



## PUBLIC AND TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday May 12, 2026  
In person, 1975 Field Road, Sechelt, B.C.

### AGENDA

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**CALL TO ORDER**      3:00 p.m.

#### AGENDA

1. Adoption of Agenda

#### MINUTES

2. Public and Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of February 17, 2026 – *for receipt only*      Annex A  
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3. Public and Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of November 4, 2025 – *for receipt only*      Annex B  
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#### COMMUNICATIONS

4. **Presentation: Solid Waste Management Plan Engagement and Update Progress**      Verbal  
  
What We Heard – Engagement Feedback  
Final Solid Waste Management Plan  
Next Steps  
  
Marc Sole, Manager, Solid Waste Services
5. **Memo: 2026 SWMP Engagement Summary**      Annex C  
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6. **Memo: Final Solid Waste Management Plan**      Annex D  
to follow

#### NEW BUSINESS

**NEXT MEETING**    N/A

**ADJOURNMENT**      5:00 p.m.

**SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT  
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN  
PUBLIC AND TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, February 17, 2026**

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RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN PUBLIC AND TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN PERSON AND ONLINE IN THE CEDAR ROOM, 1975 FIELD ROAD, SECHELT, BC

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**PRESENT:**

(Voting Members)	Chair	J. Sutherland
	Director, Electoral Area A	L. Lee
	Director, Electoral Area E	D. McMahon
	Members	N. Brenchley
		P. Robson
		M. Ernst

**ALSO PRESENT:**

(Non-Voting)	Manager, Solid Waste Services	M. Sole
	Infrastructure Services Assistant	K. Valair

**REGRETS:**

Vice Chair	D. Reeve
Members	A. Joe
	E. Machado
	S. Selzer

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**CALL TO ORDER**                      2:48 p.m.

**AGENDA**                              The agenda was adopted as presented.

## **Presentation: Updates to Draft Solid Waste Management Plan**

Marc Sole, Manager, Solid Waste Services, Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD), provided a presentation of updates to the Draft Solid Waste Management Plan, which included the following:

- Updates on the Draft Solid Waste Management Plan were received and discussed by the Committee.
- Introductions and recap of plan update progress and Public and Technical Advisory Committee's (PTAC) efforts to date.
- Staff report discussed re: aim to prioritize strategies and actions in draft plan.
- Progress and development status of draft plan.
  - The SCRD Board approved Option 1 from the Committee of the Whole Report from January 22, 2026, *Draft Solid Waste Management Plan Options* at the February 12, 2026 Board Meeting, Resolution No. 030/26,

### **Recommendation No. 1** *Draft Solid Waste Management Plan Options*

THAT the draft Solid Waste Management Plan be amended to prioritize strategies and actions focused on long-term disposal, and the four most cost-effective actions to increase waste diversion to further extend the life of the Sechelt Landfill, which include:

- Strategy 3: Lobby for better and more Provincial Product Stewardship Programs;
- Strategy 4: Improve recycling and organics diversion opportunities for residents;
- Strategy 5: Improve compliance and regulatory requirements to enhance diversion;
- Strategy 9: Residual waste management in the Region (vertical expansion);

AND THAT staff engage with the community on the amended draft Solid Waste Management Plan;

AND FURTHER THAT staff continue engagement with member municipalities, neighbouring local governments, and First Nations on the amended draft Solid Waste Management Plan.

- Financial considerations for updates to the plan:
  - Capital costs of vertical expansion will impact SCRDR budget in coming years.
  - Staffing time for new projects can be adjusted to reduce initial ask by delaying new actions in the plan to the second half of plan timeline.
  - Extending landfill life through vertical expansion allows for annual closure fund contributions to be reduced from current amount.
- Focus of the draft plan is on diversion and enforcement for the first five years of the plan. Strategies 3, 4, and 5 have the highest potential for diversion and

extending the life of the Sechelt Landfill.

- The remaining strategies in the plan are proposed to be moved to the second half of the ten-year plan timeline.

PTAC discussion included:

- No objections to adjusting plan implementation timelines.
- Options to increase enforcement through policy changes (e.g. clear bags for garbage disposal) and monitoring options on site (e.g. cameras).
- Important to work with businesses to improve diversion.

Staff presented information to the Committee regarding the proposed engagement strategy:

The committee discussed the following:

- 2026 Public engagement will begin first week of March and run until April 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Using all tools available, such as website and social media, information boards, signs, posters, online survey.
- Pop up table events, open houses, workshops with businesses and local organisations, postcard mailout similar to OCP update.
- PTAC offered suggestions to attend community events such as the Wedding Fair, target tourism and local destinations for education opportunities, and to reach out to real estate agents regarding appropriate waste management for new residents and those leaving the region to reduce waste generated.
- The committee stressed the importance of education regarding contamination of recycling and food waste.
- The committee expressed concerns regarding the increase in tipping fees leading to an increase in illegal dumping.
- The committee asked for clarification as to how changes to the draft SWMP may affect the consultant's budget and staff confirmed that the changes would not affect the project budget.

**NEXT MEETING** (TBD)

**ADJOURNMENT** 4:35 p.m.

**SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT  
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN  
PUBLIC AND TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, November 4, 2025**

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RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN PUBLIC AND TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN PERSON AND ONLINE IN THE CEDAR ROOM, 1975 FIELD ROAD, SECHELT, BC

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**PRESENT:**

(Voting Members)	Chair	J. Sutherland
	Director, Electoral Area A	L. Lee
	Director, Electoral Area E	D. McMahon
	Members	N. Brenchley
		P. Robson

**ALSO PRESENT:**

(Non-Voting)	Manager, Solid Waste Services	M. Sole
	Manager, Communications	A. Buckley
	Solid Waste Programs Coordinator	A. Patrao

**REGRETS:**

Vice Chair	D. Reeve
Members	A. Joe
	E. Machado
	M. Ernst
	S. Selzer

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**CALL TO ORDER** 3:37 p.m.

**AGENDA** The agenda was adopted as presented.

## COMMUNICATIONS

### **Presentation: Public Engagement on the Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP)**

Aidan Buckley, Manager, Communications, SCRD, provided a presentation on public engagement plans for the draft Solid Waste Management Plan, which included the following:

- Different types of engagement to be utilized.
- Looking for public feedback on the draft SWMP.
- Asked the Solid Waste Management Plan Public and Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC) their experience with engagement and what they think would be effective engage with the community:
  - Engagement that has worked well.
  - What hasn't worked well.
  - Who needs to be connected with.
  - Suggestions on how to connect with them.

Group discussion on engagement included the following:

- PTAC recognized that communicating about the multiple types of strategies and actions will require extensive engagement, suggestions include:
  - Condense the information so that it is easier to understand as the whole plan can be overwhelming.
  - Give participants plenty of time to connect with the material.
  - Offer multiple ways to provide feedback, including opportunities to focus on specific topics as well as the plan as a whole.
- The Committee agreed with the approach to:
  - To start engagement in December at local market days with a holiday recycling theme.
  - Reach out to as many community groups as we can, including the school community and families via school newsletters.
  - Participate in other local events like upcoming film festivals.
  - Utilize existing communication networks within community groups and make it easy for them to share content on the SWMP.
- PTAC agreed that the approach used for the engagement on the update to the SCRD Official Community Plan has been noticeable in the community and approaches could be incorporated into engagement on the SWMP.
- PTAC expressed a preference to emphasize the recyclability of the engagement materials and preference for print materials with higher recycled content.
- PTAC agreed that providing residents with the following types of context could be helpful when communicating about the SCRD's waste system:
  - Comparing financial aspects to real world examples, such as other community's tipping fees.
  - Factors that contribute to higher taxation, e.g., diversion programs offered.

- Connecting a tipping fee to actual costs at the scale because \$165/tonne is not easily related to the amount paid at the scale for disposing of a couch.

### **Presentation: Long-Term Disposal Options - Strategy 10**

Marc Sole, Manager, Solid Waste Services, SCRD, provided a presentation on Strategy 10 – Secure Long-Term Disposal Options for the Region in the draft Solid Waste Management Plan, which included the following:

- Introductions and recap of plan update progress and PTAC's efforts to date.
- Long-term disposal options – work done to date
  - Initial studies on:
    - Siting a new landfill
    - Waste-to-energy.
    - Waste export.
    - Amending the existing 2011 SCRD Solid Waste Management Plan to include waste export as a back up plan.
  - Feasibility of lateral expansion.
  - Contact Water Pond Relocation.
  - Unplanned waste export:
    - Avoiding a worst-case scenario of exporting waste without a waste export transfer station.
    - High cost of this option comes from size of bin we can manage, lack of compaction, and transportation costs.
    - Greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.
- Long-term disposal options - Feasibility Results for Vertical Expansion and Waste Export.
  - Waste Export:
    - Locating a new transfer station at the Hillside Industrial Park to collect and consolidate all of the Coast's garbage for barging and trucking to Cache Creek.
    - Risks, costs, and considerations of the feasibility study were shared and the result that it was not recommended.
  - Vertical Expansion:
    - Utilizing the current Sechelt Landfill to build a 10 m mechanically stabilized earth wall proposed to be constructed within the existing site footprint and limit of waste.
    - Risks, costs, and considerations of the feasibility study were shared and the result that it was recommended to pursue this option.
    - Considerations for the addition of waste shredding findings were presented.
  - A comparison between the option for waste export or vertical expansion was shared.
    - Difference in costs of each option.
- Manager Sole briefly went over the next steps which included the following:

- October 23, Committee of the Whole decision to incorporate vertical expansion into the draft SWMP to be confirmed at the November 13, Board meeting.
- Draft SWMP engagement.

Group discussion on long-term disposal options included the following:

- PTAC indicated that option for waste export in Port Mellon is not as convenient option as Sechelt or Gibsons if there are no other amenities nearby.
- PTAC confirmed that waste export is not the preferred option but should still be a contingency option in the SWMP.
- The Committee asked for clarification on the next steps of the vertical expansion option. Staff informed that the option will need to be approved by the SCRD Board to be incorporated into the draft SWMP and that no work to date has been done on a final design plan.
- The Committee supported vertical expansion as the preferred option when compared to waste export.
  - The reasoning included that vertical expansion offers:
    - Cheaper costs as compared to waste export.
    - More time to prepare for a future landfill, or alternative, in thirty years.
    - Less risk related to escalating costs and external transportation risks.
- PTAC noted that draft SWMP is very large and the challenge will be to bring the whole community along with all the aspects we are trying to engage with them on and connect with:
  - Concerns related to tipping fee increases.
  - Enforcement to help prolong landfill life.
  - Balancing tipping fees with taxation and increasing diversion.
- PTAC noted that the plan should allow for future potential advancements in diversion and technology and opportunities to connect with neighbouring jurisdictions.
- Next Steps:
  - Staff offered PTAC members the option to email any additional or clarifying feedback.

**NEXT MEETING** (TBD)

**ADJOURNMENT** 5:05 p.m.

# SCRD Draft SWMP Engagement Summary

Public feedback gathered to inform the SCR D's solid waste management plan update.

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## Let's Talk Trash

Help shape the future of solid waste disposal on the Sunshine Coast



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1	Final Engagement Summary	Alex Velsink & Joseph Hoekstra	May 5, 2026	Alex Velsink	May 5, 2026	Nathalie Marble	May 5, 2026

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## **Acronyms / Abbreviations**

<b>Acronym / Abbreviation</b>	<b>Full Name</b>
<b>CAO</b>	Chief Administrative Officer
<b>DoS</b>	District of Sechelt
<b>EPR</b>	Extended Producer Responsibility
<b>ICI</b>	Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional
<b>kg</b>	kilogram
<b>MOEP</b>	Ministry of Environment and Parks
<b>OBSCR</b>	Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation
<b>PTAC</b>	Public and Technical Advisory Committee
<b>QR</b>	Quick Response (code)
<b>SCRD</b>	Sunshine Coast Regional District
<b>SCT</b>	Sunshine Coast Tourism
<b>sNGD</b>	shíshálh Nation Government District
<b>SWMP</b>	Solid Waste Management Plan
<b>ToG</b>	Town of Gibsons
<b>WRIP</b>	Waste Reduction and Initiatives Program





# SCRD Solid Waste Management Plan Update

## Who Are We?

The Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) is located on the territories of the shíshálh and Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh Nations. Incorporated in 1967, the SCRD is one of 27 regional districts that were designed to establish a partnership between electoral areas and member municipalities within their boundaries, and includes three municipalities and five electoral areas:

- 4 District of Sechelt
- Town of Gibsons
- shíshálh Nation Government District
- Electoral Area A—Egmont/Pender Harbour
- Electoral Area B—Halfmoon Bay
- Electoral Area D—Roberts Creek
- Electoral Area E—Elphinstone
- Electoral Area F—West Howe Sound



Figure 1. SCR D's SWMP Goal and Target



# 1 Introduction

Under the Environmental Management Act, regional districts are required to have a solid waste management plan (SWMP), which must be developed following the 2016 Solid Waste Management Planning Guidelines provided by the Ministry of Environment and Parks (the MOEP for content and process. The Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP, or Plan) describes how a region will manage garbage, recycling, and organic waste programs and services for a ten-year period. The SWMP update requires adequate consultation with the public, Indigenous communities, a range of interested parties and affected stakeholders.

The SCRD has engaged Stantec to support the planning process for the Plan update. Throughout the entire plan update process, the SCRD has worked closely with the Public and Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC), with public engagement concentrated in two periods: one at the start of the planning process to identify focus areas (engagement period 1) and another after the draft SWMP was developed (engagement period 2).

This memo summarizes the results of the second engagement period, which followed the development of the draft Plan. The draft Plan outlines proposed strategies and actions for the region, and public feedback was sought on support for these and prioritization of actions.

To gather input, SCR D developed and promoted an online survey and hosted in-person engagement events (Open Houses and Pop Ups). Respondents were provided background information and answered questions related to the proposed strategies and actions in the draft Plan. Feedback was collected through the online survey over a six-week period (March 2, 2026 – April 10, 2026).



Figure 2. SWMP Review and Update Timeline

## 2 Feedback Results and Responses

The feedback summarized below includes the results of the Public Survey (Section 2.2) and all in-person engagement (section 2.3) followed by concluding comments (Section 3).

### 2.1 Engagement Promotion

The SCRD understands that residents, businesses, and other interested parties receive their information from multiple sources. The online survey was advertised on Facebook, Instagram, newsletters, newspapers, posters, and a region-wide mailout. Open houses and pop-up events were held to engage residents in-person, and the survey was promoted at these events.



Figure 3. Example Promotional Material

Engagement opportunities were publicized as follows:



*Figure 4. Overview of Engagement Promotion*

- Landfill scale receipts were updated to include a short call-to-action message highlighting landfill capacity concerns and directing users to the project webpage via a URL.
- A notification was issued through the curbside collection app, prompting users to review the Draft Plan and provide feedback.
- A news release announcing the release of the Draft SWMP was published on the SCRD website and shared through SCRD communication channels.
- The news release was distributed to the Let's Talk SCRD subscriber list for those signed up to receive project updates.
- An email was sent to the Public and Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC) sharing the project webpage, survey link, and news release.
- Weekly newspaper advertisements aligned with tabling events were placed in the local newspaper that is distributed across the Sunshine Coast.
- A print advertisement was also placed in the Harbour Spiel newspaper, the local newspaper in Pender Harbour, highlighting Pender Harbour-specific events.
- Emails were sent to municipal communications departments (District of Sechelt, Town of Gibsons, and Sechelt Indian Government District) to support sharing of project information and Draft Plan materials.
- Emails were sent from the SCRD Chief Administrative Officer to Chief Administrative Officers at shíshálh Nation, Squamish Nation, District of Sechelt, Town of Gibsons and Island Trust, offering presentations of the Draft Plan to local government Councils and Boards.

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- Emails were sent from the SCRDR Chief Administrative Officer to Chief Administrative Officers at shísháhl Nation, Squamish Nation, District of Sechelt, Town of Gibsons, Island Trust, Metro Vancouver, qathet Regional District, informing them of the Draft Plan and inviting staff to participate in a municipal meeting on the Draft Plan.
- An email invitation was sent to the Ministry of Environment and Parks to request a meeting following the conclusion of the engagement period to review the Solid Waste Management Plan and engagement efforts.
- Targeted emails were sent to community groups, sharing the project webpage, inviting participation in events, and offering follow-up discussions on specific topics.
- A postcard mailout was distributed to approximately 19,000 households, promoting community conversations, encouraging completion of the online survey, and providing a QR code for access.
- Updated SWMP posters with open house dates and a QR code were displayed at SCRDR facilities, arenas, and neighbourhood bulletin boards across the Sunshine Coast.
- Social media posts were shared weekly to promote upcoming engagement events and locations.
- A rotating online advertisement was displayed on the Coast Reporter website directing readers to the project webpage and survey.
- Blurb articles were included in the SCRDR Coast Current newsletter to announce the start of engagement and to provide a reminder during the final week before the survey closed.
- Additional social media posts were shared during events inviting residents to join the conversation.

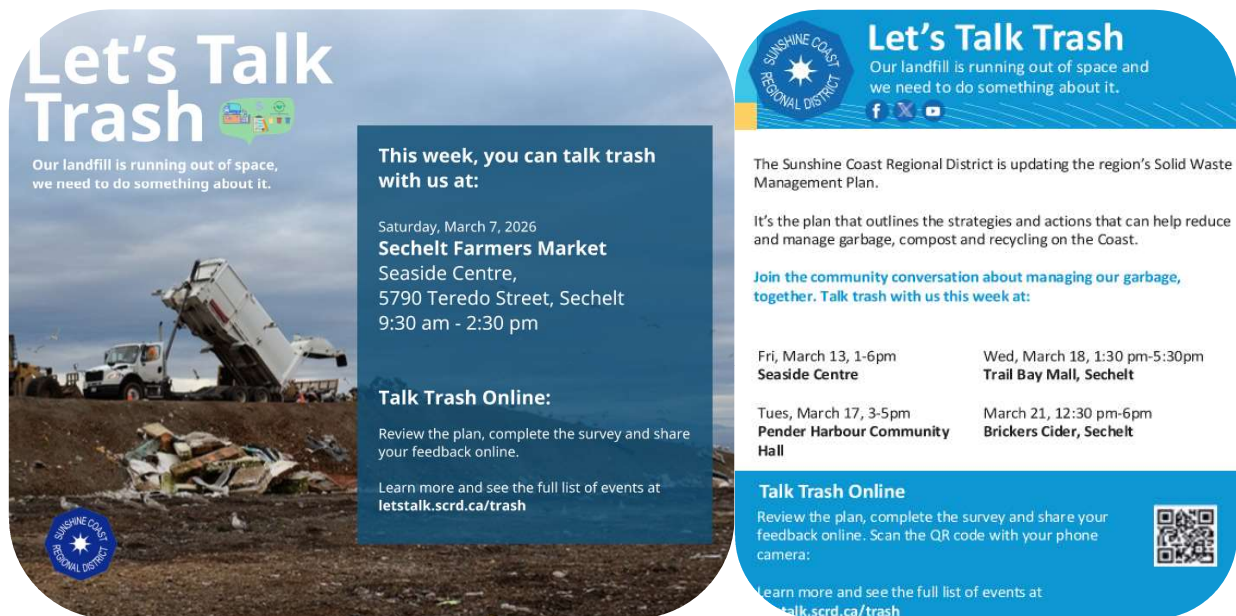


Figure 5. Example Promotional Material for In-Person Engagement



## 2.2 Public Survey

The Public Survey was posted on the SCR D website from March 2, 2026 – April 10, 2026. A total of 221 people responded to the survey.

### How to Read Ranking Charts in This Report

Some questions in this report asked respondents to rank options in order of importance, rather than simply selecting all options that apply. For these questions, respondents were asked to assign each option a ranking—for example, #1 (most important) through #4 or #5 (least important)—based on their priorities. Because of this format, each respondent could only assign one option as most important and one option as least important, requiring them to make trade-offs between choices. The ranking charts in this report show how often each option was placed at each ranking position. Higher bars at the top of the chart (e.g., #1 or #2) indicate higher priority, while higher bars toward the bottom (e.g., #4 or #5) indicate lower priority. This ranking format is used consistently throughout the report for questions that explore priorities, trade-offs, and relative importance, and should be interpreted as a comparison of options rather than independent ratings.

### 2.2.1 Section One – About You

The survey opened with two questions asking respondents to provide demographic information. These questions and the results are outlined below.

#### Q1: Where is your primary residence?

Respondents were asked to identify the location of their primary residence to understand geographic representation across the region. Of the 221 answers, 59 respondents indicated their primary residence as the District of Sechelt. Roberts Creek, Halfmoon Bay, Elphinstone and the Town of Gibsons had similar levels of representation ranging from 38 to 27 respondents each. The least represented communities were the Shíshálh Nation Government District with two respondents, and Sk̓w̓x̓wú7mesh Nation Lands with no respondents. The full distribution is presented in Figure 6 below.

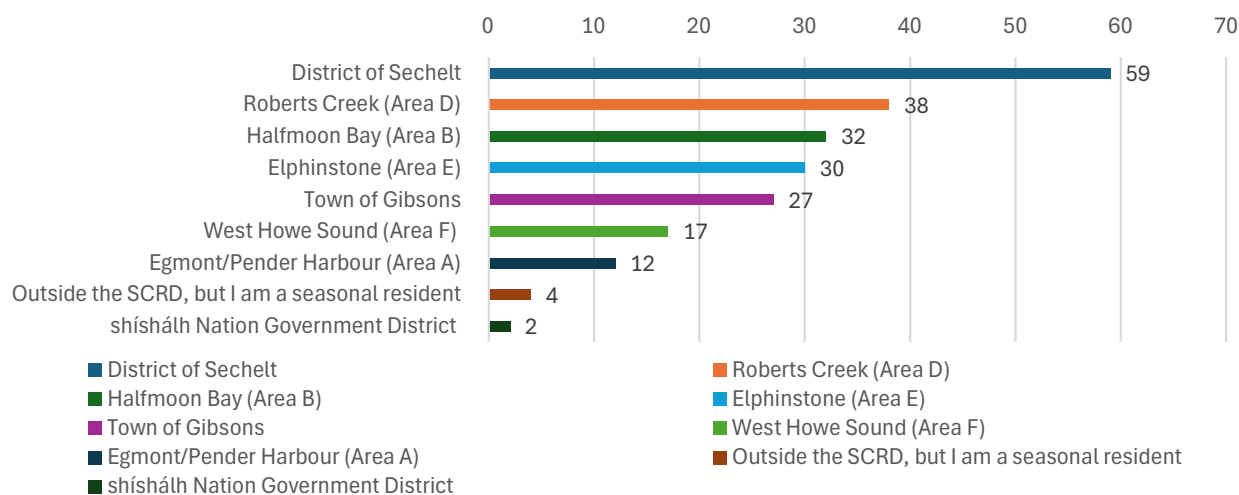
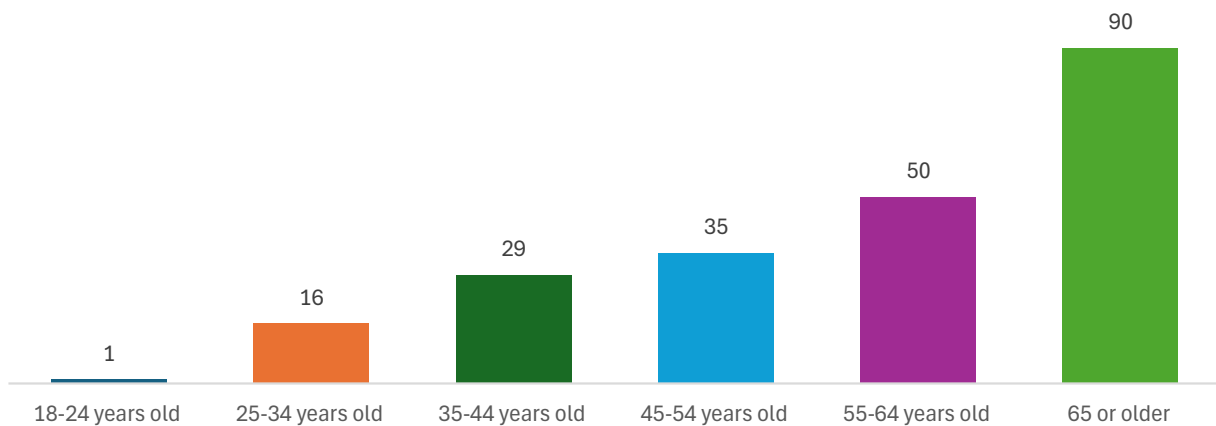


Figure 6. Survey Respondents' Primary Residence by Community



## **Q2: How old are you?**

Survey respondents were predominantly older adults. The largest proportion of participants were aged 65 or older (90 respondents), followed by those aged 55–64 (50 respondents) and 45–54 (35 respondents). Moderate participation was seen among respondents aged 35–44 (29 respondents) and 25–34 (16 respondents). Representation from younger adults was minimal, with only one respondent aged 18–24. Notably the survey did have an under 18 age group, but there were no respondents in this group. Overall, the results reflect stronger engagement from older age groups, with limited participation from younger residents. This is consistent with the demographics of the SCRD’s population. The full distribution is presented in Figure 7 below.



*Figure 7. Age Distribution of Survey Respondents*

### **2.2.2 Section Two – Learn the Background**

Section Two asked which facilities and services respondents use. These questions and the results are outlined below.

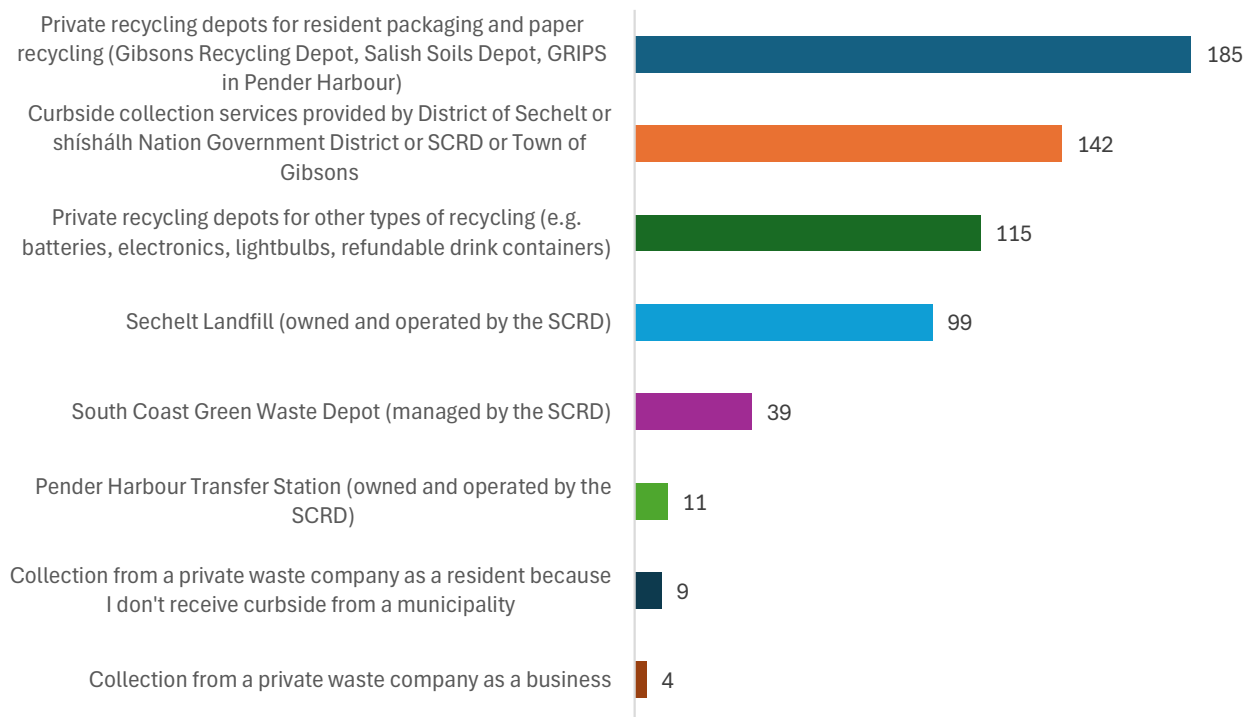
#### **Q3: Which facilities and services do you use regularly?**

Survey respondents reported using a range of waste management facilities and services, with the most frequently used being private recycling depots for residential packaging and paper recycling (185 respondents). Curbside collection services were also widely used, reported by 142 respondents. In addition, private recycling depots for other materials such as electronics, batteries, and refundable drink containers were used by 115 respondents.

The Sechelt Landfill was used regularly by 99 respondents, while fewer respondents reported using the South Coast Green Waste Depot (39 respondents). Use of other facilities and services was relatively limited, including other services (22 respondents), the Pender Harbour Transfer Station (11 respondents), and private waste collection services, either due to lack of curbside service (9 respondents) or for business purposes (4 respondents). Overall, results indicate strong reliance on recycling depots and curbside collection services, with lower usage of transfer stations and private waste collection services. The full distribution is presented in Figure 8 below.



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*Figure 8. Waste Management Facilities and Services Used Regularly by Respondents*

Additionally, this question allowed respondents to select “Other (please specify)” providing an opportunity to respond with facilities that were not listed as one of the answers for the question. Twenty-two respondents selected other, but only four respondents provided specific information. The four answers are listed below:

1. Vancouver – The respondent indicated that they take and dispose of their garbage when they visit their recreational property on the Sunshine Coast.
2. The Gibsons Bottle Depot
3. Food compost in their own backyard, rather than the SCRCD green bin program
4. One respondent said they are 100% zero waste through a pilot project involving a cement kiln

**2.2.3 Section Three – The Proposed Strategies and Actions: Weighing the Options**

Section Three provided contextual information for survey respondents on the Draft Plan’s goals. There were no questions in this section of the survey. This text can be found in Appendix B.

**2.2.4 Section Four – Long-Term Disposal Options: aka where will the garbage go!**

To open Section Four, the SCRCD provided contextual information for the survey respondents on long-term disposal options, and how the SCRCD has arrived at the option of vertical expansion for disposal. This text can be found in Appendix B.



#### Q4: How concerned are you if we have nowhere to put garbage in less than 6 years?

Most survey respondents expressed a high level of concern about the availability of garbage disposal capacity within the next six years. The majority indicated they were very concerned (165 respondents), while an additional 41 respondents reported being somewhat concerned. Only a small number of participants expressed lower levels of concern, with seven respondents indicating they were slightly concerned and five respondents stating they were not concerned at all. Overall, the results indicate strong concern among respondents regarding future garbage disposal capacity.

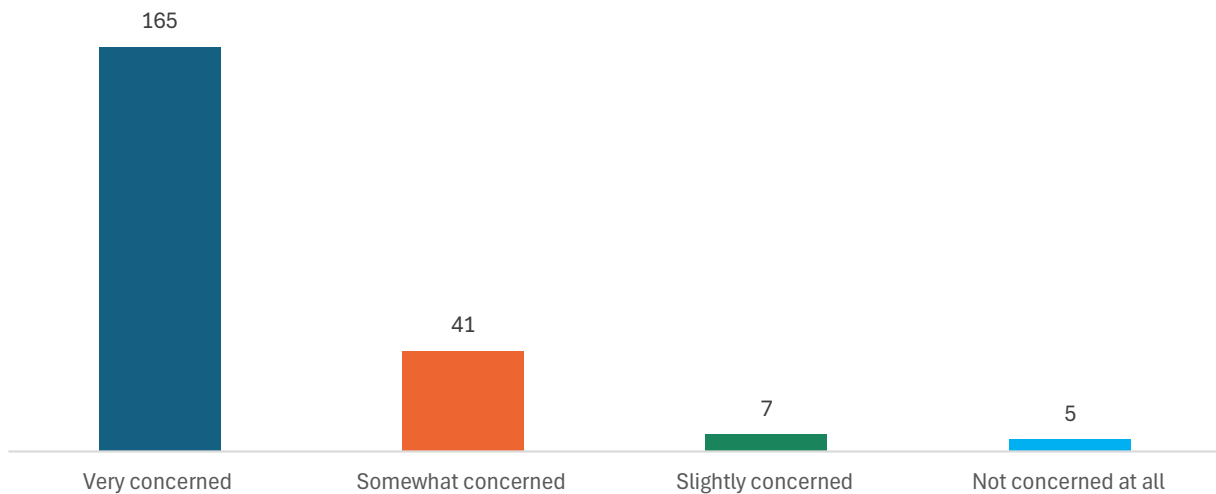


Figure 9. Level of Concern About Garbage Disposal Capacity Within the Next Six Years

#### Q5: Given the costs of Waste Export versus Vertical Expansion, do you support vertical expansion of the Sechelt Landfill?

Survey results indicate strong support for vertical expansion of the Sechelt Landfill when compared to the costs of waste export. The majority of respondents expressed agreement, with 119 respondents strongly agreeing and 75 respondents agreeing with vertical expansion. A smaller number of participants indicated neutral or opposing views, including 13 neutral responses, five respondents who disagreed, and three who strongly disagreed. An additional five respondents indicated they were unsure. Overall, the findings demonstrate a high level of support for vertical expansion among respondents.



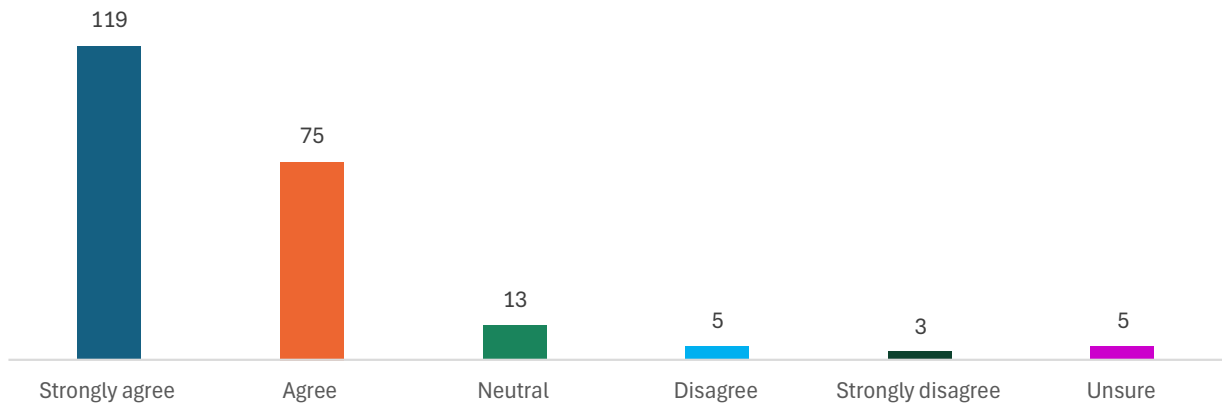


Figure 10. Support for Vertical Expansion of the Sechelt Landfill Compared to Waste Export

**Q6: Which funding sources are you most comfortable with for this project?**

Survey respondents indicated a strong preference for a blended approach to funding the project. The majority of respondents (153) reported being most comfortable with a combination of taxation and user fees. A smaller portion expressed preference for funding through user fees alone (57 respondents), while fewer respondents indicated comfort with general taxation, such as property taxes (23 respondents). Overall, the results suggest broad support for a mixed funding model that balances taxation and user-pay approaches. The full distribution is presented in Figure 11 below.

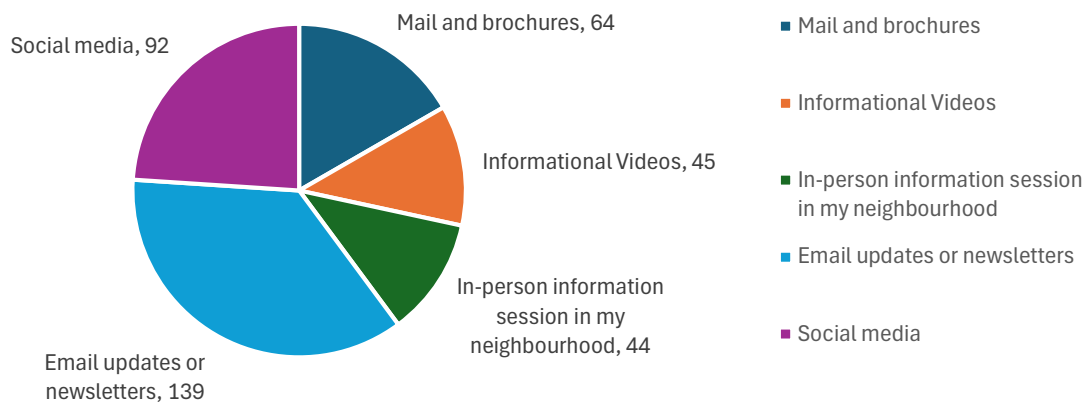


Figure 11. Preferred Funding Sources for the Vertical Expansion Project

**Q7: After today, how familiar do you feel with the vertical expansion project?**

Following the engagement activities, most respondents reported at least some familiarity with the vertical expansion project. The majority indicated they were somewhat familiar (128 respondents), while 58 respondents reported being very familiar. Fewer participants indicated lower familiarity, with 28 respondents reporting they were slightly familiar and six respondents stating they were not familiar at all. Overall, the results suggest an improved awareness and understanding of the project among participants. The full distribution is presented in Figure 12 below.



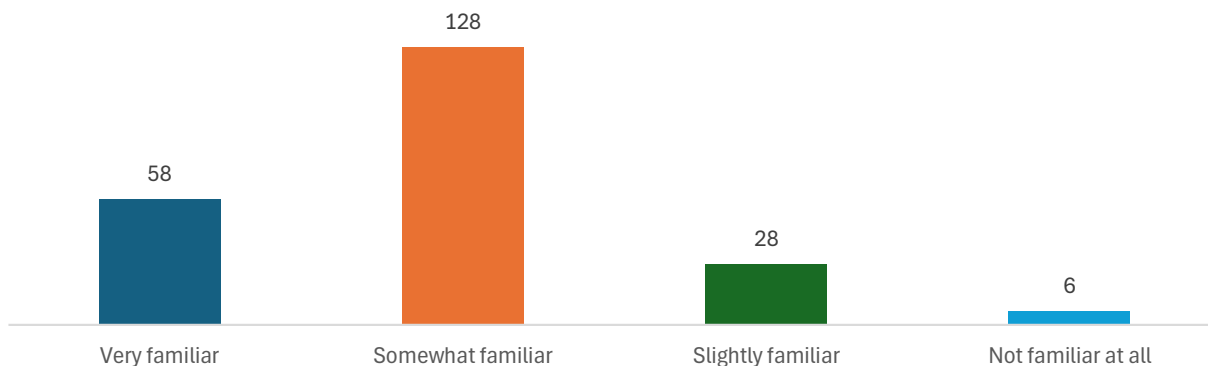


Figure 12. Respondent Familiarity with the Sechelt Landfill Vertical Expansion Project

**Q8: How would you like to be informed on this critical project?**

Respondents identified a range of preferred methods for staying informed about the project. The most commonly preferred option was email updates or newsletters, selected by 139 respondents. Social media was also a popular option, identified by 92 respondents, followed by mail and brochures (64 respondents). Fewer respondents indicated a preference for informational videos (45 respondents) or in-person information sessions in their neighbourhood (44 respondents). Overall, the results suggest that digital communication methods (particularly email) are the most effective ways to share ongoing project information, while a mix of channels remains important to reach a broad audience. The full distribution is presented in Figure 13 below.

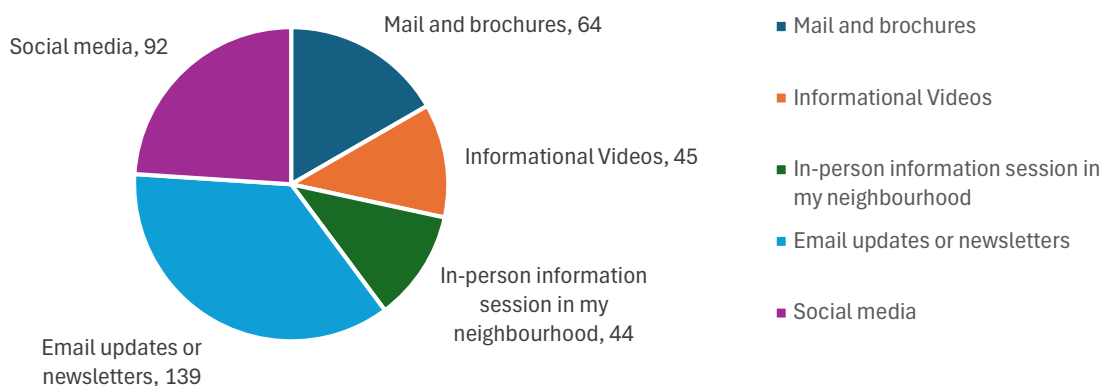


Figure 13. Preferred Methods for Receiving Updates on the Vertical Expansion Project

**2.2.5 Section Five – Updating the Plan: Prioritization Waste Reduction**

Section Five provided contextual information for survey respondents on the Draft Plan’s strategies and actions, explaining to residents that the SCR D would like feedback on prioritization to meet the overall goal of the SWMP to create less waste. There were no questions in this section of the survey. This text can be found in Appendix B.



## 2.2.6 Section Six – Waste Reduction, Reuse and Repair

To open Section Six, the SCRД provided contextual information for the survey respondents on the importance of waste prevention, reuse and repair for keeping resources in use for as long as possible, and that enforcement is important to meet the goals outlined in the Draft Plan. This text can be found in Appendix B.

### Q9: Which reduction programs are most important to you? Rank the following programs from most important (#1) to least important (#4)?

Survey respondents were asked to rank four waste reduction programs, assigning a ranking of #1 (most important) through #4 (least important) to each option.

Overall results show that preventing waste from businesses from entering the landfill was most frequently ranked as the top priority (#1), indicating strong support for upstream, systemic waste reduction efforts focused on the commercial sector.

Promoting and supporting reuse and community sharing was most commonly ranked as a mid-level priority, often placed second, suggesting it is viewed as an important complement to waste prevention initiatives.

Community swap events and repair events for broken items were more often assigned lower rankings (#3 or #4), indicating these programs were generally seen as less critical when respondents were required to prioritize among options.

Taken together, the rankings suggest respondents place greater importance on programs that prevent waste generation at the source, particularly through business-focused actions, compared to event-based or community program initiatives. The full distribution is presented in Figure 14 below.

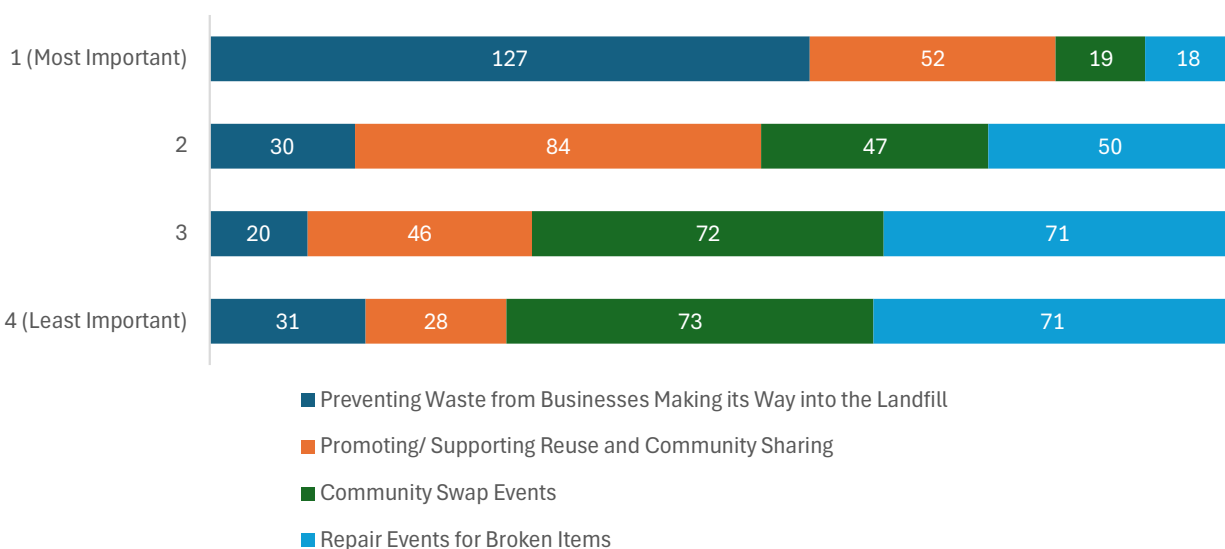


Figure 14. Ranking of Waste Reduction Programs by Importance



### Q10: Do you support the SCRD increasing enforcement as an action to reduce waste?

Survey respondents were asked whether they support the SCRD increasing enforcement as a measure to reduce waste. Overall, there was strong support for this approach. A total of 187 respondents indicated support, including 114 respondents who strongly support increased enforcement and 73 respondents who support it. In contrast, 34 respondents indicated that they do not support increased enforcement.

Overall, the results demonstrate broad support among respondents for the use of enforcement measures as part of waste reduction efforts. The full distribution is presented in Figure 15 below.

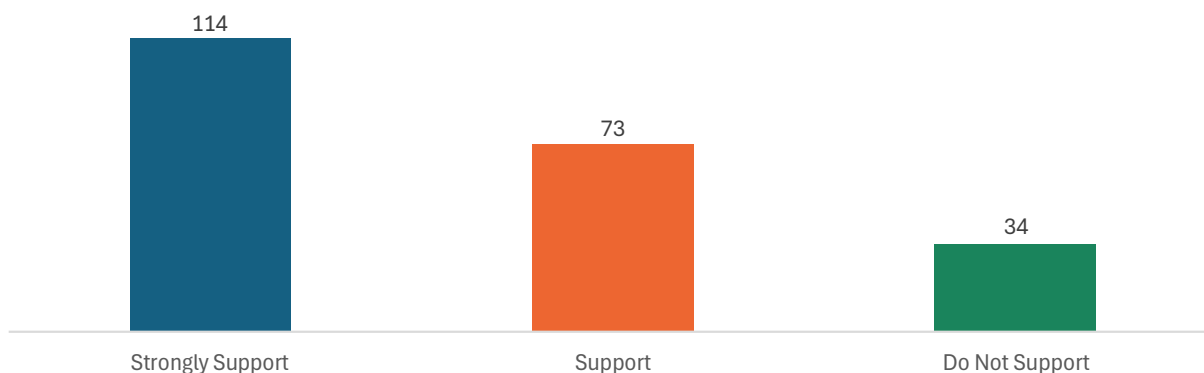


Figure 15. Support for Increasing Enforcement to Reduce Waste

## 2.2.7 Section Seven – Recycling and Diversion

To open Section Seven, the SCRD provided contextual information for the survey respondents on recycling and how much waste was diverted from the landfill, emphasizing the importance of education for residents. This text can be found in Appendix B.

### Q11: What would help you recycle more?

Respondents were asked to rank four actions that could help them recycle more, assigning each option a ranking from #1 (most important) to #4 (least important). This ranking approach required participants to prioritize the options relative to one another, meaning only one action could be selected as the most important and one as the least important by each respondent.

The results indicate that placing more responsibility on producers for product design and recycling was most frequently ranked as the most important (#1) action. This suggests that respondents prioritized system-level solutions that address recycling challenges earlier in the product lifecycle.

Better access to curbside recycling showed a polarized response. While it was frequently ranked as either most important (#1) or least important (#4), this suggests differing levels of need or satisfaction with recycling services among respondents. Notably, respondents who do not currently receive curbside recycling still showed a polarized response, with many ranking improved curbside access as either a top priority (52) or a low priority (62) rather than clustering in the middle rankings (22 ranked 2, 17 ranked 3).



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Bulky or large item pick-up or collection options and community cleanup events that include hard-to-manage materials were more commonly ranked in the middle positions (#2 and #3). This indicates that these options were generally viewed as helpful supports, but not the highest priority when respondents were required to make trade-offs.

Overall, the ranking results suggest that respondents place greater importance on upstream, producer-responsibility measures over service expansions or one-time community initiatives when considering how to improve recycling outcomes. The full distribution is presented in Figure 16 below.

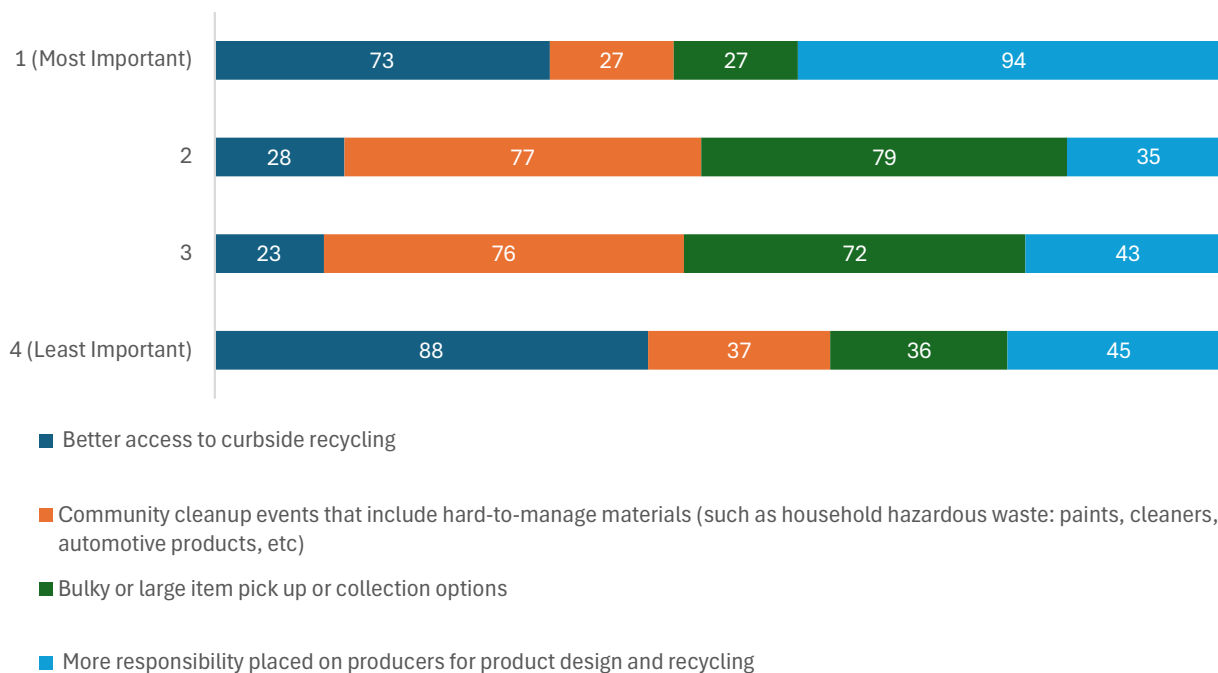


Figure 16. Actions Ranked Most Likely to Help Residents Recycle More

**Q12: What education programs should be a priority in the SCRd?**

Respondents were asked to rank five education program options in order of priority, assigning each option a ranking from #1 (most important) to #5 (least important). This required respondents to make trade-offs and prioritize the options relative to one another, with only one program receiving each ranking per response.

The results indicate that providing clear guidance for residents on what materials go where was the highest priority overall. This option was most frequently ranked as #1 (most important), suggesting that respondents see clear, easy-to-understand information as the most important education need.

Supporting businesses with waste prevention and recycling (e.g., food rescue) was most often ranked in the second position, indicating it is also a key priority, though generally secondary to resident-focused guidance.



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Educating collectors and haulers on existing diversion opportunities and bylaws was commonly ranked in the middle positions (#2 or #3), suggesting it is viewed as an important supporting measure within the system.

Reducing event waste by sharing educational resources for event organizers and educating tourists on local waste practices were more frequently ranked toward the lower end of the scale (#4 or #5). This indicates these programs were generally seen as lower priorities when respondents were required to prioritize among multiple education initiatives.

Overall, the rankings suggest respondents prioritize clear, practical guidance for residents and support for businesses over education efforts targeted at events or visitors. The full distribution is presented in Figure 17 below.

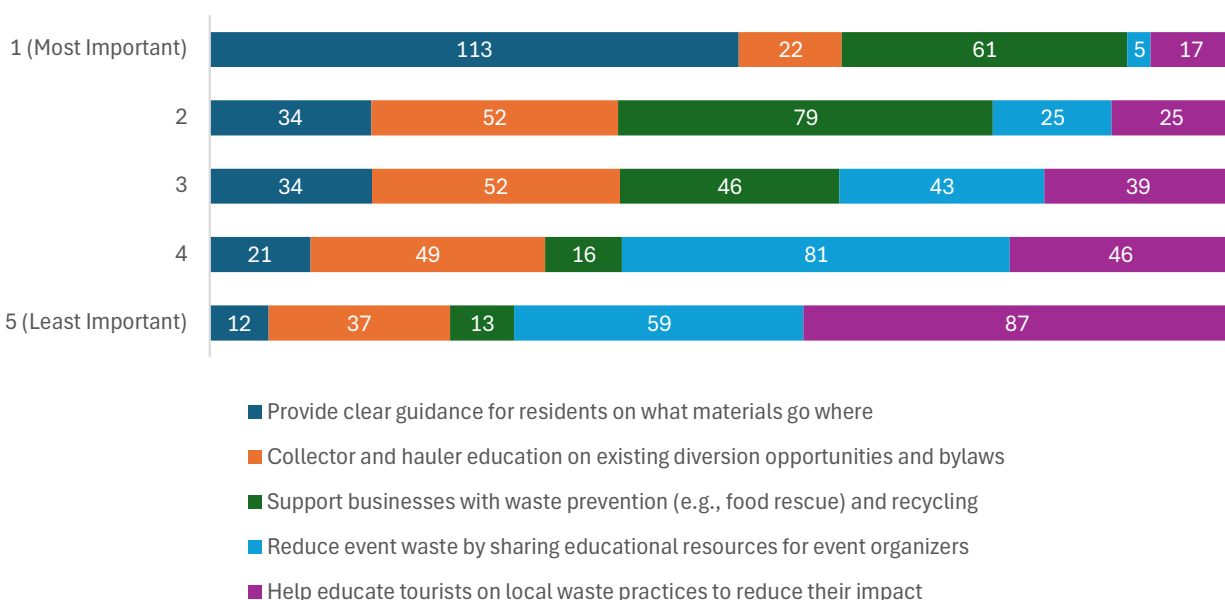


Figure 17. Education Programs Ranked as Highest Priority

**2.2.8 Section Eight – Waste Management and Environmental Sustainability**

To open Section Eight, the SCRД provided contextual information for the survey respondents on the importance of improving waste management in areas such as wildlife management, illegal dumping, marine debris, invasive species and emergency debris management. This text can be found in Appendix B.

**Q13: Which of the following issues should be a priority in the SCRД?**

Respondents were asked to rank five waste management and environmental related issues by order of importance, assigning each issue a ranking from #1 (most important) to #5 (least important). This ranking format required respondents to consider the issues relative to one another, meaning each issue could only be assigned one priority ranking per response.



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The results show that illegal dumping and littering, including education, advocacy, and strategies to reduce litter and illegal dumping, was most frequently ranked as the top priority (#1). This option received the highest number of “most important” rankings, indicating it is the issue of greatest concern among respondents.

Marine debris, including initiatives to reduce waste in marine environments and address abandoned boats, was most often ranked as the second-highest priority, suggesting it is also an important issue, though generally second to illegal dumping and littering.

Wildlife management, focused on education to prevent bears and other animals from accessing waste, and emergency response planning for managing large volumes of waste following natural disasters (such as fires, floods, or storms), were more commonly ranked in the middle positions (#3 or #4). This indicates these issues are meaningful to respondents but are not viewed as top priorities when compared directly with other concerns.

Invasive species, including education and planning for proper disposal of invasive plants, was most frequently ranked as #5 (least important). This suggests it is generally considered a lower priority relative to the other issues presented.

Overall, the rankings indicate that respondents prioritize addressing illegal dumping, littering, and marine debris over other waste-related issues when required to identify priority areas for the SCR. The full distribution is presented in Figure 18 below.

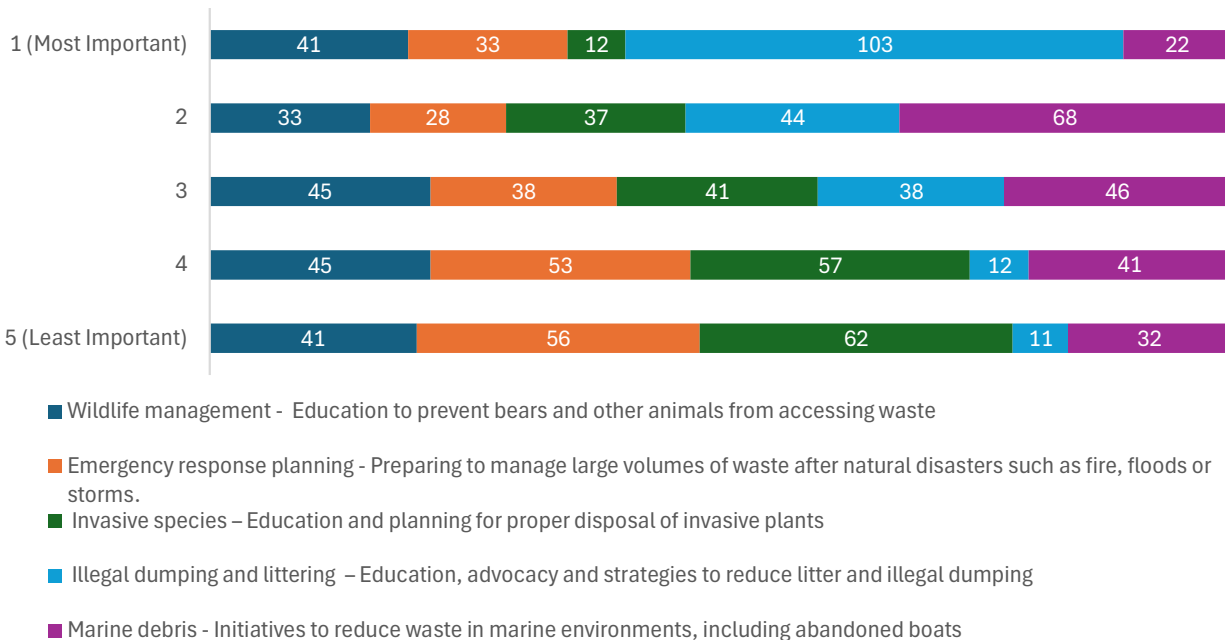


Figure 18. Waste Management and Environmental Issues Identified as Priorities



**Q14: When addressing the issues that are outside the SCRD’s jurisdiction, which approach do you think the SCRD should prioritize?**

Survey respondents were asked which approach the SCRD should prioritize when addressing issues outside of its direct jurisdiction.

Most respondents supported creating new SCRD programs and services, despite the associated large increase in cost (101 respondents). A significant number also favoured advocating to the Provincial Government for greater support and action, involving a small increase in cost (76 respondents).

Fewer respondents supported a balanced approach combining SCRD-led programs with provincial advocacy (33 respondents), and very few preferred no increase in cost and no new programs (9 respondents).

Overall, the results indicate a strong preference for proactive approaches, even when higher costs are involved. The full distribution is presented in Figure 19 below.

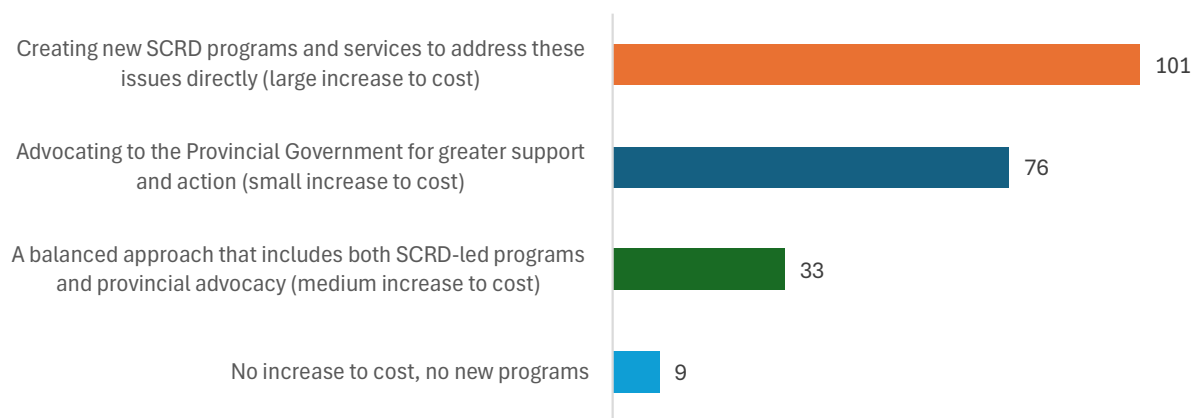


Figure 19. Preferred Approaches for Issues Outside SCRD Jurisdiction

**Q15: Is there anything else you want to share about how garbage and recycling is managed on the coast?**

Participants provided extensive and detailed feedback on solid waste management across the Sunshine Coast. Overall, comments emphasized the importance of accessibility, convenience, waste reduction, fairness, local responsibility, and environmental protection. While there were differing and sometimes opposing views on enforcement, fees, and technology, respondents consistently expressed concern about landfill capacity, illegal dumping, and the amount of recyclable or reusable material entering the waste stream. The most common topics mentioned are shown below, from most common to least common, and further description follows.





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Many respondents emphasized the importance of community-based reuse and sharing initiatives as practical ways to reduce landfill waste. Participants supported re-introducing or expanding programs such as share sheds, community swap events, and scheduled curbside reuse days, noting that many items disposed of as waste still have usable value.

Several respondents described these approaches as low-cost, accessible solutions that also foster community connection and reduce illegal dumping. Some suggested neighbourhood-led models, while others supported SCRD coordination with community oversight.

### **3. Recycling and Material Diversion**

Many respondents supported expanding the range of materials accepted for recycling, particularly:

- Glass
- Styrofoam
- Soft and flexible plastics (including plastic films)
- Construction and demolition materials

Participants repeatedly highlighted frustration with material inconsistency, noting confusion about what is accepted, where materials should go, and whether recycling efforts are effective. Several comments called for a centralized or comprehensive facility that accepts a wide range of materials.

Distrust regarding recycling outcomes was common. Some respondents expressed concern that recyclable materials end up in landfill, reducing motivation to sort and clean items. Participants stressed that demonstrating clear diversion outcomes would improve public participation.

There was also strong interest in:

- Commercial (ICI) recycling and composting expansion
- Recycle BC accepting plastic and Styrofoam from businesses
- Market development and reuse of construction materials
- Reducing waste at the source, particularly packaging

### **4. Organics and Composting**

Participants broadly supported strengthening organics diversion, viewing it as a key contributor to waste reduction. Comments included support for:

- Expanded curbside organics collection
- Compost drop-off at the landfill
- Improved collection reliability in some areas
- Education on home composting

Several respondents raised concerns about:

- Paying for green bin services they do not use
- Animal attraction related to compost storage
- Lack of disposal options for animal waste



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Some supported enforcement or incentives to increase green bin participation, while others emphasized voluntary participation.

#### **5. Facilities, Infrastructure, and Capacity**

Facility adequacy and long-term capacity were significant concerns. Participants described existing recycling depots as crowded, stressful, or inefficient, and questioned the cost-effectiveness of single-material sites.

Landfill capacity emerged as a critical issue. Respondents expressed strong views that:

- Waste should be managed locally
- Exporting waste off the Coast should be avoided
- Vertical expansion should proceed promptly
- Long-term (10+ year) infrastructure planning is needed

Some respondents asked for clearer explanations about why new landfill sites were considered infeasible and proposed alternative sites, including existing gravel pits.

Related issues raised included:

- Abandoned vehicles and boats
- Marine debris (including logs)
- Hazardous and invasive plant waste disposal gaps

#### **6. Costs, Fees, and Economic Signals**

Opinions on fees and pricing models varied widely. However, many respondents supported economic incentives as tools to encourage waste reduction.

Common perspectives included:

- Support for user-pay or weight-based systems
- Frustration with paying full fees despite minimal waste generation
- Requests to reinstate free landfill disposal days or coupons
- Concerns that high fees contribute to illegal dumping

Some participants emphasized the need to make disposal options less expensive and more comprehensive to reduce dumping, while others argued that prices should increase for poor behaviour (e.g., mixed loads).

#### **7. Education, Awareness, and Behaviour Change**

Education was consistently identified as critical. Participants reported confusion about:

- What can be recycled or composted
- Where facilities are located
- What happens to materials after collection

Suggested improvements included:



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- Clearer signage and material identification
- In-person education (open houses, outreach events)
- Improved staff training for consistent messaging
- School-based education programs
- Business education, especially for food service operators

Respondents emphasized that understanding the environmental and financial impacts of waste management would motivate behaviour change.

### **8. Enforcement, Incentives, and Compliance**

Feedback on enforcement revealed varied perspectives.

Some respondents advocated for:

- Increased fines for illegal dumping
- Garbage audits and load inspections
- Enforcement targeting businesses and short-term rentals (Airbnb's specifically)
- Mandatory participation in diversion programs

Others cautioned against over-reliance on penalties, arguing that:

- Access barriers must be addressed first
- Incentives work better than punishments
- Education should precede enforcement

Many respondents supported a balanced approach combining education, incentives, and targeted enforcement.

### **9. Innovation and Long-Term Strategy**

Participants suggested a range of innovative and long-term approaches, including:

- Waste-to-energy technologies (with caution about scale and cost)
- Incineration with emissions controls
- Zero-waste frameworks
- Recycling technologies for diapers and hygiene products
- Wildlife-proof waste systems
- Expanded reuse and salvage programs

Some respondents emphasized that innovation should prioritize low-toxicity outcomes, local economic benefits, and resilience.



## **10. Out-of-Scope and Broader Policy Feedback**

Participants also raised issues beyond the scope of the Solid Waste Management Plan, including:

- Taxation and cost-of-living concerns
- Federal immigration policy
- Healthcare system waste generation
- Broader governance and social issues

These comments were documented to ensure transparency but fall outside SCR D's mandate for this plan.

## **11. Survey Design and Process Feedback**

Respondents provided feedback on the engagement process, noting:

- Difficulty ranking priorities
- Desire for more opportunities to provide input
- Interest in repeating or updating the survey annually

Several participants expressed appreciation for the consultation effort and overall waste management services.

### **2.2.9 Section Nine – Setting the Priority for the Plan**

To open Section Nine, the SCR D started by thanking respondents for taking the time to fill out the survey. It then provided contextual information on the proposed prioritization of the strategies and actions in the Draft Plan. This text can be found in Appendix B.

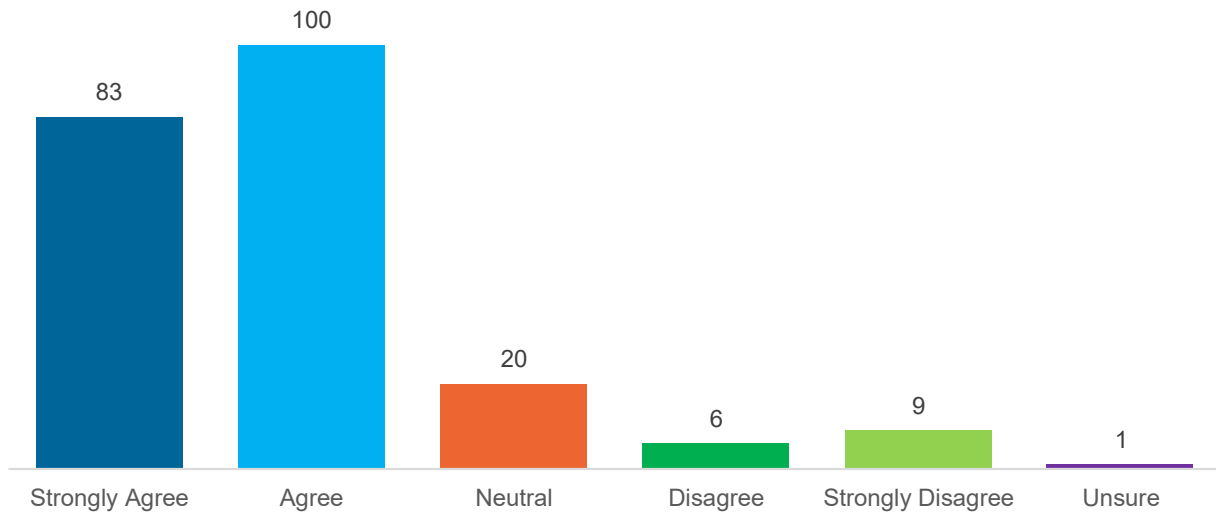
#### **Q16: Do you support the SCR D starting with these four strategies to reduce waste?**

Survey respondents were asked whether they support the SCR D starting with the four proposed waste reduction strategies illustrated above, as the initial focus of the plan.

The results show strong overall support. Most respondents indicated they strongly agree (83 respondents) or agree (100 respondents) with starting the plan using these four strategies. A smaller number expressed a neutral position (20 respondents), while very few respondents indicated opposition, including six who disagreed and nine who strongly disagreed. Only one respondent indicated they were unsure.

Overall, the findings indicate broad support for beginning the waste reduction plan with the proposed strategies, which include advocacy for stronger provincial product stewardship, improving recycling and organics diversion for residents, strengthening compliance and regulatory requirements, and addressing residual waste management through landfill expansion. The full distribution is presented in Figure 21 below.





*Figure 21. Support for the Proposed Waste Reduction Strategies in the First Five Years of the Plan*

**Q17: What other strategies would you like to see explored in the first five years of the plan?**

In response to Question 17, participants identified a wide range of strategies they would like to see explored in the first five years of the Solid Waste Management Plan. Comments focused on accelerating waste reduction, expanding diversion, addressing landfill capacity, and introducing stronger economic, regulatory, and educational tools. Many respondents emphasized the need for early action, noting that long-term solutions may take years to implement.

Responses to Question 17 showed strong alignment with themes identified in Question 15. Many of the strategies suggested for the first five years of the Plan directly respond to barriers and challenges previously described by participants, particularly around access to recycling and composting services, waste reduction, landfill capacity, reuse opportunities, and enforcement. While Question 15 focused on current issues and experiences, Question 17 gave participants an opportunity to propose actions and approaches to address those concerns. The consistency across responses indicates a high degree of clarity among participants about both the challenges facing the waste management system and the types of solutions they believe should be explored early in the Plan. The most common topics mentioned are shown below, from most common to least common, and further description follows.



Waste Reduction and Zero-Waste Approaches  
Expanded Recycling and Diversion Systems  
Organics, Diapers, and Hard-to-Manage Wastes  
Reuse, Repair, and Community Sharing  
Landfill Capacity, Planning, and Transition  
Enforcement, Incentives, and Economic Tools  
Industrial, Commercial, and Construction (ICI) Waste  
Innovation, Technologies, and Circular Economy  
Education, Culture, and Behaviour Change  
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Figure 22. Overview of Common Topics Mentioned, from Most Common to Least Common

### 1. Waste Reduction and Zero-Waste Approaches

Many respondents stressed that waste reduction should be the primary focus in the first five years. Participants emphasized “reduce and repair first,” advocating for zero-waste principles, reduced consumption, and less packaging at the source. Suggestions included encouraging bulk purchasing, requiring producers to reduce or redesign packaging, and increasing pressure on Provincial and Federal governments to expand stewardship and extended producer responsibility programs.

Several respondents expressed concern that current efforts focus too heavily on residential behaviour and recommended shifting attention upstream to product design, manufacturing, and consumption patterns.

### 2. Expanded Recycling and Diversion Systems

Participants frequently called for expanded and more convenient recycling systems. Proposed strategies included:

- Expanding curbside recycling across all areas
- Increasing the range of materials accepted, including plastics, soft plastics, and construction materials
- Creating “one-stop” recycling facilities
- Improving public recycling containers with clear instructions
- Exploring neighbourhood or commercial drop-off hubs

Some respondents raised concerns about curbside recycling being “out of sight, out of mind,” while others strongly supported curbside collection as essential for increasing participation. These differing perspectives highlighted the importance of system design and monitoring.

### 3. Organics, Diapers, and Hard-to-Manage Wastes



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Organics diversion remained a priority, with participants noting that organic material represents a significant portion of landfill waste. Strategies suggested included improving organics collection, addressing issues with wildlife gaining access to compost, and increasing education and enforcement around green bin use.

Several respondents specifically identified diapers, wipes, animal waste, and other hard-to-manage materials as growing waste streams and recommended exploring specialized diversion options, including composting systems used in other jurisdictions.

#### **4. Reuse, Repair, and Community Sharing**

Many comments emphasized reuse as a low-cost, high-impact strategy for early implementation.

Participants supported:

- Re-introducing or expanding share sheds and “free store” models
- Hosting regular community swap events
- Offering repair workshops
- Creating opportunities to salvage usable materials before disposal

Respondents viewed these approaches as accessible, community-building, and effective at reducing landfill volumes.

#### **5. Landfill Capacity, Planning, and Transition**

Concern about landfill capacity was strongly reflected in the responses. Participants urged the SCRCD to:

- Begin planning immediately for future landfill needs
- Advance vertical expansion
- Explore alternative sites well in advance of capacity limits

Some respondents emphasized that waiting too long would limit future options, arguing that long-term solutions require early action within the first five years of the Plan.

#### **6. Enforcement, Incentives, and Economic Tools**

Participants expressed polarized views on enforcement but consistently supported the use of **economic tools** to influence behaviour. Suggested strategies included:

- User-pay or pay-by-weight systems
- Incentives for waste reduction and diversion
- Fines for repeat offenders, particularly businesses and construction projects
- Rewards for consistent compliance

Some respondents argued that education and access should precede enforcement, while others believed fines are necessary to change behaviour. Many supported a combination of education, incentives, and targeted enforcement.

#### **7. Industrial, Commercial, and Construction (ICI) Waste**

A common theme was the need to focus more strongly on ICI waste. Respondents suggested:



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- Increased oversight and enforcement for businesses and construction sites
- Lower tipping fees for separated loads and higher fees for mixed loads
- Expanding reuse and salvage programs for wood, drywall, and other materials
- Developing bylaws and market incentives to improve diversion in this sector

Participants noted that addressing ICI waste could yield significant diversion gains.

## **8. Innovation, Technologies, and Circular Economy**

Participants proposed exploring innovative approaches, including:

- Landfill gas capture and methane utilization
- Waste-to-energy or incineration technologies (with mixed support and caution regarding costs and emissions)
- Local recycling or processing facilities
- Circular economy initiatives to retain material value locally

Many respondents emphasized evaluating costs, environmental trade-offs, and long-term feasibility before implementation.

## **9. Education, Culture, and Behaviour Change**

Education was commonly identified as a foundational strategy. Participants suggested:

- Clearer communication on what goes where
- Targeted education for residents, visitors, businesses, and short-term rentals
- School-based zero-waste education
- Public reporting on diversion outcomes and cost implications

Some respondents noted that education alone may not be sufficient, reinforcing the need for complementary incentives and enforcement.

## **10. Out-of-Scope and Broader Feedback**

Some responses raised issues beyond the scope of the Solid Waste Management Plan, including broader governance concerns, immigration policy, unrelated infrastructure issues, and social commentary. These comments were recorded for transparency but fall outside the mandate of this Plan.

### **2.2.10 Section Ten – Understanding the Solid Waste Budget**

To open Section Ten, the SCR D provided contextual information on solid waste budget, funding systems and the financial implications of managing waste in the SCR D. This text can be found in Appendix B.



**Q18: What method should be prioritized to pay for the additional service or actions in this updated plan?**

Survey respondents were asked which funding method should be prioritized to pay for additional services or actions in the updated plan.

The majority of respondents (129) indicated a preference for a combination of taxation and user fees. A smaller number supported funding through user fees alone, such as landfill, transfer station, or curbside collection fees (43 respondents).

Fewer respondents selected taxation alone, other funding approaches, or indicated they were unsure (each with 16 respondents). Overall, the results suggest a clear preference for a blended funding approach rather than reliance on a single funding source.

Of the 16 respondents who selected other, only 2 respondents provided specific responses. Both expressed concern about increasing taxes or user fees, noting that residents are already facing high costs of living and economic pressures. These respondents cautioned that further financial burdens on residents could contribute to illegal dumping and suggested that greater responsibility should be placed on producers and companies, particularly with respect to product packaging, rather than on individual households. The full distribution is presented in Figure 24 below.

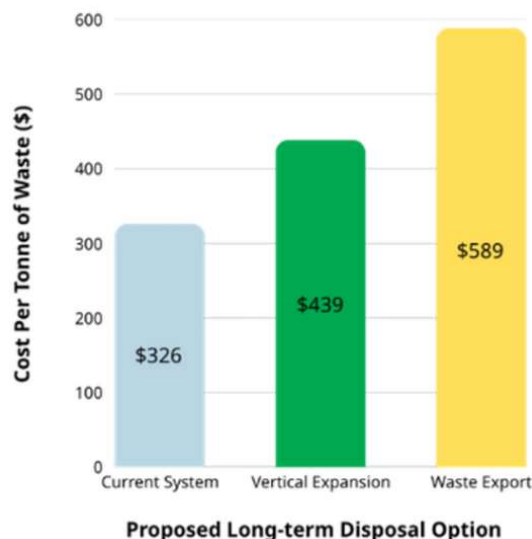


Figure 23. Cost of Long-Term Disposal Options

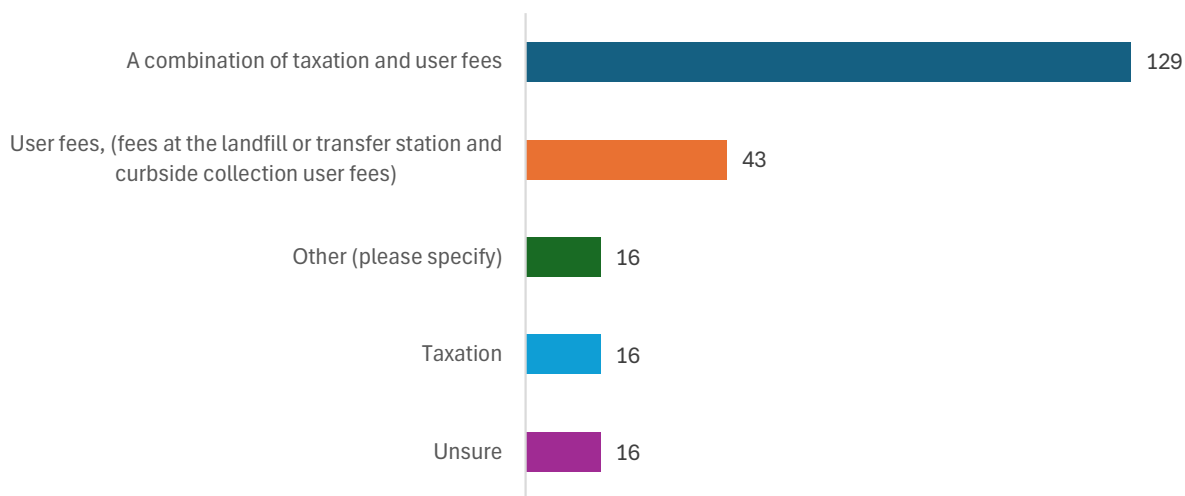


Figure 24. Preferred Methods to Pay for New or Expanded Waste Services



**Q19: When considering the costs of new or expanded waste services, which areas should be prioritized for investment?**

Respondents were asked to rank five areas for investment when considering the costs of new or expanded waste services, assigning each option a ranking from #1 (most important) to #5 (least important). This format required respondents to prioritize the options relative to one another.

The results show that long-term disposal solutions, such as landfill vertical expansion, were most frequently ranked as the highest priority (#1). This indicates strong support for investing in solutions that address long-term waste capacity needs.

Expanded recycling and diversion options were most often ranked as the second-highest priority, suggesting respondents also value investments that help divert waste from disposal.

Waste reduction and reuse programs and environmental management initiatives (such as addressing illegal dumping, wildlife, and invasive species) were more commonly ranked in the middle positions (#3 or #4), indicating moderate priority relative to other investment areas.

Education and outreach initiatives were most frequently ranked as the least important (#5), suggesting they are viewed as a lower investment priority when respondents are required to make trade-offs among options.

Overall, the rankings indicate that respondents prioritize long-term disposal capacity and expanded diversion over education-focused initiatives when considering where investment should be directed. The full distribution is presented in Figure 25 below.

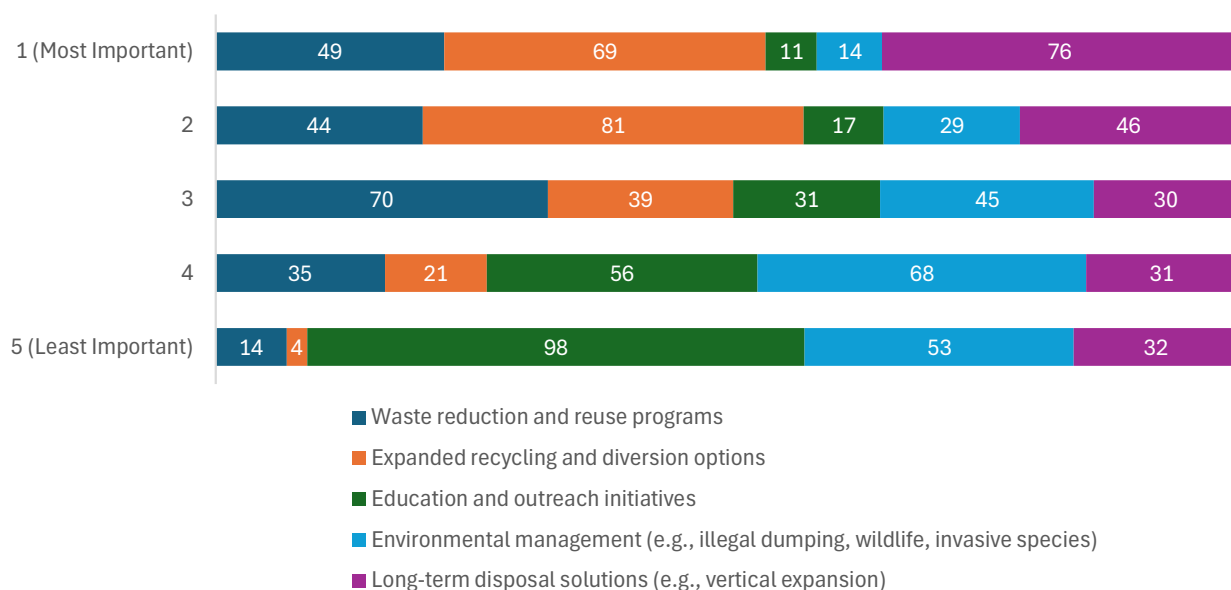


Figure 25. Priority Areas for Investment in Waste Services



**Q20: Thinking about the costs associated with improving waste services, how willing are you to support higher costs for the areas you ranked as most important?**

Respondents were asked how willing they would be to support higher costs for the waste service areas they ranked as most important.

Overall, results indicate a strong willingness to support increased costs. Most respondents indicated they were somewhat willing to support modest cost increases, representing the largest share of responses. A substantial number also reported being very willing, stating they are comfortable paying more for improvements they value.

Fewer respondents expressed neutral or unwilling positions. Only a small number indicated they were somewhat unwilling, not willing at all, or unsure. Overall, the findings suggest broad acceptance of cost increases, particularly when funding improvements aligned with respondents' priority areas. The full distribution is presented in Figure 26 below.

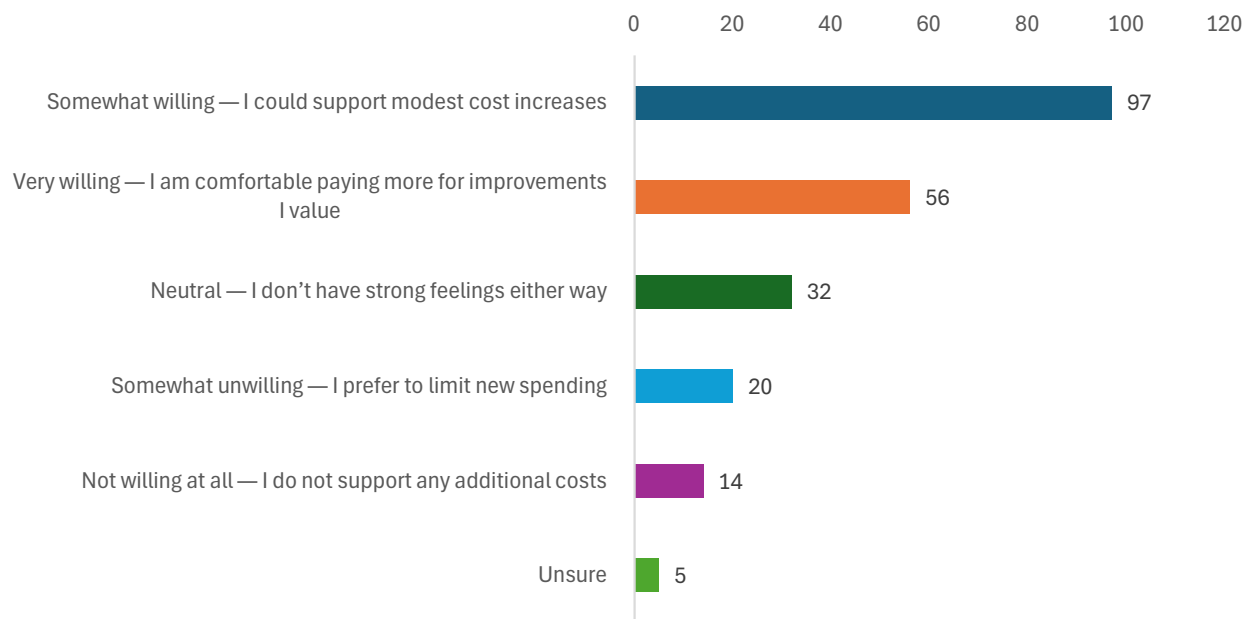


Figure 26. Willingness to Support Higher Costs for Priority Waste Services

### 2.3 In-Person Engagement

**Let's Talk Trash**  
Our landfill is running out of space, and we need to do something about it!

SCRD staff discussed the Draft SWMP at 14 in-person events between March 7 to April 1, 2026.



### 2.3.1 Open House and Pop-up Events

Between March 7 and March 31, 2026, SCR D staff hosted 14 in-person engagement events across the Sunshine Coast, including a mix of Open Houses and Pop-Up events. Events were held in a range of community locations, such as markets, community centres, retail sites, and public spaces, and were scheduled at varying times of day to maximize accessibility.

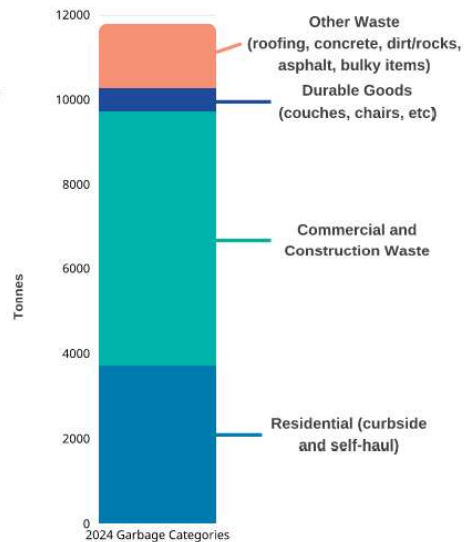
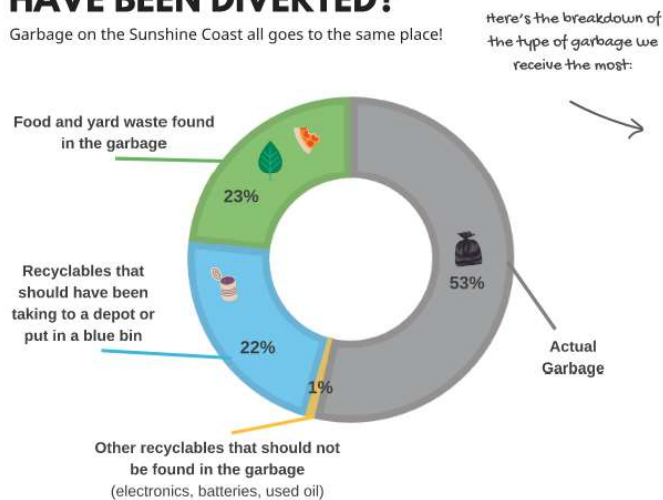
In total, approximately 391 people attended the in-person events. A summary of the event locations, dates, times, formats, and attendance is provided in Table 1 below.



Figure 27. Image from In-Person Engagement

## DID YOU KNOW 46% OF WASTE AT THE SECHLT LANDFILL COULD HAVE BEEN DIVERTED?

Garbage on the Sunshine Coast all goes to the same place!



**TALK TRASH WITH US**

Do you support the SCR D prioritizing the strategies in this way?

Figure 28. Example Storyboard Information for In-Person Engagement



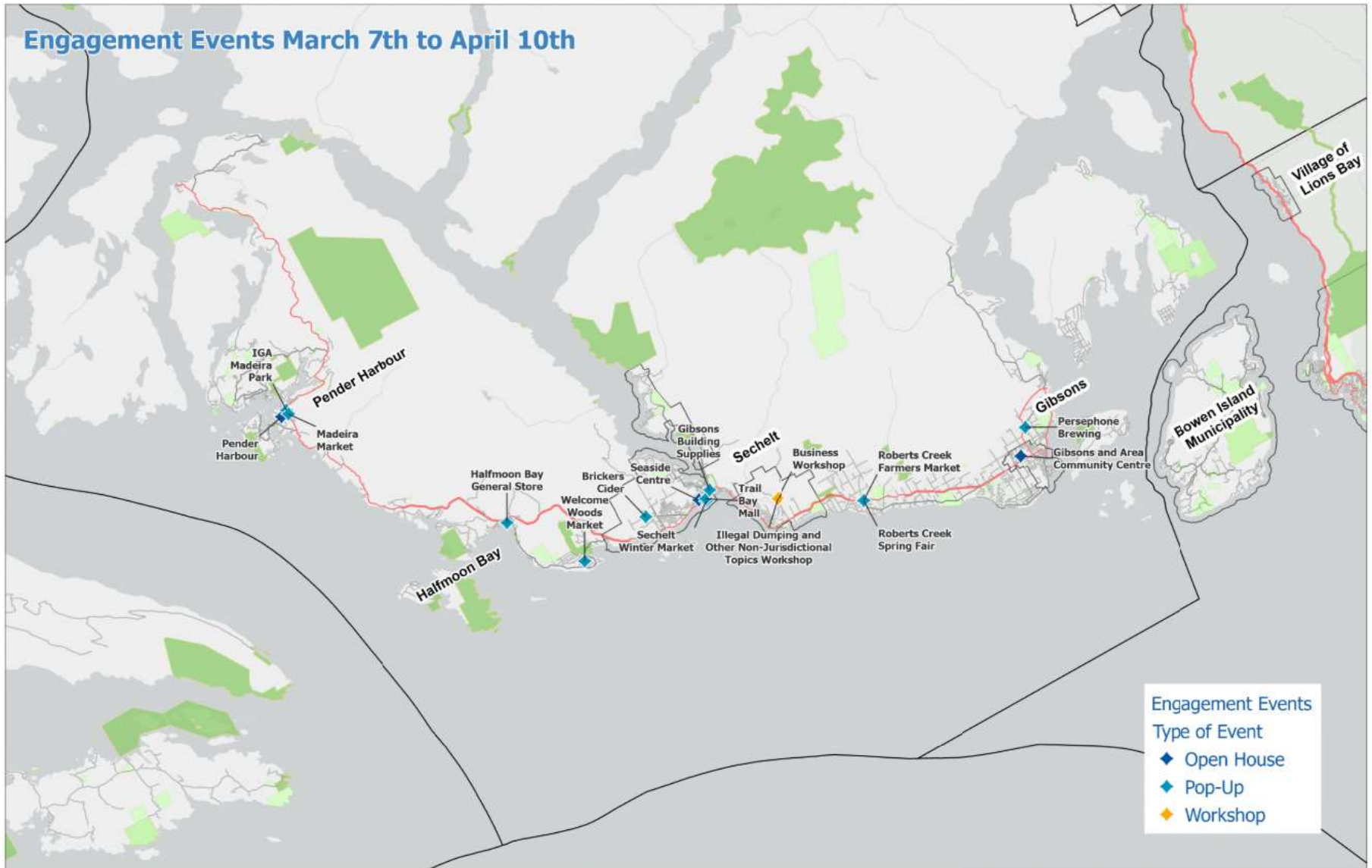


Figure 29. Map of All In-Person Engagement Events



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Table 1: *In-person Pop-up and Open House Event Locations, Dates and Attendance*

Event Name	Date (2026)	Time	# of Attendees
Sechelt Winter Market (District of Sechelt)	Saturday, March 7	9:30 am – 2:30 pm	56
Welcome Woods Market (Area B)	Tuesday, March 10	10:00 am – 2:00 pm	10
Gibsons and Area Community Centre Open House	Wednesday, March 11	1:30 pm – 5:30 pm	21
Seaside Centre Open House (District of Sechelt)	Friday, March 13	1:00 pm – 6:00 pm	25
Persephone Brewing (Area F)	Saturday, March 14	12:00 pm – 4:30 pm	17
Pender Harbour Open House (Area A)	Tuesday, March 17	3:00 pm – 5:00 pm	17
Trail Bay Mall (District of Sechelt)	Wednesday, March 18	1:30 pm – 5:30 pm	27
Brickers Cider (District of Sechelt)	Saturday, March 21	12:30 pm – 6:00 pm	11
IGA Madeira Park (Area A)	Tuesday, March 24	9:00 am – 11:30 am	26
Madeira Market (Area A)	Tuesday, March 24	1:00 pm – 6:00 pm	12
Roberts Creek Farmers Market (Area D)	Wednesday, March 25	1:30 pm – 5:30 pm	15
Gibsons Building Supplies (Area E, Town of Gibsons)	Wednesday, March 25	10:00 am – 3:00 pm	6
Roberts Creek Spring Fair (Area D)	Saturday-Sunday, March 28-29	1:30 pm – 4:00 pm	88
Halfmoon Bay General Store (Area B)	Tuesday, March 31	10:00 am – 2:00 pm	35
<b>Total Attendees</b>			<b>366</b>

The following analysis summarizes the key themes that emerged from staff perspectives across all events.

### 2.3.2 Public Feedback at Events

Storyboards were displayed at each event presenting the Draft SWMP, including all strategies and actions, and a specific focus on the vertical expansion project. SCR D staff attended each event to answer questions and discuss the draft SWMP. Storyboards posted QR codes directing participants to the Public Survey, as well as postcard handouts that directed participants to the project webpage. Attendees were also asked if they heard about the survey and were encouraged to complete the survey following discussion with SCR D staff. A storyboard posted at each event asked attendees “Did the SCR D forget anything?” where attendees could use sticky notes to share topics and ideas that were important to them. At the events, the SCR D received a total of 198 comments in this way.

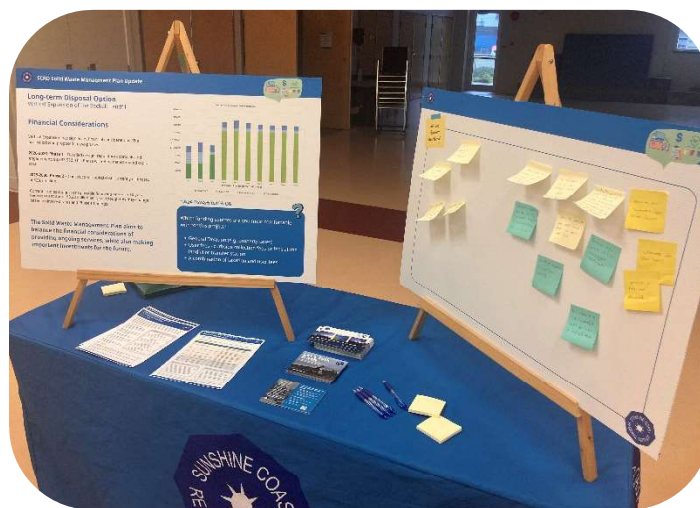


Figure 30. Image from In-Person Engagement



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Figure 31. Image from In-Person Engagement

Overall, the public feedback demonstrates strong community engagement and a general alignment with the proposed solid waste management strategies. The clear support for vertical expansion, combined with high demand for improved recycling services and education, shows support for the Draft SWMP. Addressing cost concerns transparently and ensuring equitable access to services across all areas of the Sunshine Coast will be important for maintaining community support as implementation proceeds. The most common topics mentioned are shown below, from most common to least common, and further description follows.

Table 2 below provides more granular detail on each theme, including the number of comments of total feedback, while the written summary below offers a narrative overview that consolidates related themes into broader topic areas.

## Vertical Expansion & Landfill Management

### Curbside Services & Recycling Access

### Education & Awareness

### Cost & Funding

### Commercial & Business Waste

### Wildlife & Environmental Concerns

### Reuse & Equity



Figure 32. Overview of Common Topics Mentioned, from Most Common to Least Common

### **1. Vertical Expansion & Landfill Management**

The most prominent theme in the feedback was strong community support for the vertical expansion project at the existing Sechelt landfill. Residents expressed a clear preference for keeping waste management local rather than exporting waste off the Sunshine Coast. Many viewed vertical expansion as the "only viable option" and appreciated that it would utilize the existing site.

### **2. Curbside Services & Recycling Access**

Curbside recycling emerged as the most frequently requested service improvement. Residents expressed strong interest in expanded curbside collection, including soft plastics and yard waste.

Related to this, improved recycling access and options was another major theme, with requests for textile recycling, book recycling, and better services for those without vehicle access.

### **3. Education & Awareness**

Education was identified as critical to successful waste management, with comments emphasizing this theme. Residents called for expanded education in schools (K-12), community awareness campaigns, landfill tours, and clearer communication about what can be recycled and where. Many felt that improved education would help change behaviours and increase participation in diversion programs.

### **4. Cost & Funding**

The question of how to fund waste management services generated mixed views. Comments addressed cost and funding concerns, with some residents preferring increased taxation while others favored user fees. Affordability was a common concern, particularly for seniors and those on fixed incomes. However, many acknowledged that action is needed and some level of cost increase may be inevitable to maintain and improve services.

### **5. Commercial & Business Waste**

Residents identified a gap in commercial and industrial waste management, with comments pointing to the need for better recycling programs for businesses. Comments highlighted the lack of coherent recycling signage at businesses and called for unified approaches and increased enforcement of waste regulations in the commercial sector. Many viewed ICI (Industrial, Commercial, Institutional) waste as a contributor that needs more attention.

### **6. Wildlife & Environmental Concerns**

Bear and wildlife management emerged as an important concern, with residents requesting bear-proof containers, stricter enforcement around managing attractants, and communal bear-proof garbage areas. Additionally, residents expressed interest in composting and organics diversion, packaging reduction at source, and addressing illegal dumping and marine debris.

## **Top 4 Themes**

**Vertical Expansion Support**

**Curbside Recycling Services**

**Education & Awareness**

**Recycling Access & Options**



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**7. Reuse & Equity**

The community expressed strong interest in reuse initiatives, including requests to bring back the share shed and expand "trash to treasure" programs. Service access and equity also emerged as a theme, with residents highlighting the need for services accessible to seniors, those without vehicles, and residents in more rural areas.

*Table 2: Public Feedback at In-person Events*

<b>Theme</b>	<b># of Mentions</b>	<b>Key Points</b>
<b>1. Vertical Expansion Support</b>	25	Strong community support for vertical expansion at current landfill site; prefer keeping waste local rather than exporting
<b>2. Curbside Recycling Services</b>	28	High demand for curbside recycling pickup; requests for soft plastics, yard waste in green bins; accessibility concerns
<b>3. Education &amp; Awareness</b>	24	Need for education in schools (K-12); community awareness campaigns; landfill tours; clear communication about recycling
<b>4. Recycling Access &amp; Options</b>	22	More recycling options needed; textile recycling; book recycling; flexible plastics; commercial recycling
<b>5. Cost &amp; Funding Concerns</b>	18	Mixed views on taxation vs. user fees; affordability concerns; some support higher taxes, others oppose
<b>6. Commercial/Business Waste</b>	14	Businesses need better recycling programs; ICI waste is major contributor; enforcement needed
<b>7. Bear &amp; Wildlife Management</b>	12	Bear-proof containers; wildlife attractant concerns; communal bear-proof garbage areas
<b>8. Composting &amp; Organics</b>	12	Support for composting rebates; green bin usage; food waste diversion; composting education
<b>9. Enforcement</b>	11	Increased enforcement for illegal dumping; organics in garbage; commercial compliance
<b>10. Packaging Reduction</b>	10	Reduce plastic packaging at source; federal lobbying for single-use plastic reduction
<b>11. Share Shed &amp; Reuse</b>	9	Bring back share shed; expand items accepted; "trash to treasure" days; reuse initiatives
<b>12. Debris &amp; Illegal Dumping</b>	7	Marine debris cleanup; illegal dumping concerns; Good Samaritan program expansion
<b>13. Service Access &amp; Equity</b>	6	Services for seniors; accessibility without car; services in rural areas (Area A, B, Pender)



### 2.3.3 Staff Observations and Feedback Received

At the 14 in-person community engagement events, SCRD staff recorded feedback received via conversations with attendees. Staff documented their observations across the following areas:

Key findings from staff include:

- Support for Vertical Expansion: Staff reported positive reception at all 14 events. Residents view it as the 'only viable option' and strongly prefer keeping waste management local rather than exporting off-coast.
- Large Demand for Curbside Services: Curbside recycling was a dominant topic across events. Residents expressed strong interest in expanded collection services including soft plastics and yard waste.
- Cost Sensitivity: While residents support new initiatives, affordability remains a key concern. Mixed preferences exist between taxation and user fees as funding mechanisms.
- Business Sector Gap: Multiple events highlighted the need for better recycling programs for commercial/industrial sectors, unified signage, and increased enforcement.
- Education is Essential: Staff noted the importance of community education, particularly in schools and for understanding recycling processes. Some misinformation exists about what happens to recycling.
- Wildlife Management: Bear-proof containers and managing animal attractants were raised at several events, especially in Sechelt area.
- No Major Concerns/Red Flags: Staff reported minimal concerning issues or red flags across all events, indicating general community alignment with the proposed strategies.

## 2.4 Online Feedback

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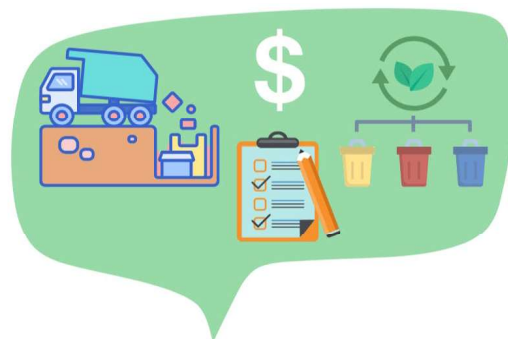


Figure 33. Heading from SCRD Let's Talk Trash Webpage

In addition to the Public Survey and in-person engagement opportunities, residents were also able to provide feedback by emailing the SCRD directly and submitting comments through the SCRD Let's Talk project webpage. A total of 8 individuals reached out and provided feedback through these channels. The key findings are as follows:

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- **Wildlife and Bear Management** emerged as the most prominent theme, with three submissions addressing this topic in depth. One resident submitted a detailed 10-Year Roadmap to WildSafe Community Designation along with regulatory context recommendations. The submissions emphasized the need for wildlife-safe container standards that mandate odour-proofing, treating attractant reduction as a core performance metric, and pursuing Bear Smart Community designation within three years. Responses emphasized that wildlife conflict is influenced not only by individual behaviour and enforcement, but also by how waste services, container design, and set-out practices are structured and managed. Concerns related to wildlife attractants were also linked to safety considerations for waste collection and facility operations.
- **Invasive Species Management** was another theme, with two submissions providing detailed analysis. Feedback included examples from six other BC regional districts (Columbia Shuswap, Nanaimo, qathet, Thompson-Nicola, Squamish-Lillooet, and Okanagan-Similkameen) demonstrating various approaches to addressing invasive species through solid waste management plans and the link to landfill capacity, wildfires, illegal dumping. Feedback highlighted ongoing work to clarify regulatory requirements (including the Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation) and mapping to support safe and compliant practices, alongside efforts to identify regulatory and funding barriers. Submissions emphasized the need to align local bylaws with provincial safety standards to enable modern processing options and noted the value of continued coordination with local governments and regional partners.
- **Senior Accessibility and Service Equity** was highlighted in a particularly personal submission from an 84-year-old Elphinstone resident. This feedback illustrated the real challenges faced by seniors who don't drive, have mobility limitations, or lack digital payment options. The resident expressed appreciation for existing garbage and green waste pickup but noted the absence of curbside recycling in Area E, leaving her recycling to pile up. Concerns about safety when hiring private recycling services, and vulnerability to scammers were raised, emphasizing the need for SCRD-contracted services that residents can trust.
- **Financial Transparency** concerns were raised in one detailed submission that questioned the lack of cost breakdowns for current programs (green waste by site, curbside, Good Samaritan, WRIP, Home Composter Rebate Program, Sechelt landfill). The respondent noted that the survey did not ask whether residents supported the 300kg/person/year disposal target or specific spending amounts for new programs. The disposal target was engagement on as part of Phase 1 Engagement. One question was raised about the \$50,000 budget for curbside assessment asking for clarification around why it will cost that much to complete that assessment.
- **Alternative Technologies and Producer Responsibility** were themes in submissions advocating for innovative approaches. One submission proposed thermal compaction units to compress trash into cubes, extending landfill capacity by 5-10 times and enabling future pyrolysis recycling. This respondent strongly opposed both incineration and off-coast transport, viewing compressed storage as the most ethical and practical solution. Another theme was shifting responsibility from consumers to producers, suggesting that retailers selling plastic-packaged goods should bear the cost rather than taxing residents, which could also help address illegal dumping.
- **Tourism and Visitor-Facing Waste Reduction** was raised as an opportunity area. Feedback emphasized strengthening partnerships with Sunshine Coast Tourism and tourism-serving businesses to deliver clear, consistent visitor-facing messaging, improve diversion signage and infrastructure in high-traffic areas, and support event waste reduction. It was suggested that some actions (e.g., signage templates, educational materials, and outreach) could be advanced earlier in the implementation timeline.



## 2.5 Targeted Topic Workshops

SCRD staff organized two workshops to target key topics with interested parties. One workshop targeted businesses and haulers, while the other focused on illegal dumping. Key discussion points from both workshops are highlighted below.

### Solid Waste Management Plan Business Engagement Workshop



- Hosted at the SCRD office in Sechelt on March 30, 2026
- 7 businesses represented
- **Overall:** constructive, solutions-oriented discussion focused on reducing contamination and improving diversion for businesses; sorting activity reinforced that recycling feels complex with many streams and is harder to manage in business settings than at home.
- **Landfill vertical expansion/fill:** questions about vertical expansion and whether fill could be stockpiled locally; staff noted limited space at SCRD sites and design will refine fill type/volume; interest in local options to reduce community costs.
- **Region-wide consistency:** interest in coast-wide standardized bins/streams (food waste, green waste, garbage); staff noted it has been explored before and consistent education/standardization could be reconsidered.
- **Business supports and organics access:** discussions around business licensing/"responsible business" expectations and providing resources to improve diversion; interest in additional food-waste drop-off options for businesses/house clean-outs that can't get to Sechelt (noting possible service duplication).
- **Problem materials:** C&D waste commonly mixed in one bin; request for clearer guidance on what's recyclable; strong call for local options for business packaging (especially plastic wrap), since local haulers won't collect it; group supportive of recycling regulation changes to improve business access.

## Solid Waste Management Plan Illegal Dumping Engagement Workshop



- Hosted at the SCRD office in Sechelt on April 10, 2026
- 7 attendees from 6 local organizations
- **Overall:** constructive, solutions-focused discussion on reducing illegal dumping; support for Good Samaritan/HHW and free appliance recycling, with emphasis on better funding/communications, stronger prevention/enforcement, and addressing cost/access barriers and crown-land gaps.
- **Landfill operations/tools:** questions about impacts during landfill vertical expansion and whether a waste shredder could help.
- **Good Samaritan program:** questions about budget/annual depletion; support for increasing funding but concern large dump sites could drain it; strong call to expand advertising.
- **Problem materials:** RV/camper waste; burnt/large items (trailers, abandoned cars) and construction waste (roofing tiles, tires, drywall/gyproc, insulation); plus green waste/invasives (morning glory, broom, bamboo), possibly from companies or residents.
- **Enforcement and prevention:** concerns about illegal haulers dumping on crown land; suggestions for trail cameras, more illegal dumping signs (incl. logging roads via BCTS/Community Forest), and stronger road decommissioning to prevent access; caution not to add public garbage cans (can increase dumping) and increase wildlife signage ("a fed bear is a dead bear").
- **Capacity:** conservation officer and RRAP resources limited with no lower coast presence; municipal cleanup occurs in town, but no one is available to clean up camps on crown land.
- **Access/funding ideas:** view that dumping may be driven by inability to pay tipping fees; suggestions included free disposal day, roadside collection stations, and bulky item pickup day (with access constraints noted); explore partnerships (auto wrecker) and funding sources (tourism/accommodation tax); suggested outreach to haulers/container companies.
- **Drywall guidance:** staff suggested leaving drywall in place and hiring professionals; recommendation to confirm approach with conservation officers.

## 2.6 First Nations Engagement

The SCRD recognizes the importance of engaging with Indigenous Nations. Engagement related to the Draft Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) included direct outreach to the shísháhlh Nation and Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh (Squamish) Nation and offered opportunities to review and discuss draft plan materials. This included offering presentations of the Draft Plan and inviting their elected officials and staff to participate in an intergovernmental meeting on the Draft Plan. SCRD staff also had several meetings with shísháhlh Nation staff on the assessed options long-term disposal options. On January 14, 2025, the SCRD presented to the shísháhlh Nation Chief and Council, with a focus on long-term waste disposal options. No written feedback was provided.

## 2.7 Local Government Engagement

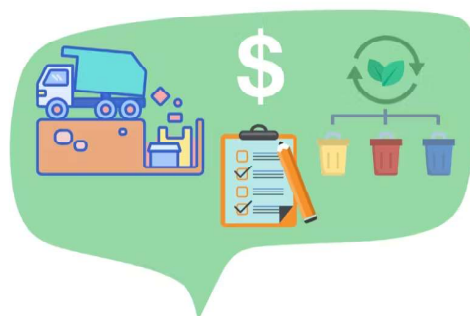
The SCRD engaged local governments across the Sunshine Coast to support awareness of the Draft Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) and to provide opportunities for elected officials and staff to review materials and participate in discussion. Engagement activities included targeted communications to municipal staff and direct outreach from the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to senior administration. Specifically, the SCRD reached out to the District of Sechelt, Town of Gibsons, and Island Trust offering presentations of the Draft Plan to local government Councils and Boards. Additionally, emails were sent to the District of Sechelt, Town of Gibsons, Island Trust, Metro Vancouver, and qathet Regional District, informing them of the Draft Plan and inviting staff to participate in a municipal meeting on the Draft Plan.

## 3 Concluding Comments

The engagement undertaken for the Sunshine Coast Regional District's Solid Waste Management Plan update generated strong participation and clear, consistent feedback. Overall, input indicates broad support for the Draft Plan's direction, particularly the proposed vertical expansion of the Sechelt Landfill, alongside strong interest in improving waste reduction, recycling access, and education across the region. Feedback also highlighted the importance of service equity, affordability, and accessibility, as well as the need to address gaps in commercial waste management and wildlife-related concerns. In addition to public-facing engagement activities, the SCRD also undertook targeted outreach to First Nations and local governments to support awareness of the Draft Plan and provide opportunities for discussion. The results summarized in this report provide a clear foundation to support refinement of the Solid Waste Management Plan and guide future implementation and decision-making by the SCRD.

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## Appendix A All Survey Comments Received



**Disclaimer Regarding Open-Ended Comments**

The comments included in this appendix are provided **verbatim** as submitted by survey participants. Comments have not been edited for clarity, grammar, or accuracy, and may contain personal opinions that do not reflect the views of the SCRD or the project team.

Comments containing discriminatory, inflammatory, or otherwise inappropriate language have been excluded or summarized and are not reproduced verbatim.

**Question 15:**

Options for seniors who don't drive for recycling things that aren't collected in curbside pickup.
increase access to recycling facilities (community hubs perhaps) or curbside recycling collection throughout SCRD
There has to be easy other options to take things places other than the dump. I would think that the workers that run the dump can also separate things that make it to the landfill and take them to the appropriate place.
Increasing users fees and failing to provide options to safely dispose of hazardous materials, including invasive plants, results in more illegal dumping. Focus on decreasing barriers to access rather than enforcement and penalties.
Remember an aging population , unable to drive to various drop offs like Salish Soils .
I've lived on the Coast for years and use the Gibsons depot weekly, but many seniors and non-drivers can't access it. Recyclables end up in garbage. To reduce waste, we should prioritize curbside recycling like other municipalities.
The problem us convenience. The private recycling facilities are poor, small, badly managed etc. the latest change you can't do returnables in same place in Sechelt. Build an SCRD recycling facility that takes everything. See Whistler systems.
I am someone who takes my recycling to Salish Soils; I am personally motivated to do so. With no curbside pickup; however, it is a hassle or impossible for many (those without vehicles or homebound), and the data shows their recycling goes to landfill.
Encourage community led litter clean ups including programs with the Sechelt Nation
Share Shed and the Annual Pick up should be re-introduced. They worked but would need monitoring. Education should be done by people, not signage or brochures. I found No 9,12,13 difficult. All the issues are important.
In Robts Ck .. don't pick up compost (we do our own composting and it is an animal attractant until it's picked up so we never put it out so we are paying for something that we don't use) and pick up recycling like in other areas instead
I know some businesses don't recycle or compost focus on them.
The SCRD should offer a composting option with dropoff at the landfill. Soil created from this could be sold to help recover costs.
I'm glad the Gibsons Recycling Depot has survived because curbside pickup cannot handle source separation. I'm also glad that we now have curbside pick-up of compostible organic material--this is so important!
Easier disposal of yard waste would be beneficial



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Very large fines for restaurants and businesses that are not composting / recycling - contaminating garbage
As household of 2 that never puts out organic for pick-up, compost everything we can, the rest goes to salish soils. Puts out 1 Garbage can every 4-6 weeks, recycles everything we can. These services should be user PAY. Place for Invasive plants
Introduce animal proof garbage and compost containers - mandatory user pay. Revisit waste-energy, the best and most cost effective long term solution. provide more space for feedback here.
This is a good survey! The green bin program is excellent and perhaps can be monitored(households not using green bin get a letter perhaps) Give consideration to the reduction of plastic bags as garbage containers(some sort of waterproof paper )
Not sure why residents on my area are not putting out a green bin - they can't all be composting. Looking at ways to encourage more involvement. What do other communities do? I think people don't bother because there's no repercussions.
Make organics and recycling pick up easier for small businesses and you will see a tremendous difference!
Encouraging home composting management
Close the Gibsons green waste facility. It costs too much money to taxpayers when a first class compost facility is only 20 minutes away at Salish. Please implement curb side recycling in the SCRd, it removes so many barriers for people to recycling.
Would reducing garbage collection days from bi-weekly to monthly encourage people to produce less garbage?
Tax dollars should be used to make sure garbage pick-up is available and that there is a functioning landfill accessible on the Coast. Reducing waste is what SCRd needs to advocate provincially and federally for industries to reduce waste from the start.
Supply blue bin recycling collection on the whole coast. This is a no brainer.
Please offer glass, styrofoam and soft plastic pick up
Would like to see recycle home pickup coverage through out the coast
Curbside recycling pickup is high priority and would help minimize the amount of recyclables ending up in the landfill
Would love curb side recycling in Gibsons
I would like to see uniformity on the coast, ie the same containers and programs in sechelt, Gibsons, Roberts Creek, and SIB land. I also support the introduction of pink bins for collection of flexible plastic. Too many people put plastic in the garbage.
Curbside recycling would help a lot!
No curb side recycling means more waste in the landfill from Gibsons
Yes, most of my recycling currently goes into the landfill as there are no curbside options. I don't have a car, going to a depot is not feasible. If you want folks to recycle, provide curbside recycling like Squamish and North Shore do.
giving better access to curb side pick up would help with encouraging people to sort their recycling out of the garbage
Curbside recycling in all areas would probably reduce garbage by over 50%



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Collect more types of recyclables at curbside - glass.
Curbside recycling please. It's ridiculous the whole coast does not have it. Also support vertical expansion to keep waste on coast, get on with it!
55% of waste to landfill is recyclable! Given that adequate programs and facilities exist, those not diverting must be focused on. Weight based curbside collection must be implemented. Also, waste to energy can be accomplished at our local pulp mill.
It appears an environmental impact could be avoided if recyclables such as cardboard, paper, plastics could be picked up at the curb. Multi vehicles headed to the same place do nothing to curb vehicle emissions.
Strongly support curbside recycling in Halfmoon Bay. I would like the pink bin for plastic film pickup at the curb as well. Also support vertical expansion.
A priority should be to expand curbside recycling collection within the SCRD. There should be enforcement to discourage residents from putting recyclables and food waste in garbage, and fines for doing so. Should be incentives for reducing garbage volume.
Curbside pick up would help low income and senior households in areas that don't receive. Not everyone can get to the depot and things end up in the landfill to no fault of the household
Bring curbside recycling to those who live in the SCRD areas
The recycle centre in gibsons is busy. With no clear flow for people. I personally find it extremely stressful. I can only assume this is the same for others. Curbside pick up in gibsons may help. Has this been reviewed?
I always think it's great to get input from the community. I just wonder about those who don't have access to a computer. How do we hear from them? I would like to see pink bins in our community, included in curbside pick up, for soft plastics. vancouver
The SCRD should have curbside recycling for Halfmoon Bay, Roberts Creek, Elphinstone and West Howe Sound. The SCRD should close the Gibsons Green Waste as it is too expensive to run for only one material to be dropped off.
prefer disposal/recycle depots rather than curbside pick up. As in the SLRD
Education in schools because they don't recycle well. They can educate parents too!
Encourage companies like McDonalds and A&W to have signage on each cup, container promoting proper disposal rather than throwing on the side of the road. More No Littering signs especially on the road up to Tuwanek.
For someone with little knowledge of the current waste stream management, this survey is a very complex one. Ideas on we can reduce waste in the first place would be helpful. Ask for these on how to do this at open sessions.
Ensure all staff at recycling centres are knowledgeable on sorting. Make sure products sorted for recycling are actually recycled and not added to landfill.
Gibsons Recycling is extremely well managed; good community people who do a lot of education.
Schools are a major source of mixed recycling so support in the schools to help with sorting as current methods are not helping. Education from the SCRD about recycling and waste management
fairly well managed. Challenge is to have clear, easy options for residents and education about the value of recycling rather than throwing in garbage. Still find confusion about what can be recycled and where!



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Sometimes we get conflicting information from our phone calls to SCR.D.
It seems pretty clear that the Province is not going to take real / deep action on EPP. If responsibility lies with our community, let's build a system that manages total cost of waste management and is enforceable where personal responsibility fails.
No enough retailers that sell oil products and antifreeze products accept waste oil, antifreeze and filters.
Lets deal with our garbage in our own community. Wr can create jobs here, and maximize material recovery here. No waste exhortation, no waste burning. We can model best practices in sound and sustainable management of our waste.
1.I support user-pay fees on trash bins to encourage waste separation. I generate little waste & am appalled at what some households produce. 2.Education on what happens to recycling might encourage uptake.
Create ways for people to share their "garbage" , more opportunities to take what people don't want. A lot of garbage is not actually garbage. Eg book recycling in Gibsons - extend to other materials
I appreciate the SCR.D's effort going into garbage and recycling. I think more pressure needs to be placed on on the public to comply. First an eduction program then fines for not complying. Garbage Cops. People listen when you talk to their wallets.
I voluntarily pick up much garbage disposed of in ditches and off-road around Gibsons, including behind Sunnycrest Mall. This is tiring. Please produce more signage to discourage such dumping. Maybe create partnerships with mall and school district, etc.
We should NEVER export our garbage waste. NEVER. It is our problem to deal with. 255 characters is ridiculous for this question. REDUCE, REUSE, Recycle, and put out less than half a can of trash every 2 weeks. Find and fine dumpers BIG TIME!
I use about garbage can every 2 months, with everything else going into recycling, so more simply why pay as we go... the more we use, the more you pay. Funny, this was not even an option considered! The problem is not lack of landfill, it is over consumpti
There is an idea out there, true or not, that a lot of our recycling ends up in landfill, causing people to be less motivated to clean items and recycle and just dispose in garbage. Clarity on that would increase recycling efforts.
I wonder why I cannot rank priority on some of the items. For example, the item around abandoned and derelict boats in harbours only allowed me to select "5". I think this is a much more important issue than "5" would indicate
Question 13 .... they are all equally important .... very hard to rank options.
Thanks for allowing me to comment. This is not an easy subject.
I'm proud of how our household manages its waste and recycling. We are not part of the problem.
The scrd need curb side recycling pick up bi weekly like Sechelt
Better ways to identify different recyclable material categories, particularly different types of plastic. The number system does not seem to be used anymore.
I just wish glass could go in the bin...
People need to know that their recycling efforts are having a positive effect and that the materials they spend time sorting and cleaning are actually being recycled. There is a lot of misinform about what happens to the material. For example, plastics.



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through the literature already printed, I am able to find what can be recycled and composed and where. Thank you for the good job you do!
Producers should not be allowed to produce the crap they do and insurance companies shouldn't be forcing us to dispose of things that are working.
I see massive amounts of waste from new building projects, materials that can be repurposed. SCRD should prioritize programs that help salvage wood and other materials for other people to use in smaller projects at home. ALSO STOP RAISING TAXES SO MUCH!!
Tough mandate, keep on a goin. This survey could be repeated /updated annually?
Yes A lot. Please email [redacted] for instructions for extra submissions
Seem to be doing a good job, we just need to be better in the abandoned vehicles etc no one seems to own up to whos responsibility it is.
Our whole mountain side is full of garbage because of illegal dumping. The garbage dump for dumping should be free then people would put it in the dump and hopefully wouldn't throw their junk in the bush
Free day - large item pickup to help mitigate forest dumping.
Making recycling options as easy and convenient as possible will aid in diverting waste from the landfill. An organized collection for recycling would help a lot. Also the carbon footprint of the hundreds ocars driving to dispose waste at the recycling
I would like to see far greater effort on developing market incentives and bylaws to reduce waste from ICI entering the landfill. there was little in the draft SWMP about the solutions for this sector.
We recycle nearly all our waste. The facilities are available for all coast residents to recycle properly with a little elbow grease. Enforcement of good practices is the way to go and not offered in your options.
Incentives for res. waste management instead of punishments. For ex., we process 95% of our waste on site & thru recycling centers. Garbage pickup is only used twice a year, yet we pay full cost. would like an opt out & you teach others how to do the same.
Rewards work better than fines. Create incentives that support local business as incentive for compliance and advertise the heck out of it.
Incentives for business to manage waste responsibly
kids in diapers longer; aging adults start using them; how about using centrifuge process like toronto has in place to recycle them
what about incinerator options?? For sure better recycling efforts
Invasive species management is important! Early Detection and Rapid Response is the name of the program. We need to prevent existing weeds from spreading further before they become too overwhelming.
I was involved in invasive species discussions over 20 years ago. No progress on this issue has been achieved since then. It is the biggest threat to biodiversity after habitat loss (land clearing). A strategy was developed and then shelved.
Inadequate options for disposal of obnoxious weed waste
We are already below the provincial goal. We have nothing but space and ever isolated. We need to prioritize expansion so we can grow the area. There needs to be an expansive 10 year infrastructure growth plan for the whole coast to Lower cost of living.



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Planning for a new landfill site On the Coast needs to be a priority
How about the Sechelt Nation using one of its huge gravel pits for a landfill?
Please get on with vertical expansion so that we have somewhere to send our garbage.
Support vertical expansion to keep garbage on the coast.
Support vertical expansion. Do not want more truck traffic to port Mellon for waste export transfer station. Also support curbside recycling.
When I have used the Sechelt landfill I always observe recyclable items being disposed of in the general refuse. Loads should be inspected more thoroughly and items sorted properly. Disposal of recyclable items should not be allowed.
Why was building a new landfill not feasible or viable? That information was not clear to understand.
Abandoned vehicles and camping units on Crown Land needs to be addressed by local, provincial and federal govts for covering costs as this directly affects local community stakeholders.
accept more products so 54% doesn't go to landfill. Make it easier for recycling in Gibsons - how residents of Gibsons, Elphinstone areas take wood, drywall, to a station near us, rather than the drive up to landfill; gas expensive.
LT Strategy should be to up the size of the dump. Shipping out waste shouldn't be an option. Waste to Energy is interesting but would need to be cost effective on the smaller scale. Tsain-Ko Centre does a very poor job of promoting recycling.
I can't remember where this landfill in Sechelt is located. More pictures and open house opportunity may encourage residents to feel the connection to this problem.
recycling and refundables need competitors. Refundables are not worth returning because there is almost no "refund"... it takes hours out of one's day and costs gas money.
I would appreciate a greater knowledge of costs involved in waste disposal to the community at large, who for the most part, seems completely oblivious to what happens to their waste once they decide that they don't want it anymore
Finally, a well written and thought out plan from Stantec. This should have happened before the SCRCD spent hundreds of thousands of \$ past studies by TerraTech and Sperling Hanson to locate new landfill areas in Area B in Area B
Marine debris should include logs and if companies who logged them and "lost" them can be identified, they should be made to collect them. Use of chipped material on our park trails. No more leaf blowing.
Marine debris and illegal dumping, regardless of jurisdictional responsibility, are huge issues. MUST be addressed.
Our healthcare system creates way too much garbage polluting the planet with excessive plastic waste. They go overboard in waste creation in the name of preventing illness, but by polluting the world so much are actually making us more sick.
I have an alternative to managing solid waste on the sunshine coast- currently developing a sustainable energy project for Vancouver Victoria and Nanaimo utilization to control/reduce MSW in the landfills to produce market ready profit recycle RNG
Lose your disposability consciousness! Manufacturers need to be responsible for their waste cradle to grave... or better yet, cradle to cradle!



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<p>School teaches antisocial success by bullying, micromanaging, winning by conformity. If we can't eat it, we needn't make it. Presently in every gut, eyeball, brain, animal or fetus there is enough endocrine enhancement to end our reproductive health.</p>
<p>Could bylaw enforcement occur at the landfill, or by follow up. I have seen your staff "educate" the public but it seems like it is a frequent problem. Your staff must be tired of educating people who seem not to care</p>
<p>Behaviour does not change unless money is tied to it.</p>
<p>We need more fines for neighbours and air bnb hosts that allow waste and food to be left out for management. Increase the fine to the point where taxpayers don't have to incur all the costs for new programs or upgrades. Charge the offenders more.</p>
<p>In the last five years, our family of two have reduced our waste very much, but I'm always alarmed at the amount of plastic, I can't seem to reduce, due to packaging. This needs to be addressed.</p>
<p>why can there not be more inforcement on provincial parks to recycle all the garbage? yes they do can/bottles but not cardboard ,plastics, etc... and why not recyle bins throughout the whole coast no recycling bins in Gibsons ?? need better access</p>
<p>The SCR D needs to make recycle and waste disposal exponentially less expensive to stop illegal dumping and disposal. The SCR D needs to be able to handle ALL materials including those deemed to be hazardous or toxic.</p>
<p>No matter what the SCR D does they have never created something for animal poo. That's why my personal garbage has never been fuller. If I could put my rabbit poo in compost and cat and dog poo into another compost. That would help make my garbage lighter.</p>
<p>Advocate for less waste from producers of products!!! Also key perspective: accessibility drives action. When waste diversion (recycling, reuse, repair, etc.) is an easy and clear process for residents and businesses, it is much more likely to happen!</p>
<p>One day per month when residents can put ANYTHING reusable curbside for anyone to pick up, repair of necessary and use or recycle. Ladner for one does this, and finds it very effective</p>
<p>We need more "share sheds". Why was it shut down at the dump? I have never heard of any "community swap events" or "re-use &amp; community sharing" as mentioned earlier in this questiopnaire</p>
<p>Introduce swap sheds. I really liked the containers full of clothes, household goods etc. that Gibsons Recycling used to offer for 25 cents. I still have many things I got that way. Was truly sad to see their Zero Waste approach disappear.</p>
<p>Some municipalities have a weekend during whichSome municipalities (eg Ladner) have a specific weekend when residents place unwanted items at the curb for two days. Residents take what they want and then the municipality picks up everything that is left.</p>
<p>reduce, reuse, recycle in that order. hate seeing junk in the wilderness. make it easier and free to get rid of unwanted stuff at the landfill.</p>
<p>Bring back the share shed. Better yet, have a share shed in a common area such as a water access right of way in each neighbourhood. Let the neighbourhood run the shareshed, not the SCR D. Provide for drop off and pickup of sorted recycling.</p>
<p>I'd like to see a very strong focus on separating and reusing construction materials - turning old concrete into road base, old (untreated wood) into mulch, etc. Make tipping fees very low for separated loads (free for metal) and very high for mixed loads</p>



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Bears do not get habituated but become 'conditioned' to anthropogenic food sources. In the meanwhile, they become habituated to humans and human things. Please change that in your plan. It's an important difference and helps us who do human/bear conflict
I'm always frustrated that businesses like Tim Horton's or Starbucks make no effort, or make it too confusing to know what goes where. But of course, I try never to eat in these places.
Having Recycle BC accept recycling from the commercial generators. This would reduce the amount of plastic and styrofoam that is currently being landfilled.
Having some kind of incinerator/energy generator with a scrubber to minimise pollution.
You ignored zero waste, its research, its local health, its concern for emergencies, its models for sustainable and sovereign practices, it's low cost appeal, its innovation for less toxic outcomes, and best of all its education to children.
No mention of rats, raccoons in garbage. Air B & B houses left empty with garbage attracting rats. Expense of hauling old beds, furniture to the dump. Bring back ANNUAL DAY of put out your old furniture at the curb for neighbourhood sharing. ood sharing.
The SCRD used to provide free annual coupons for landfill disposal. This is no longer the case, but Gibsons still does. I would like to see that return. At present, people simply ask a Gibsons resident to share, which bypasses the limitation.

**Question 17:**

diapers being a large portion of residential waste divert to composting facility like toronto has
Clear expectations on what goes where
finer for repeat offenders, especially businesses who are ignoring the rules and hiding recycling, drywall etc when dumping. It makes me mad
Prioritize marine debris clean up/bylaws
Incentives that encourage everyone to recycle
A study in awareness of the culture that throws the future away while replacing it with a less achievable future and amplified degradation in unshared resources, destroyed and unsustainable practices and more pollution than ever in earths history of study
Test wells could be drilled into the existing landfill to get first hand data as to leachate and possible methane production (for profit and the environment) rather than rely on estimates and assumptions.)
Refocus reduction efforts from residential to ICI. Recognize that higher landfill tipping fees is a driver of illegal dumping.
Burnside recycling
Expansion. The others will have high costs and limited benefits.
Find other wasteful expenditures to delete so that the cost impact of waste management is reduced
more share sheds or pick & pull where people can scavenge stuff to reduce landfill amounts
Planning for an alternate landfill site should start immediately



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I support points 1 3 and 4, but I think that decreasing barriers to access safe disposal options is a better use of public funds than increasing enforcement capacity.
Annual day of putting old items out for neighbourhood sharing instead of things that could be recycled going to the dump that could be used.
Strong enforcement and education for best practices by all coast businesses and residents.
Incentives for res. waste management instead of punishments. For ex., we process 95% of our waste on site & thru recycling centers. Garbage pickup is only used twice a year, yet we pay full cost. would like an opt out & you teach others how to do the same.
Look at making reuse of say older structures more cost effective by working with province on things like drywall disposal , reuse of materials etc
More community involvement and pride in our community to prevent littering and dumping
Step 1 - Reduce !
Have signs warning about marine debris and disposal. Have more garbage cans available in park areas. Have signs at the start of park forest paths warning of fines for littering. Also include these at B&K Road & other places where people dump.
Incentives for recycling and composting and harsher fines for offenders of illegal dumping and wildlife gaining access to garbage and compost. Taxpayers shouldn't cover all the costs for programs. Fines should
add curbside recycling pickup to Roberts Ck
Prioritize lengthening and time and expansion
Better recycling facilities that are "one stop shopping". Current private options are laughably bad
more recycling at all garbage bins everywhere to much going into garbage bins even in Davis bay garbage cans ???
1 would be great because it's always good to reduce and repair first
start thinking about what to do once the landfill is full, despite increasing the height of the landfill. We need to start alternatives now as some may take 20 0r so years to make happen
More repair workshops and community swap events!
Curbside pick up in Gibsons if recycling
Sechelt nation gravel pit for a landfill site
Recycling options at the residential level
Invasive species management. We need to tackle the existing problems before they get worse!
Rather than lobbying for other levels of government to help, I believe we should be doing more to educate and enforce. In my neighbourhood, I see so much evidence of stuff going into the black bin that should be in the green or blue bin
Enforceable Fines for repeat offenders and rewards for repeat compliance.
Options for wastes that currently have no disposal options on the coast.



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I would like a plan for animal poo, diapers and wipes. I still need weekly pick up. But receive bi weekly pick up. I have a dumpster in my yard now. Increasing my costs. Thanks SCRDI!
A strong response/fining for illegal dumping.
Deal with and fine car and boat dumping.
I would support any initiative that made waste management cost neutral such as waste to energy production or re use value added.
Curbside recycling everywhere
Pay-by-weight for waste-to-landfill.
Not sure ... SCRDI can only take on so many projects at a time ....
No dump fees so people would dump, expanded dump services bigger free share sheds, free wood pick up and free trade or reuse items . People don't like to pay cause not everyone can afford to pay more and more and more. SCRDI just loves to charge more for e
If ~ 25% of landfill is organic material, clearly education, better access to opps, and enforcement are top priority.
Waste management as a result of natural disaster
Encourage neighbourhood drop off and pickup points for recycling and sharing opportunities. Discourage curbside pickup to improve traffic flow.
I think the people that care have been recycling and minimizing their waste for years. I am concerned about curbside recycling because it becomes "out of sight out of mind". I support fines.
Switzerland has recycle facilities (bins) at each shopping district or mall, where shoppers can leave excess packaging from their purchases. We could do the same, sparing multiple individual trips to recycle facilities, post-purchase.
In my view organics recycling could be more successful if wildlife issues can be better addressed. Rodents, raccoons and bears are attracted by and accessing the smelly waste. This is creating a nuisance and safety issues for residents.
More oversight of businesses and construction projects to help them divert more stuff from the landfill.
I only agree with enforcing compliance and regulation to increase diversion of recyclables at this time. Within a year we will see factual evidence of improvement. Many do not use curbside compost collection and this is the key item which weighs the most.
Request from companies to replace plastic packaging to other packaging less harmful.
I'd rather see programs that don't add to already high municipal costs - property taxes are already too high
Scrap metal is currently \$80.00 per ton recovery, should be free drop off at recycling depots.
1. Continue the process in preparing the next landfill. Don't leave that any longer. We need it ready when this landfill runs out. 2. Lobby Federal and Provincial government for companies that create waste to be responsible for it. 3-Create less packaging
Start now. You know what is needed.
Invasive species management (curtain burner, ideally operated by a contractor?)



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Reducing waste from hospital and homecare health services
ICI. Invasive species. Bring back the free once a year landfill coupon. The cost of fly tipping is not considered in your assessment of this program.
Not sure
Increase diversion participation (now 46%?). Lets recover EVERYTHING we can from the waste stream. Set the stage for industry to bring modern solutions. Ban waste incineration and optimize keeping fossil fuel materials in the production cycles.
Emergency Funding for the removal of abandoned vehicles and abandoned camping units on Crown Land.
These are the four strategies that I think should be the focus in the first five years. As part of improving recycling diversion, I think curbside collection of soft plastic recycling should be strongly considered.
User pay fees like pre-paid stickers on trash bins to encourage waste separation and reduction. I put a bin out approximately every 4 wks (that's not even full) vs. neighbours with full bins at every pick up.
make curbside recycling should be user pay
Focus on community sharing/swaps and repair -- low cost and feels empowering/accessible to people tr
Divert non garbage from landfill to place where it could be shared
Yes, there will be a cost to the garbage and recycle program. There is also a cost to doing nothing. We think in terms of \$\$\$\$. Is there a way you can assign a dollar cost to not recycling or the dollar value when we do recycle, reduce, reuse, repair?
Contact me for a development opportunity to turn our MSW into a profit center and reduce volume in the landfill as well as promote additional profit centers from "blue bell" valuable recycle materials. Our projects involve FN ownership and participation!
Manufacturer responsibility, Pay-To-Play - You pay more if you generate more - Residents/Tourists need an incentive to do better
Reconciliation of means, end bullying, understand family values, stop being a jerk, learn new sensitivities about why science is not in education, stop pretending everything will just go away, start living like you care about life more than indoctrination
Better public recycling containers with clear instructions of what goes where.
Build a plastic recycling facility on the coast ... recycled plastic has so many uses; and we have industrial land available for this.
Landfill gas capture
Educating visitors. RRR details could be included with water conservation in summer.
Expansion of swap meets or "free store" type activities to keep good usable items out of dump.
While educating people seems like a good option - people who already know still don't manage their waste appropriately. You can lead a horse to water...
Manage our water supply and infrastructure
Targeted rather than general priorities. IE animal proof garbage collection. The Coast is like a country. Think loooong term rather than catch-up.



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More education for the dummies who create giant piles of trash every week and more fines for those not responsibly diverting other waste
To be able to recycle different items would help alot
Reducing consumption generally and the more waste you generate, the more you pay.
Increase pressure on the on the provincial government for more stewardship programs
Close Gibsons green waste, get curbside recycling everywhere
When I take my recycling to the Gibsons Depot once a month or so, I put 5 garbage cans in my small car to recycle all in once. Majority of the recycling are containers and bags of the food products. The producers should be more responsible to this end.
reduction of plastics to the landfill-aim for more of a composting landfill
access to viable (time and cost efficient) refund and recycling options matters.
enforcement of disposal bans with the potential for polluter-pay approaches for fees as an alternative to raising taxes
Encourage circular economy innovations. More mapping of natural assists on private properties and programs to retain trees and wild vegetation and link growth and development to capacity. Consider development decentralized waste and invasives mgt
Tax garbage at source of production ie like paintt tax etc.
Industrial, commercial, Invasive species, marine disposal programs.
Curtain burner for invasive species diversion
Generating power with an incinerator.
I see massive amounts of waste from new building projects, materials that can be repurposed. SCR D should prioritize programs that help salvage wood and other materials for other people to use in smaller projects at home. ALSO STOP RAISING TAXES SO MUCH!!
As stated above...better education re recycling effectiveness. More options for bulk purchase using our own containers.
education of residents and visitors, for instance where trash and recycling ought to go when people stay at AirBnB or camp etc. also, Curbside recycling.
Pink bin, curbside pick up for soft plastics. Check out incinerating garbage. Zero Waste education in the schools. Assist low income houses with education and waste disposal. Workshops/show'n'tell at Independent Grocers. In the parking lot. Make it easy.
Look into Copenhagen's garbage incinerator technology
Your nicely sliced questions I think elicited my inputs
Emphasize Zero Waste Zero Heroes action items



## **Appendix B Full Survey**



# Solid Waste Management Plan Update

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## Help Shape the Future of Waste Management on the Sunshine Coast

### Welcome!

The Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) is updating its Solid Waste Management Plan (the Plan), which guides how recycling, green waste, food waste and garbage are managed over the next ten years and beyond. This Plan is a provincial requirement for all regional districts.

Since 2023, we've been drafting the Plan through feedback and direction from the community, our public advisory committee and the SCRD Board. Now, we want your feedback on all the proposed ways we plan to manage waste on the Sunshine Coast.

**Refresher:** [Solid waste management plan update](#) (this link will take you to a separate reference document). If you want to see the full plan in all of its detail [click here for the plan](#).

**Why Your Input Matters** The region's only landfill is nearly full. The SCRD is planning ahead to provide waste services and disposal solutions that meet the needs of our communities. Your feedback will help shape the final Plan.

### We want to hear from you!

Take some time to share your thoughts on the Draft Plan and help shape the future of how we deal with waste in our community. This questionnaire will take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete. As a thank you for taking part in the questionnaire, the SCRD is giving away a gift card to a local business. You can add your email on the questionnaire for a chance to win!

**Please provide your feedback before : April 10, 2026**

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### Contact us:

If you have any questions regarding solid waste management or this survey, please contact [infrastructure@scrd.ca](mailto:infrastructure@scrd.ca) and 604-885-6806.

### Section One - About You

This section will help the SCRD learn more about who is completing this questionnaire.

Where is your primary residence? Please choose one of the following to help us understand feedback from each area.

(Choose any 1 options)

- Other (please specify)
- District of Sechelt
- shíshálh Nation Government District
- Sk̓wxwú7mesh Nation Lands
- Town of Gibsons
- Egmont/Pender Harbour (Area A)
- Halfmoon Bay (Area B)
- Roberts Creek (Area D)
- Elphinstone (Area E)
- West Howe Sound (Area F)
- I live outside the SCRD, but I am a seasonal resident

How old are you?

(Choose any 1 options)

- Under 18 years old

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- 18-24 years old
- 25-34 years old
- 35-44 years old
- 45-54 years old
- 55-64 years old
- 65 or older

### Section Two - Learn the Background

Take a moment to review some key facts about waste on the Sunshine Coast, what we're throwing away, what it costs and what we're aiming to change.

#### How We Manage Waste

The community has access to recycling and waste diversion services at many facilities across the region, including:

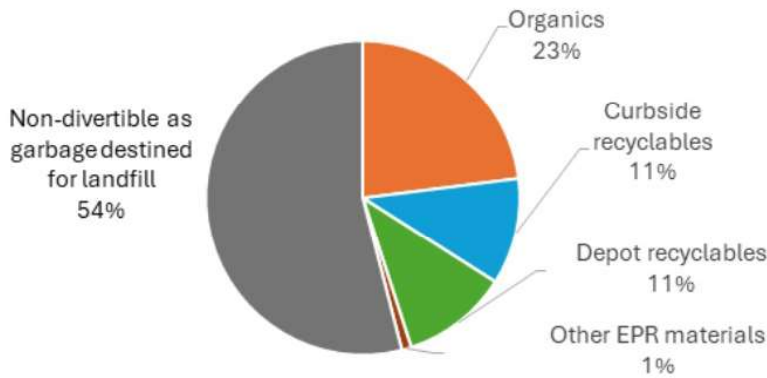
- Sechelt Landfill (owned and operated by the SCRD)
- Pender Harbour Transfer Station (owned and operated by the SCRD)
- Residents can use the residential packaging and paper recycling available at privately operated depots: Gibson Recycling Depot, Salish Soils Depot and GRIPS in Pender Harbour.
- These privately operated depots also offer other types of recycling, such as batteries, electronics or lightbulbs (e.g. Gibsons Recycling Depot, Salish Soils Depot, GRIPS Pender Harbour, Sechelt Return-It Depot, and Gibsons Bottle Depot).
- Curbside collection services:
  - District of Sechelt and shíshá'lh Nation Government District offer blue bin recycling, food waste, yard waste and garbage collection.
  - Sunshine Coast Regional District and Town of Gibsons offer food waste and garbage collection.
- Private collection:
  - Some residents are not within the curbside collection service area provided by a municipality and pay to have waste collected from their home
  - Businesses pay to have waste collected from their premises.



#### What's in our Landfilled Waste?

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This shows us that almost half the waste that ends up in the landfill could be diverted for recycling or composting. Landfilling recyclables and organics contributes to greenhouse gases, is not a cost-effective use of taxpayer dollars, takes up valuable space in the landfill, and increases further natural resource extraction.

**\*Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)** is a provincial policy approach that makes the producers of products responsible for managing the end-of-life of the products and packaging they supply, such as used auto oil, paper and plastic packaging, paint, lightbulbs and batteries to name just a few.

## Which facilities and services do you use regularly?

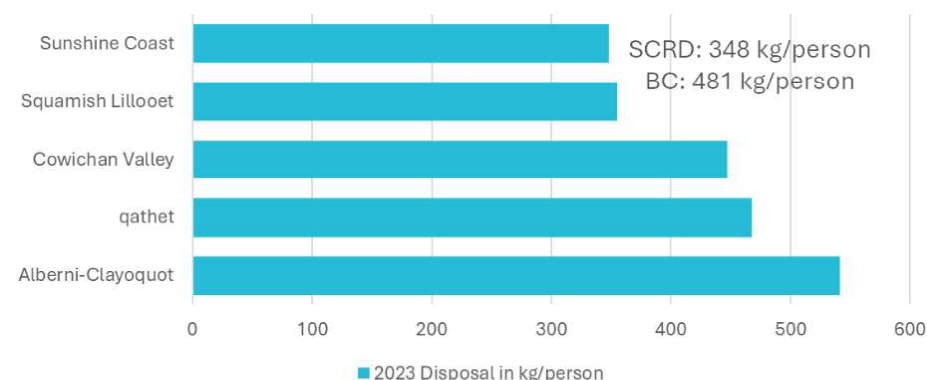
(Choose all that apply)

- Other (please specify)
- Sechelt Landfill (owned and operated by the SCRD)
- Pender Harbour Transfer Station (owned and operated by the SCRD)
- South Coast Green Waste Depot (managed by the SCRD)
- Private recycling depots for resident packaging and paper recycling (Gibsons Recycling Depot, Salish Soils Depot, GRIPS in Pender Harbour)
- Private recycling depots for other types of recycling (e.g. batteries, electronics, lightbulbs, refundable drink containers)
- Curbside collection services provided by District of Sechelt or shísháhl Nation Government District or SCRD or Town of Gibsons
- Collection from a private waste company as a resident because I don't receive curbside from a municipality
- Collection from a private waste company as a business

## Section Three - The Proposed Strategies and Actions: Weighing the Options

The goal of the updated Plan is simple: create less waste and extend the life of the Sechelt Landfill. So far we've shared what the system that manages our waste looks like. So how much are we actually throwing away?

In 2023 11,865,000 kg of garbage was landfilled. If we divide that by the population of the coast in 2023, that works out to 348 kg per person (that's like the weight of 1 large adult grizzly). Compared to every other regional district in the Province, we are disposing less than on average per person per year. Visit the Province's stats page [here](#).



The updated Plan has a goal to reduce waste and has as a target to reduce disposal to about 300 kilograms per person by 2035 through

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the implementation of the proposed actions in the Plan.

The SCRD is doing well at having a lower-than-average disposal rate, which is critical to continue as we look to extending the life of the Sechelt Landfill. The SCRD has also developed innovative approaches to extending the life of the landfill, including more recently the relocation of a contact water pond which is anticipated to extend landfill life by four to six years. The community can also help in extending the life of the landfill by continuing to divert recyclables and organics that decreases landfill life and releasing greenhouse gases unnecessarily.

However, the SCRD **must look at where garbage will go in the long term.**

### Section Four - Long-Term Disposal Options – aka where will the garbage go!

**The Sechelt Landfill is nearing capacity, with current projections estimating closure in 2032.**

Since 2020, the SCRD has been looking at long-term disposal options to determine what we should do with our waste once the landfill reaches capacity. Several options were reviewed but aren't viable at this time:

- Building a new landfill,
- Expanding the current landfill to neighbouring property,
- Waste to energy
- Waste export off-coast

Read more about [the quest for a long term disposal option here.](#)

Feasibility studies comparing the only two remaining viable options, **vertical expansion** and **waste export off-coast**, were completed in 2025. Building a waste transfer station and exporting waste off-coast would be more expensive over the long-term, and came with many risks and unknowns. The studies determined that **Vertical Expansion** offers the lowest overall risk and greatest long-term cost-effectiveness for the region.

How concerned are you if we have nowhere to put garbage in less than 6 years?

(Choose any 1 options)

- Very concerned
- Somewhat concerned
- Slightly concerned
- Not concerned at all

### What does Vertical Expansion mean?

The SCRD determined that compared to Waste Export off-coast, a Vertical Expansion of the Sechelt Landfill will be the most cost-effective and lowest-risk option, and add approximately 30 more years of space for our community to dispose of our garbage. [Read the staff report on long-term waste disposal options here.](#)

A vertical expansion would use the existing footprint of the Sechelt Landfill and maximize its capacity through the construction of an engineered wall (aka – building up). The Squamish Landfill recently completed a project just like this. Read about [that project here.](#)

Waste export would require building a transfer station where garbage can be collected, compacted, and loaded into shipping containers near a marine loading area. The feasibility study found that shipping waste off coast comes with higher risks — related to inflation and increased costs for hiring required contractors, weather delays, transportation issues, and equipment breakdowns.

Because of those risks, the region would still need somewhere to store garbage on the coast while waiting for transport. Off coast disposal would also create more greenhouse gas emissions, and the disposal fee would be controlled by an outside facility. For more details, see the long-term waste disposal report linked above.

The vertical expansion project will ensure residents have a place to dispose of their garbage in 2030. **Yes, you read that right – if we don't build something now, we risk having nowhere to dispose of the region's garbage.**

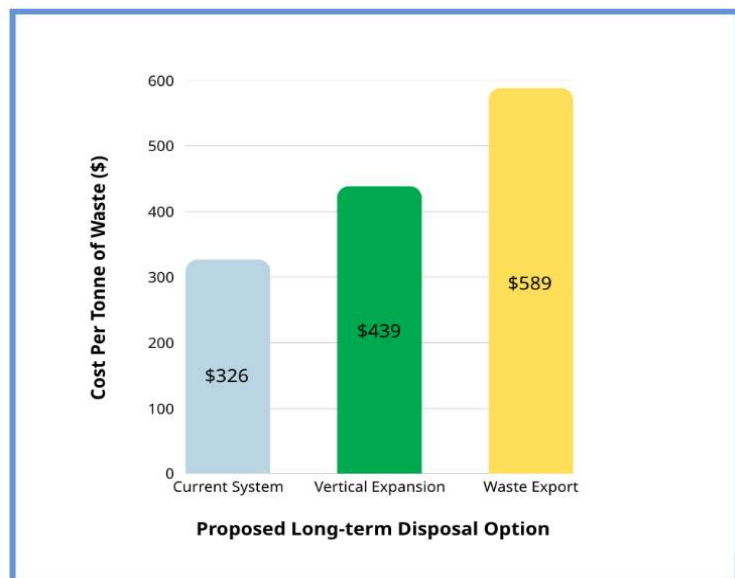
### Financial Considerations

The vertical expansion project is estimated to cost \$33.7 million and will require borrowing.

# Solid Waste Management Plan Update

## Let's Talk SCRD

Below, we compare the current system costs and the estimated annual costs per tonne of vertical expansion vs. waste export:



Given the costs of Waste Export versus Vertical Expansion, do you support vertical expansion of the Sechelt Landfill?

(Choose any 1 options)

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Unsure

Which funding sources are you most comfortable with for this project? (Select all that apply)

(Choose any 3 options)

- General taxation (e.g. property taxes)
- User fees (e.g. curbside collection user fees or the tipping fee at the landfill or transfer station)
- A combination of taxation and user fees

After today, how familiar do you feel with the vertical expansion project?

(Choose any 1 options)

- Very familiar
- Somewhat familiar
- Slightly familiar
- Not familiar at all

How would you like to be informed on this critical project?

(Choose all that apply)

- Mail and brochures
- Informational Videos
- In-person information session in my neighbourhood
- Email updates or newsletters
- Social media

# Solid Waste Management Plan Update

## Let's Talk SCR D

### Section Five - Updating the Plan - Prioritize Waste Reduction

You're halfway there! Thank you for continuing to provide your vital input on the solid waste management plan.

So far we've shared how and where the SCR D plans to manage garbage.

Diverting recyclable items and organic waste from going to the landfill will be key to reducing future costs and extending the overall life of the landfill.

Now we'd like to ask what should be prioritized to meet the overall goal of the Solid Waste Management Plan to create less waste.

The draft Plan proposes several new initiatives that go beyond current SCR D service levels. As you provide feedback, please consider which services matter most to you and how the prioritization of the improvements can be balanced with their costs.

#### Plan Strategies and Actions

Thirteen strategies have been identified, each supported by specific proposed actions. The figure below provides an overview of the strategies selected to help achieve the Plan's waste reduction goal. You may find it helpful to review the draft Plan for more detailed information about each strategy before answering the following questions. The visual below provides a summary of all of the key strategies in the plan.

Click [here for a quick view of all the actions](#) planned to achieve these strategies. The next three groups of sections will look at these strategies in more detail.



### Section Six - Waste Reduction, Reuse and Repair

The draft Plan builds on existing efforts, with a focus on preventing food waste, providing education, creating programs that promote sharing and repair, extending the life of items, and supporting an objective of keeping resources in use for as long as possible.

Which waste reduction programs are most important to you? Rank the following programs from most important (#1) to least important (#4).

(Rank each option)

- \_\_\_\_\_ Preventing waste from businesses making its way into the landfill
- \_\_\_\_\_ Community swap events
- \_\_\_\_\_ Repair events for broken items
- \_\_\_\_\_ Promoting / supporting reuse and community sharing

#### Enforcement

# Solid Waste Management Plan Update

## Let's Talk SCRD

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The SCRD is considering ways to enhance the enforcement of existing bylaws and disposal bans. There are many diversion options on the Coast for materials such as wood waste, metal and organics, but lack of enforcement results in these materials mixed into loads brought to the landfill. Increasing enforcement would improve compliance with existing bylaws that aim to divert more from the landfill.

Do you support the SCRD increasing enforcement as an action to reduce waste?

(Choose any 1 options)

- Strongly Support  
 Support  
 Do Not Support

### Section Seven - Recycling and Diversion

Residents and businesses can use recycling, composting and diversion services to keep waste out of the landfill.

When accounting for all recycling and diversion efforts in our community, staff found that in 2023 nearly 18 million kilograms of waste were kept out of the landfill. This represents approximately 60% of the total waste generated being diverted.

The SCRD will continue to focus on education to help residents better understand waste programs and bylaws, and to make waste reduction easier.

What would help you recycle more? Please rank the following options from most important (#1) to least important (#4).

(Rank each option)

- \_\_\_\_\_ Better access to curbside recycling  
\_\_\_\_\_ Community cleanup events that include hard-to-manage materials (such as household hazardous waste: paints, cleaners, automotive products, etc)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Bulky or large item pick up or collection options  
\_\_\_\_\_ More responsibility placed on producers for product design and recycling

What education programs should be a priority in the SCRD? Please rank your preference from most preferred (#1) to least preferred (#5)

(Rank each option)

- \_\_\_\_\_ Provide clear guidance for residents on what materials go where  
\_\_\_\_\_ Collector and hauler education on existing diversion opportunities and bylaws  
\_\_\_\_\_ Support businesses with waste prevention (e.g., food rescue) and recycling  
\_\_\_\_\_ Reduce event waste by sharing educational resources for event organizers  
\_\_\_\_\_ Help educate tourists on local waste practices to reduce their impact

### Section Eight - Waste Management and Environmental Sustainability

The SCRD is considering actions to help improve overall waste management in areas such as wildlife management, illegal dumping, marine debris, invasive species and emergency debris management and planning. For context, illegal dumping on crown land, marine debris and invasive species typically happen where the SCRD does not have jurisdiction.

Which of the following issues should be a priority in the SCRD? Please rank from most important (#1) to least important (#5)

(Rank each option)

- \_\_\_\_\_ Wildlife management - Education to prevent bears and other animals from accessing waste  
\_\_\_\_\_ Emergency response planning - Preparing to manage large volumes of waste after natural disasters such as fire, floods or storms.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Invasive species – Education and planning for proper disposal of invasive plants  
\_\_\_\_\_ Illegal dumping and littering – Education, advocacy and strategies to reduce litter and illegal dumping  
\_\_\_\_\_ Marine debris - Initiatives to reduce waste in marine environments, including abandoned boats

# Solid Waste Management Plan Update

## Let's Talk SCRD

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When addressing the issues that are outside the SCRD's jurisdiction, which approach do you think the SCRD should prioritize?

(Choose any 1 options)

- Creating new SCRD programs and services to address these issues directly (large increase to cost)
- Advocating to the Provincial Government for greater support and action (small increase to cost)
- A balanced approach that includes both SCRD-led programs and provincial advocacy (medium increase to cost)
- No increase to cost, no new programs

Is there anything else you want to share about how garbage and recycling is managed on the coast?

### Section Nine - Setting the Priority for the Plan

Thank you for sharing what is important to you. Now, we want to talk about priorities. To keep service costs affordable and sustainable, SCRD needs to balance providing great programs and services while also keeping costs fair.

We included in the beginning that all of the actions proposed in the plan come with additional costs and a staffing increase. Check out our [staff report](#) from January 22, 2026 that outlines how the SCRD views the best way to prioritize the way we implement the new actions.

The SCRD Board is considering how to prioritize the Long-Term Disposal Option, as well as key strategies that have the highest potential for reducing how much we throw away in the landfill.

Also under consideration are ways to strengthen education and enforcement of disposal bans with the potential for polluter-pay approaches for fees as an alternative to raising taxes. The current draft of the Plan has the following strategies as the highest priority for completion in the first five years of the plan:

**Lobby for Better and More Provincial Product Stewardship Programs**  
Advocate for Provincial Support to Recycle More Items (e.g. plastic drink containers are recyclable at a depot and you can get money back, mattresses are not and we have to pay to recycle)

**Improve recycling and organics diversion opportunities for residents**  
Improve access to recycling and composting for residents (e.g. curbside recycling)

**Improve Compliance and Regulatory Requirements to Enhance Diversion**  
Increase our ability to enforce our own regulations so less recycling is thrown away

**Residual Waste Management in the Region**  
Expand the landfill (vertical expansion) so we have somewhere to put our garbage past 2030.

**All other strategies will be started in Year 6-10 of the plan.**

Do you support the SCRD starting with these four strategies to reduce waste?

(Choose any 1 options)

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree
- Unsure

# Solid Waste Management Plan Update

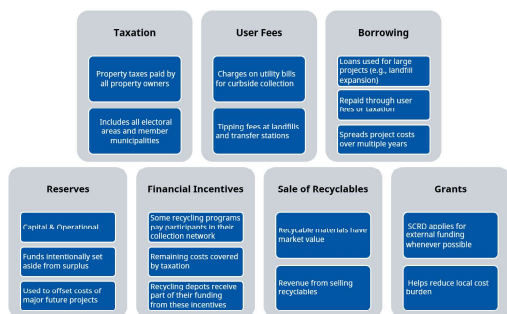
## Let's Talk SCRD

What other strategies would you like to see explored in the first five years of the plan?

### Section 10 - Understanding the Solid Waste Budget

You're almost done! Just a few more questions.

These are multiple different sources of funding SCRD's Solid Waste Management system



Many regional districts in BC use user-pay (SCRD call them user fees – either curbside collection fees on your utility bill, or the fee you pay at the landfill). The SCRD uses all the above funding sources, the highest is taxation estimated at 63% due to our small size compared to costs of operating a system.

### Why are costs rising?

The costs of managing our waste are going up for many reasons:

- Stricter landfill management provincial rules since 2016 regarding how we manage our landfill have increased our landfill costs.
- Over the next decade, SCRD will spend more on disposal to pay for vertical expansion of the landfill and future closure of the landfill
- The cost of maintaining current waste services is rising. While new programs can improve waste management, they also bring added costs.

What method should be prioritized to pay for the additional services or actions in this updated plan?

(Choose any 1 options)

- Other (please specify)
- Taxation
- User fees, (fees at the landfill or transfer station and curbside collection user fees.
- A combination of taxation and user fees
- Unsure

When considering the costs of new or expanded waste services, which areas should be prioritized for investment? Please rank the following from most important (#1) to least important (#5).

(Rank each option)

- \_\_\_\_\_ Waste reduction and reuse programs
- \_\_\_\_\_ Expanded recycling and diversion options
- \_\_\_\_\_ Education and outreach initiatives
- \_\_\_\_\_ Environmental management (e.g., illegal dumping, wildlife, invasive species)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Long-term disposal solutions (e.g., vertical expansion)

# Solid Waste Management Plan Update

## Let's Talk SCRD

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Thinking about the costs associated with improving waste services, how willing are you to support higher costs for the areas you ranked as most important?

(Choose all that apply)

- Very willing — I am comfortable paying more for improvements I value
- Somewhat willing — I could support modest cost increases
- Neutral — I don't have strong feelings either way
- Somewhat unwilling — I prefer to limit new spending
- Not willing at all — I do not support any additional costs
- Unsure

**Thank you for helping shape the future of garbage and recycling in the region!**

As a thank you for taking part in this questionnaire, the SCRD is giving away a gift card for a local business. Enter your email below to be in with a chance to win.

Note: The personal information you provide on this form is being collected under the authority of the Local Government Act. Your personal information is protected by the privacy provisions of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. If you have any questions about the collection of this information, please contact the Information and Privacy Coordinator, 1975 Field Road, Sechelt, BC, V7Z 0A8, 604.885.6800

## Appendix C Example Engagement Materials



# Let's Talk Trash

Our landfill is running out of space,  
we need to do something about it.



[letstalk.scrd.ca/trash](http://letstalk.scrd.ca/trash)

The Sunshine Coast  
Regional District is  
updating the region's  
Solid Waste  
Management Plan.

It's the plan that  
outlines the strategies  
and actions that can  
help reduce and  
manage garbage,  
compost and recycling  
on the Coast.

**We want to know what  
is important to you.**



This postcard is  
100% recyclable.  
Please recycle!

## Join the community conversation about managing our garbage, together.

- **Elphinstone + Gibsons**, March 11, 1-6 pm, at Gibsons & Area Community Centre
- **Sechelt**, March 13, 1-3 pm (for businesses); 3-6 pm (for residents) at Seaside Centre
- **Pender Harbour**, March 17, 3-5 pm at Pender Harbour Community Hall

## Talk Trash Online:

Review the plan, complete the survey and share your feedback online.

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Scan the QR code with your smart phone for more info:



# SCRD Solid Waste Management Plan

## BACKGROUND

### SPRING 2026



The Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) is updating the region’s Solid Waste Management Plan (the Plan). The Plan guides how the SCRD will manage solid waste services in the region over the next 10 years, and includes specific strategies and actions on on waste management and reduction, recycling, composting, disposal options and service costs to the community. This Backgrounder gives an overview of the update process and an overview of the draft Plan.

## PROCESS TO DATE

**Established an Advisory Committee:** The SCRD Board appointed technical experts and expert residents to develop a “made on the Sunshine Coast” Plan.

**Guiding Principles:** The advisory committee created meaningful guiding principles that are specific to our region, and we engaged with the community on them.

**Development of Strategies:** strategies were drafted with the advisory committee.

**Vertical Expansion of the Sechelt Landfill:** SCRD Board reviewed two feasibility studies and directed staff to incorporate this project into the Plan and engage with the community on it.

**Prioritization of Strategies:** SCRD Board prioritization the suggested strategies in an effort to balance costs.

## TIMELINE

SPRING 2023

### INITIATION OF THE UPDATE

- Established advisory committee
- Shared information and received feedback on current services with community

SUMMER 2023

### PLAN DIRECTION

- Reviewed feedback on current services
- Developed proposed objectives for the Plan
- Ongoing advisory committee meetings

2024-2025

### EVALUATE OPTIONS

- Generate strategies to achieve objectives
- Share strategies with the community
- Evaluate long-term waste disposal options

2025-2026

### PLAN DEVELOPMENT

- Draft updated Plan
- Seek community feedback
- Finalize Plan, submit to the Province for approval

*We are here!*

## NEXT STEPS

- The draft Plan, including the vertical expansion project, will be shared with the neighbouring local governments and the community for their feedback.
- Feedback from engagement will be incorporated into the Plan, and brought forward to the Board for approval.
- The final Plan then needs to be approved by the Ministry of Environment and Parks before being implemented.

# MAIN COMPONENTS OF THE PLAN

## GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Nine SCRD guiding principles were developed with feedback from both the community and the advisory committee. These principles are the basis for which the Strategies and Actions were created.

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| 1. Focus on the first 3 Rs (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle)   | 2. Prevent organics and recyclables from going in the garbage                                    | 3. Maximize beneficial use of waste materials, such as turning food waste into compost |
| 4. Explore options that promote cost-effective waste management  | 5. Develop collaborative partnerships with interested parties to achieve waste diversion targets | 6. Support polluter-pay approaches for fees instead of tax increases                   |
| 7. Minimize environmental impacts through reducing GHG emissions from the landfill and promoting proper disposal | 8. Engage with the community about waste reduction through education and outreach                | 9. Maintain an equitable playing field for waste disposal across the region            |

## GOAL AND TARGET

The region is already performing well compared to BC’s average and wants to continue to reduce the disposal rate down to 300 kg/ capita by 2035.



## STRATEGIES AND ACTIONS

13 strategies have been drafted, each with a set of new actions to implement. These are the actions the SCRD would take in the next 10-years related to solid waste.

The SCRD has prioritized the actions in either Years 1-5 or Years 6-10, to prioritize critical projects and focus on actions that can have the biggest impact on keeping disposal rates low.

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Join the community conversation about  
managing our garbage, together.

- **Area D, E, F and Gibsons,**  
• March 11, 1:30-6 pm, at Gibsons &  
Area Community Centre
- **Area B, Sechelt,** March 13, 1-3pm  
(businesses); 3-6pm (residents) at  
Seaside Centre
- **Area A, Pender Harbour,** March 17, 3-  
5pm at Pender Harbour Community  
Hall

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**This week, you can talk trash  
with us at:**

Saturday, March 7, 2026

**Sechelt Farmers Market**

Seaside Centre,

5790 Teredo Street, Sechelt

9:30 am - 2:30 pm

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**This week, you can  
talk trash with us at:**

Tue, March 10, 2026

Welcome Woods Market  
7816 Fawn Rd, Halfmoon Bay  
10 am-2 pm

Wed, March 11, 2026

**Community Open House**  
Gibsons and Area Community  
Centre (700 Park Rd, Gibsons)  
1:30pm-5:30pm

Fri, March 13, 2026

**Community Open House**  
Seaside Centre (5790 Teredo  
St, Sechelt)  
1pm-6pm

March 14 2026

Persephone Brewing Co  
1053 Stewart Rd., Gibsons  
12:00pm-4:30pm



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## This week, you can talk trash with us at:

Tues, March 17, 2026

### **Community Open House**

Pender Harbour Community Hall

(12905 Madeira Park Rd)

3pm-5pm

Wed, March 18, 2026

Trail Bay Mall, Sechelt

1:30pm-5:30pm

March 21 2026

Brickers Cider

6642 Norwest Bay Rd, Sechelt

12:30pm-6pm



# Let's Talk Trash



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## This week, you can talk trash with us at:

Tues, March 24, 2026

**Madeira Park IGA**

9am-11:30am

Tues, March 24, 2026

**Madeira Park Market**

1pm-6pm

Wed, March 25, 2026

**Roberts Creek Farmers Market**

1:30pm-5:30pm

Sat, March 28 2026

**Roberts Creek General Store**

10am- 3pm



# Let's Talk Trash



Our landfill is running out of space,  
we need to do something about it.

**This week, you can  
talk trash with us at:**

Tues, March 31, 2026

**Halfmoon Bay General Store**  
5642 Mintie Rd, Halfmoon Bay  
10am-2pm

Wed, April 1 2026

**Gibsons Public Market**  
473 Gower Point Rd, Gibsons  
1pm-5pm





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