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ACRD invites public input on Waste Reduction Plan

Port Alberni - Join Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD) this fall as we share eight proposed strategies to help reduce solid waste in the Region.

Over the past year, the ACRD has updated its long-term Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) with new draft guiding principles, goals, and strategies. The work is based on community feedback provided last year and the work and input of the district's SWMP Advisory Committee.

The target is to help the ACRD reduce its waste by 35 per cent by 2035.

The strategies will be available for public input, starting Wednesday, October 10, 2024.

"The plan has grown so much since we last heard from the public," said Tom Stere, vice-chair of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee for the ACRD. "This is an opportunity for the public to help refine our work before a draft plan is developed."

Attend a Waste Reduction Open House and provide your feedback

- Alberni Athletic Hall, Thursday, Oct. 17, 5 -7 pm (residents)
- Ucluelet Community Centre, Monday Oct. 28, 9 - 11 am (businesses); 5 -7 pm (residents)
- Tofino Legion, Tuesday, Oct. 29, 9-11 am (businesses);
Tofino Community Hall 5 -7 pm (residents);
- Beaver Creek Community Hall, Wednesday, Nov. 6, from 5 -7 pm;
- Sproat Lake Community Hall, Thursday, Nov. 7, from 5 - 7 pm;
- Cherry Creek Community Hall, Wednesday, Nov. 13, from 5 - 7 pm;

These Open Houses will be supplemented by presentations and meetings with First Nations and interested community organizations throughout the engagement period.

Join Us Online

Share your feedback at www.letsconnectacrd.ca/swmp before Nov. 20, 2024, and enter to win one of three \$50 gift certificates to local retailers or restaurants in the Alberni Valley, West Coast, and Bamfield.

For more updates on the plan and next steps, follow along at letsconnectacrd.ca/swmp.

About The Solid Waste Management Plan + Survey

Regional Districts are required to create plans for managing waste. The ACRD's current Solid Waste Management Plan is now more than 10 years old and the goals it established have been achieved. The ACRD is now focused on developing a new plan that reflects the needs of the region today. This extensive plan development includes an Advisory Committee of representatives from local communities and business sectors across the region, a technical review, and ongoing opportunities for public input. The project is now in Phase 2 of consultation, with the draft plan due to the Province in spring 2025.

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