



ALBERNI-CLAYOQUOT  
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## **Upgrades at West Coast Landfill increase opportunity to reduce waste**

The Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD) is celebrating the completion of upgrades at the West Coast Landfill – changes that will make the facility easier to use and increase opportunities to divert waste.

The changes were constructed through 2022 and completed in spring 2023. They include an expanded public tipping area that better accommodates diversion streams and the construction of an onsite composting facility to process the food and yard waste now being collected from residential homes on the West Coast.

“These changes will help us continue to reduce the amount of waste that is going to the landfill by making it easier for residents to easily access alternative disposal options. Investing in these infrastructure upgrades is key to continuing toward our goals of reducing the how much waste created by each person in our region,” said Debbie Haggard, vice-chair of the ACRD Board.

Funding for this project comes from the Government of Canada through the Canada Community-Building Fund, which is administered by the Union of BC Municipalities. In 2020, the ACRD received a \$6-million grant that funded the introduction of organics collection in the City of Port Alberni and on the West Coast, as well as landfill improvements.

“Ensuring communities have access to reliable infrastructure is vital for their safety and well-being. These upgrades will have tangible impacts on the quality of life of families and the vitality of the ACRD now and into the future. Our government will continue to work with provincial and municipal partners to build a healthier environment for everyone,” said the Honourable Harjit S. Sajjan, Minister of International Development and Minister responsible for the Pacific Economic Development Agency of Canada, on behalf of the Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities.

“Improving public access to local services, such as waste disposal, is a priority for us, and we know that investments in infrastructure help create dynamic and vibrant communities,” said Anne Kang, Minister of Municipal Affairs. “The upgrades at the West Coast Landfill are just one example of how we’re working with all levels of government to meet the unique needs of their communities.”

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"People and businesses on the West Coast have long been advocating for more ways to divert waste and reduce their environmental footprint, which is why empowering our community to actively participate in waste reduction efforts at the West Coast Landfill means so much to us," said Josie Osborne, MLA for Mid Island-Pacific Rim. "These investments provide easier access to recycling, composting, and alternative disposal options, and they reflect our commitment to the lands and waters that sustain us."

For more updates on the program and to learn more follow along at [letsconnectacrd.ca/sortngo-west-coast](https://letsconnectacrd.ca/sortngo-west-coast) or follow us at [www.facebook.com/ACRD.recycles](https://www.facebook.com/ACRD.recycles).

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More photos available upon request.



Photo information: Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Directors Tofino Councillor Tom Stere and Ucluelet Mayor Marilyn McEwen, cut the ribbon at the official opening of the West Coast Landfill on Wednesday, July 12. They are joined by (left to right) ACRD CAO Daniel Sailland, Tofino Manager of Infrastructure and Capital Projects Simon Kirkland, Toquaht Nation Manager of Housing and Infrastructure Jackie Arsenault, Elmer Arsenault, ACRD Solid Waste Project Coordinator Jodie Frank, ACRD Solid Waste Coordinator Brenda Sauve, Berry and Vale Contracting Operations Manager Cameron Vale, WC Landfill Manager Tony Konefall, ACRD Solid Waste Manager Paulo Eichelberger, and ACRD General Manager Community Services Jenny Brunn. [Photo courtesy of ACRD]

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