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## **Depots in Tofino and Ucluelet now accepting MMBC materials**

**Vancouver, October 1, 2014**—Residents in Tofino and Ucluelet and surrounding areas can take their residential packaging and printed paper recyclables without charge to depots in those communities. Westcoast Recycling Depot, located at 240 Warren Way, Tofino, and Sonbird Refuse & Recycling, located at 333 Forbes Rd., Ucluelet, join the Multi-Material BC (MMBC) network of over 160 depots. Both depots accept all materials in MMBC's residential packaging and printed paper recycling program, including non-deposit glass bottles and jars, plastic bags and plastic foam packaging, along with curbside recycling materials such as newsprint, cardboard, household papers, metal containers, plastic containers, and paper packaging that held liquid when sold.

"The addition of these two depots is very welcomed by West Coast residents," said Tofino mayor Josie Osborne. "I'm so pleased to see MMBC working with local governments and private companies to respond to the needs of our communities."

"The District of Ucluelet is thrilled with the announced opening of the two depots on the West Coast of Vancouver Island and would like to thank MMBC and Sonbird Ltd for making this happen," said mayor of the District of Ucluelet Bill Irving. "These facilities will be a great support of our community recycling goals."

"We are pleased to include locations in Tofino and Ucluelet in our depot network," said Allen Langdon, Managing Director of MMBC. "Now residents living in and around these communities will be able to divert more packaging and printed paper from landfill."

Additional details about MMBC's residential packaging and printed paper recycling program, including the full list of materials that are accepted, are available at [www.RecyclinginBC.ca](http://www.RecyclinginBC.ca). Business and contractors should make separate arrangements for materials recycling.

On May 19, 2014, MMBC assumed responsibility for residential curbside, multi-family, and depot recycling programs in many areas across BC as a result of changes made to the provincial *Recycling Regulation* to shift responsibility for end-of-life management of packaging and printed paper from governments and their taxpayers to the businesses that produce these materials. On behalf of those businesses, MMBC manages recycling programs, either directly or by working with local governments, First Nations, private companies and other non-profit organizations.

MMBC is among more than 20 extended producer responsibility programs introduced in British Columbia over the past two decades, which has seen industry assume responsibility for end-of-life management of items such as beverage containers, electronics, paint, used oil, tires and batteries. The concept behind extended producer responsibility is to make businesses responsible for collecting and recycling the products they supply into the BC marketplace.

**About MMBC**

In May 2011, BC's *Recycling Regulation* was updated to include packaging and printed paper. The regulation shifts the responsibility for managing the residential recycling of packaging and printed paper from regional and municipal governments and their taxpayers to business.

Multi-Material B C (MMBC) is a non-profit industry-led and financed organization that assumed responsibility for managing residential packaging and printed paper recycling on behalf of industry in May 2014.

More information, including lists of MMBC collectors and members, is available at [www.multimaterialbc.ca](http://www.multimaterialbc.ca)

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