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Alberni Valley Electoral Areas Will Not Move Forward on Waste Collection Service

PORT ALBERNI – A proposed three-stream waste collection service will not be moving forward for Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD)’s Electoral Areas B (Beaufort), D (Sproat Lake), E (Beaver Creek) and F (Cherry Creek) following feedback from residents during consultation last month.

“Our consultation generated good response from the community, giving us clear direction,” says John McNabb, Vice-Chairperson of the ACRD Board. “The desire to remain self-sufficient on rural properties was a strong theme in the feedback we collected, and while there was interest from a small percentage of homeowners for a waste collection service, it is not enough to support further steps at this time.”

Area residents were asked about their interest in the proposed Sort’nGo collection service for organic waste, recycling and garbage, and to share their opinions in an online survey that ran Jan 10-31, 2022. During this time, three open houses and an information session were held both in-person and online to share proposed service details, answer questions and direct feedback to the survey:

- There were 1288 survey responses in total with opposition ranging between 68-84 per cent
- Full results of the survey are being collected in a report that will be made available at <https://www.letsconnectacrd.ca/sortngo-electoral-areas>

Moving forward, the ACRD will continue its commitment and efforts towards achieving waste diversion and generation targets by focusing efforts on education and incentivizing diversion through rates and landfill bans on organics in the garbage stream. The Solid Waste Management Plan Update will provide a future opportunity to engage with the community on options to increase diversion in the Electoral Areas.

“We want to thank everyone for their participation in this consultation process,” said Jodie Frank, ACRD Organics Coordinator. “The proposed service raised a lot of questions and discussion and helped shape next steps. We’ll also reach out to the survey contest winners in the coming weeks.”

The Sort’nGo service, which began in Port Alberni in 2021, will be launching in Tofino and Ucluelet in November of this year. This service is part of a larger update to waste management in the Alberni Valley that will help support the ACRD’S and province’s goals for waste diversion with funding provided through the Federal Gas Tax Fund. For more information about Sort’nGo visit:

<https://www.letsconnectacrd.ca/organics>.

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Questions?

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