should take it back! Also, need a rodent trap program offering a reduced price for residents to purchase rodent traps for compost area

Oak bay in Victoria has a metal composter bear proof free delivered to your door in pilot project

When we moved here and built our home on Spyglass we were told not to compost any type of edibles because it would attract bears so that's why we don't

Thanks for asking. Garbage should only be collected every two weeks. Use smaller bins. Too many restrictions on recycling coupon

A viable options for our community keeps rats, bears, coyotes and other wildlife away from our community

Composting is an excellent but only partial solution - there's a significant issue composting meat, food cooked in oil etc will our wildlife pop. Meat related compost could be dealt with at a central facility - well fenced and maintained by town. Pick up would invite animals. Plastics etc are handled well by GRD - curbside service for this could be good

If curbside PU it would be best if all green waste could be mixed with household organics

Leaving compost on curbside for pick up will be smelly and encourage birds to scavenge. People should take it to a central drop-off - maybe supply secure bins otherwise?

Community composter could include a facility for pet poop

When you divert packaging recycling away from depot collection you eliminate options to successfully divert e-waste, lights, small appliances, batteries etc. Support GRD!

Any organics treatment other than curbside!

Since the excellent recycling depot opened we have been putting on shopping bag per week of garbage. We have composted for over 50 years

There was a great home collection system in Halifax. It was a green bin for all home scraps and soiled cardboard. The bins were collected weekly. Everyone participated

Possible collect compostables every week, collect garbage every 2 weeks





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Gibsons Recycling Depot

I am concerned about the loss of our recycling depot in Gibsons. I hope that the Town comes up with a sustainable solution. I would love to see a curbside collection system set up in Gibsons. It is not possible to compost in my strata, but I was an active composter before I moved here from UBC. It would be great if Gibsons recycling could go back to a facility to recycle most items
Gibsons recycling serves the community well. Would like to see it continue - however that is possible

I am most concerned that the amenity of GRD be continued, even better, restored to its former more comprehensive recycling services. We don't have the public money to support curbside recycling. Paving our roads is a more important priority

I am very sorry to see the end of the local composting at Barb and friend Buddy

I used this program at GRD. It was excellent, easy to use and cheap, .25 cents for a gallon. New owners stopped? Not sure why it stopped, now I drive to Salish Soils in Sechelt for disposal. I go weekly as I have an event in Sechelt weekly.

The system Buddy had at GRD worked. I can't believe it was stopped. The Town should take this issue on rather than adding to the landfill

I average one small plastic vegetable bag per week. It usually contains used paper toweling, Kleenex and wrapping such as granola bar tinfoil which is not accepted at GRD. I will miss Buddy's super depot

After reaching nearly Zero Waste at the GRD, why are you starting from scratch? The whole coast should act as one coordinated unit to maximize resources to reduce waste, maintain recovery and recycling of electronics and e-waste. Force producers to support municipalities in managing waste. Please see the recycling depot stay open

I would like to see complete recycling that we had at GRD

I sincerely hope that the local GRD will continue and return to its full recycling capacity. I hate to think what will happen if all that plastic, metal, and paper goes into the landfill. I think that is much more important than food waste

Why is service so limited at Gibsons Recycling? Should I expect a rebate due to lack of services? I would use that facility for organics (meat and bone) as well as paint disposal etc if the depot was doing service as advertised

Past recycle depot was excellent. We would like the same! Thank you

It would have been very helpful if the town had supported Buddy Boyd with GRD operations - now a garbage site that is not maintained adequately and much less service options vs. when buddy operated this business

I will totally miss our current recycling depot. I take our waste sometimes 2-3 times/week.

We really like the existing GRD and green waste center and hope they continue. Meat waste is a problem because of bears and other critters

The GRD is excellent

Is it possible to have a community compost at GRD?

I love GRD run by Buddy Boyd. I use a garburator for all food waste

I'd like to see a continuation of the drop-off depot for recyclables (other than compost material)





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We must have a depot such as GRD. If central composting it must be in-vessel with exhaust scrubbing otherwise it will be a failure. See City of Vancouver experience

Outrageous that ToG has taken so long to react to sale/closure of GRD. So much time and money wasted on bike lanes and neglect of roads /recycling deadline. Some departments in town need a shake up and possibly new management. I don't blame council

Enhance the existing GRD

GRD has provided a valuable service to this community. Items that would end up in the landfill are recycled and used. Meat and bones are composted instead of attracting bears and other scavengers Dropping off food scraps at Gibsons depot like plastic, bottles, etc containers will be one time activity for a household. When compost is ready it can be open to anyone for their garden fertilizer. That way it eases the food scraps. No need for curbside pickup and monitoring wild animals checking our bins

Love composting. Great for my garden. My husband takes our compost once every two weeks to GRD. We need a compost bin but afraid bars will get into it

I like the community feeling at GRD. I love our green waste facility - thanks! If you need help designing an electronic survey let me know!

Good luck. It's imperative to find a way to keep something like GRD in operation

We are concerned about GRD. Will it continue? It's a wonderful concept. Perhaps you could sell shares in it if not able to find a buyer. I'm sure people would be interested

GRD was excellent when it accepted so much. Unfortunately that changed. I always wished they would accept compost. If that were the case, 90-95% of my waste would go there

buddy Boyd's complete service was wonderful. It's a pity that ended. An excellent use of our taxes would be to reinstate this

Please continue the GRD program - it works - don't fix it

Gibsons has the best recycling depot. It should remain in business if possible - even with support

We used to take all of our food waste etc to the GRD until April 2017 when they stopped accepting it. Against curbside pick up as it attracts wildlife and may lead to more bears being shot

If it turns out to be a drop off depot. I would want it to be a one-stop depot. Not a separate location for compostables

Ideally drop off organics are GRD with recyclables

GRD is fantastic and absolutely essential. I cannot emphasize the valuable service for our community

Loved GRD including annual garbage ticket from town. Hate putting food waste in garbage now - messy and wasteful

We will miss dearly GRD if they close. We must have somewhere to take our recyclables. The public is well trained to use this type of service. Without an alternative people may throw stuff back into the garbage again. Curbside will help those without a car

I am concerned about Gibsons losing its recycling depot. What is the town doing to ensure that plastics, metals, cardboard, paper etc does not start going to the landfill?





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We were very sorry to see the compost program end at GRD, We took all of our compost there. Our private curbside recycler does not take compost, I think if we have a compost depot it should not charge \$. Incorporate into taxes. It discourages people when they have to get it there and then pay I will continue to take as much as I can to GRD. It's a shame to see it shutting its doors as it was beneficial to our community as far as keeping a lot of waste from entering the landfill.

Questions

Please can we have allotments so condo dwellers can grow some veggies and compost?

Would like to know how to avoid attracting rats to our composter

Is the food waste to be turned into compost?

Few years ago garbage pickup time was revised. Is there any impact?

Any community composter would have to be rodent proof as well as bear proof. How often would it be emptied? Whistler has a bin to deposit compostables at recycling depots

I am frustrated that I have to pay for 2 sewers/garbage just because I have a tenant. My tenant is 96 years old, we both recycle/compost and conserve H2O. Why do I get penalized for admitting I have a tenant? I claim rent \$ on my taxes but I get charged more than a large household that doesn't conserve

I don't drive, so a central point is impractical. Drop-off points sound good but are likely to be misused either deliberate or through misunderstanding. Curbside collection - how could this be done without drawing wildlife? If a fee is involved that's a further deterrent. What do other towns do?

Could we aim to make Gibsons plastic bag and bottle free. To discourage the use of plastic.

Have you considered smaller size garbage can for a smaller yearly fee to encourage pen waste?

My home food composting is part of my garden/yard/grass composting. Where would your program take the compostables?

Where can I get a container to start?

