



City of
Courtenay

Solid Waste Contamination Management 2026 Update

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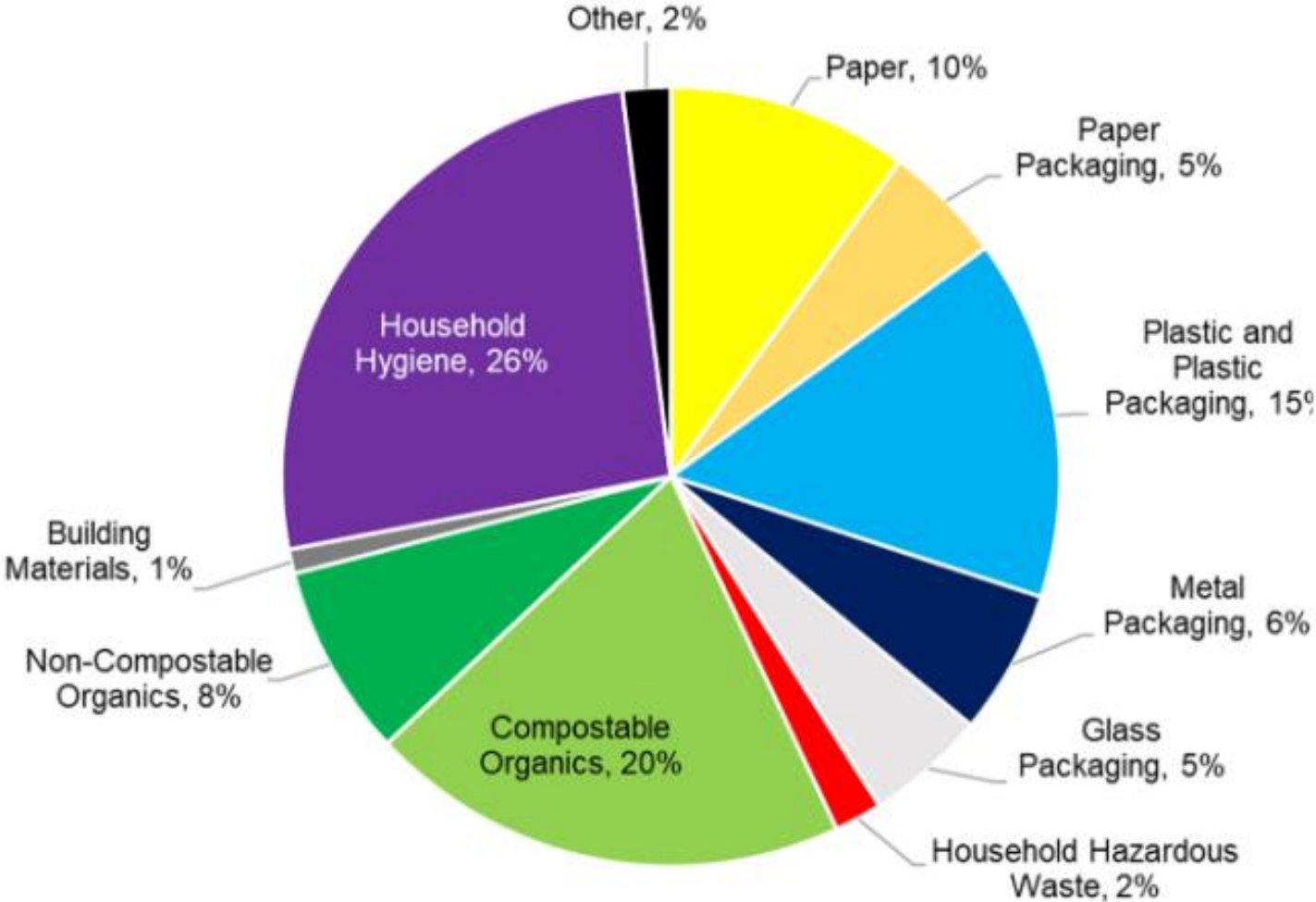
Purpose & Background

- Provide Council with a snapshot of contamination rates across all three collection streams (garbage, recycling, and organics) for the City of Courtenay's automated curbside solid waste collection system.

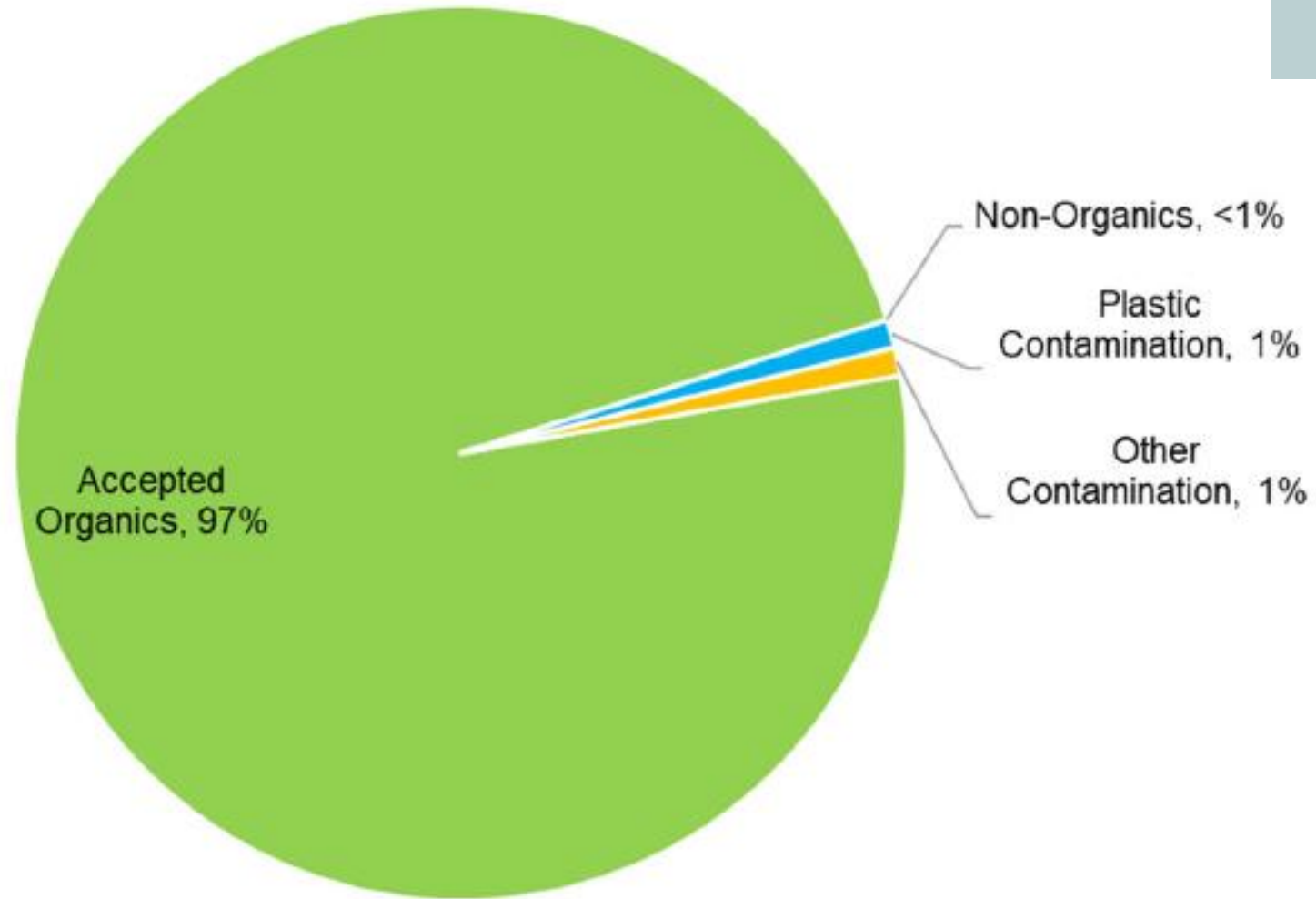
Waste Diversion Achievements

	2024										
Municipality	Food and Yard Organics				Garbage by Munis				Total Tonnes	Total Fees	Ratio O:W
	Tonnes	%YOY	Fees	% of waste	Tonnes	%YOY	Fees	% of waste			
Campbell River	3,149	30%	\$ 346,379	44%	4,034	-2%	\$ 625,270	56%	7,183	\$ 971,649	0.78
Courtenay	4,575	56%	\$ 503,203	68%	2,107	-36%	\$ 326,585	32%	6,682	\$ 829,788	2.17
Comox	2,820	37%	\$ 310,209	51%	2,739	-19%	\$ 424,545	49%	5,559	\$ 734,754	1.03
Cumberland	536	14%	\$ 58,955	57%	399	-7%	\$ 61,845	43%	935	\$ 120,800	1.34
Grand Total	11,080	41%	\$ 1,218,745	54%	9,279	-17%	\$ 1,438,245	46%	20,359	\$ 2,656,990	1.19

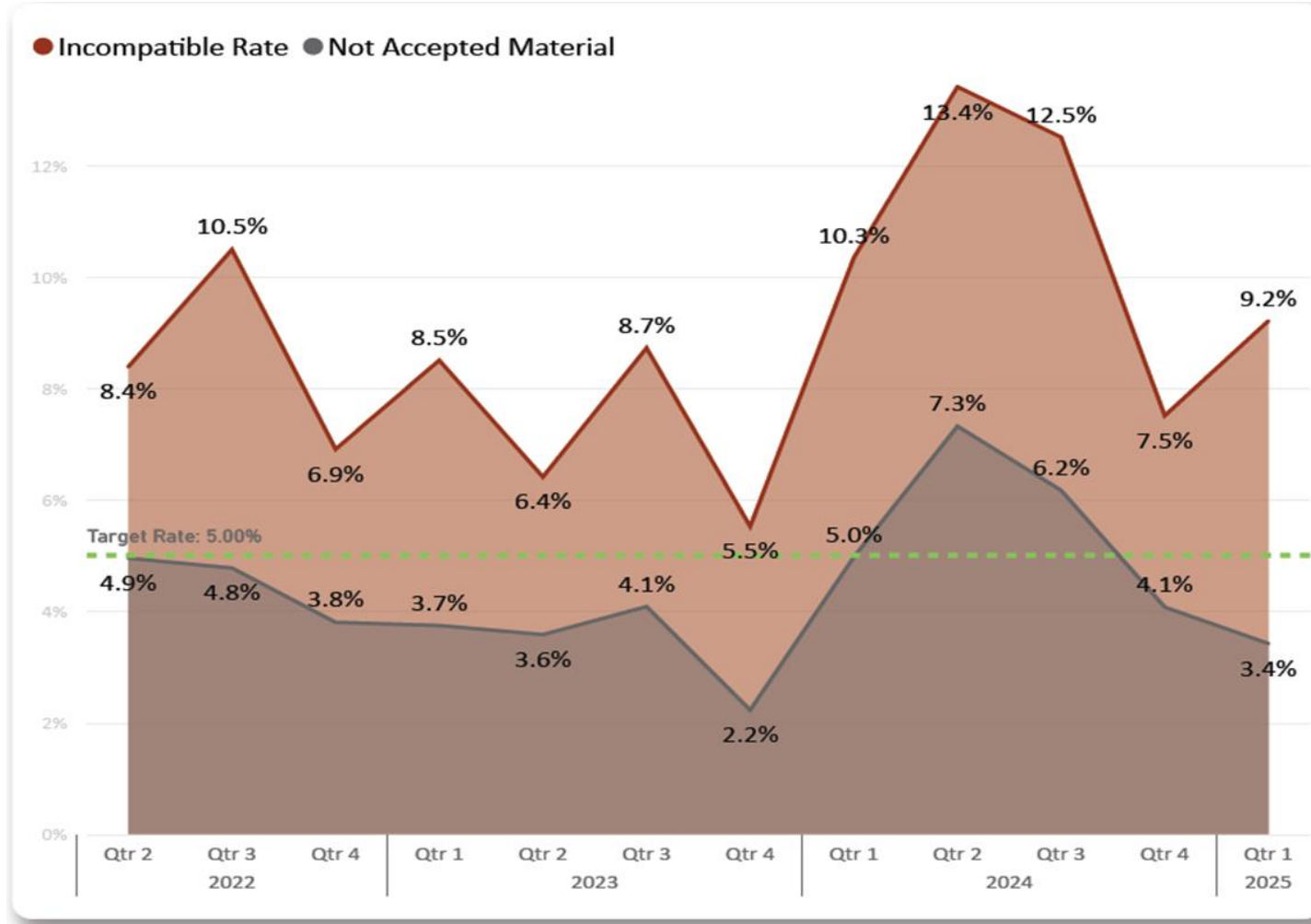
Diversification Potential from Garbage



Organics Contamination



Recycling Contamination



Technology & Contractor Challenges

- The collection contract includes the use of contamination management tools:
 - Location-based photo evidence linked to properties.
- Contamination of both recycling and organics has been relatively low
 - Should increases occur, the City will be hampered by the collection contractors' limitations

Staff Recommendation

THAT Council receive the “Solid Waste Contamination Management – 2025 Update” briefing note.