

Solid Waste Management Plan

Step 4 Presentation to
City of Courtenay

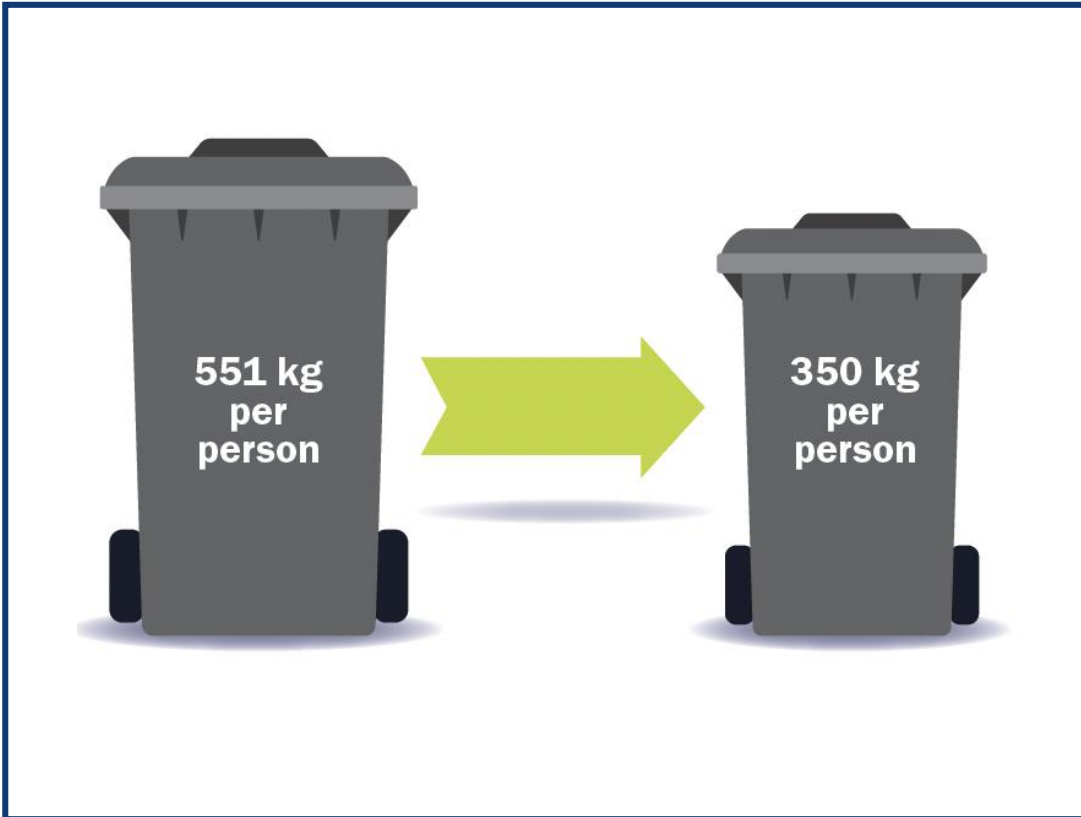
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**Weigh In
On Waste**



What is the Goal of an SWMP?



The goal is to produce less garbage.

On average, each person in the service area generates 551 kg of waste annually. The provincial target is 350 kg per person.

SWMP presents the programs, services, infrastructure and policies that guide the design and implementation of CSWM solid waste for the next decade.

Step 3 – Evaluate Options 2024-2025

① Support reuse



② Encourage repair



③ Educate and reach out to communities



④ Support multi-family waste separation



⑤ Reduce industry, commercial and institutional waste



⑥ Reduce construction, renovation and demolition waste



⑦ Equalize access to services



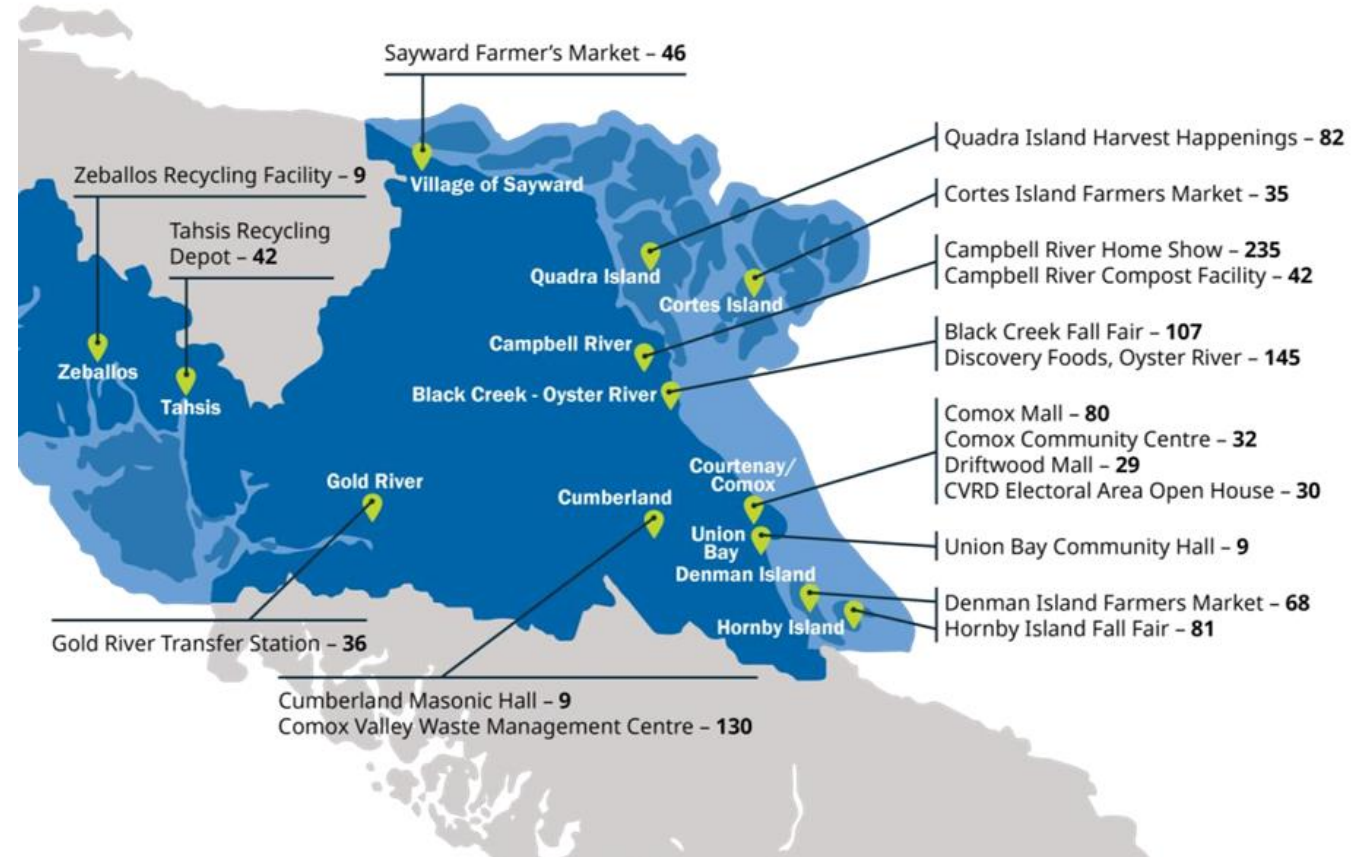
⑧ Track solid waste



Waste Reduction Strategies

2025 - Step 3 Engagement on Strategies and Actions

- 1,247 people at 19 events in September and October 2025
- Promoted online survey, offered paper surveys to complete
- Captured themes of the conversations
 - Expand collection and drop-off
 - Improve communication
 - Fairness and consistency



Online Survey on Strategies and Actions

11. Require new multi-family buildings to have space for recycling and organics bins and pickup.



14. Advocate to increase access to recycling programs and expand materials accepted under the provincial regulations for waste producers.



13. Start organics collection in multi-family buildings.



Do not support
 Low support
 Neutral
 More support
 Strongly support

- 624 responses
- 85% residents of single family or duplex
- Consistently finished the survey
- All actions were supported by CSWM Board to include in Draft

You're Up to Speed!

Provided with CSWM Solid Waste Management Plan
Backgrounder with agenda package

Link to our [Engagement Page](#) and the complete version
of the [Draft Plan](#)

YouTube [Video](#) for Step 4



1.
**Initiate the
Process**
2022



2.
**Set the Plan
Direction**
2022-2023



3.
**Evaluate
Options**
2024-2025



4.
**Prepare and
Adopt the Plan**
2026

Step 4 – Draft SWMP 2026

- Developed targets to support goals over the plan life
- An implementation schedule was provided on when actions will be initiated and funded
- Committee structure outlined



Targets

Regional targets should be achievable, have clear timelines and results, and show continuous improvement towards the Provincial targets.

- Have 80% of B.C.'s population covered by organic waste disposal restrictions

Goal 1

To support regional circular economy approaches, and to work towards a goal of zero waste.

Target

- A 10% increase in participation at repair cafés from 2024 levels by 2031.



Goal 2

To reduce and remediate environmental impacts from solid waste management activities.

Target

- By 2035 to have all waste generated from within the region disposed of within a landfill with leachate capture and treatment, or a comparable modern waste management facility approved within this Plan.



Goal 3

To reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to pursue beneficial use of landfill gas.

Targets

- That all new multi-family developments constructed after 2030 have adequate space for waste, recycling and organics containers and implement collection.
- 80% of the CSWM population covered by an organic waste disposal restriction by 2036.
- 75% of landfill gas captured at the CVWMC to be used beneficially by 2031.



Goal 4

To responsibly manage waste, and to minimize the amount of residual waste in landfills.

Targets

- To have an MSW disposal rate of 200 kg/capita from households with curbside collection of waste, recycling and organics by 2031.
- Excluding CRD waste, to have a decreasing disposal rate targeting 400 kg/capita of in-region MSW by 2037.
- The long-term target for the CSWM service is to strive to achieve an MSW disposal rate of 350 kg/capita.



Lower the MSW disposal rate to 350 kg per person per year

Goal 5

To have informed residents, businesses and community partners empowered to participate effectively and consistently in proper waste management practices. To use CSWM enforcement powers when necessary.

Targets

- A 10% increase to in-person community member interactions with educators from 2024 levels by 2031.
- Year over year increases to the CSWM solid waste mobile app unique users.
- To maintain a 3% (wet weight) contamination rate within organics collected at the curbside from residents.



Goal 6

To ensure that the CSWM solid waste services are financially sustainable and delivered equitably across the region, recognizing and leveraging the unique challenges and cultures of our rural and remote communities.

Target

- To fund and provision solid waste services in line with the Board approved fiscal sustainability framework and strategy.

Plan Monitoring Advisory Committee (PMAC)

Purpose: Review and provide feedback on regular reporting regarding SWMP implementation and diversion.

- Desire for some continuity between PMAC and RSWAC
- Expecting one to two meetings per year
- Diverse geography, demography and political organization of the plan area and balance technical and non-technical interests
- Two-year term, optional renewal for two additional terms. Staggered expiry of terms
- Continue with financial support for participation and travel
- The CSWM Board remains the final authority on decisions

PMAC: Composition

- Public Members – up to 6 members,
 - One member of the public residing in either the City of Courtenay, the Town of Comox or the Village of Cumberland
- Technical Members – up to 12 members, specified experience or employment
 - Inclusive of up to 4 members of local government staff
- First Nations – up to 10 members, one per nation
- The Co-Chairs of the CSWM Board will be the Co-Chairs of PMAC

Next Steps

- Public and First Nations consultation on draft SWMP language April 7 to April 24, 2026
- CSWM will be seeking a letter of endorsement by June 1, 2026
- Return to the Board with consultation results and final package for submission to the Ministry in June
- When ready, submit to the minister for review. Review anticipated to take 6-18 months
- Establishment of PMAC following SWMP approval



Thank you.



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