

Attachment #2 – Food Waste Collection Timeline Summary of Decisions

Milestone	Detail	Decision
SWMP Update <i>Early 2020</i>	<p>February 20, 2020: Ministry of Environment approves SWMP, subject to requirement for re-evaluation of organic waste diversion.</p> <p>March 4, 2020: SWTAC review conditional approval of SWMP.</p> <p>April 27, 2020: Regional Board receives report inclusive of MoE's requirements.</p>	<p><u>Regional Board:</u> <i>THAT the Regional Board approve the final Solid Waste Management Plan with amendments required by the Minister of Environment in his letter dated February 2, 2020.</i></p>
Waste Characterization Report and Next Steps <i>Late 2020 to Early 2021</i>	<p>October 8, 2020: Governance and Services Committee directs RDCO staff to schedule a workshop to review the current recycling program, and possible alternative options.</p> <p>April 8, 2021: Staff report to Board on service improvements and alternatives. Includes details on Curbside Organics Collection:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Curbside Food Waste Collection household cost range of \$4.39 to \$10 per month, with the most probable cost of \$5.02/month (\$60.30/yr). <p>Relevant Recommendation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is recommended that expanded curbside organic collection be considered and explored as the RDCO and SWTAC deliver the 2020-2030 SWMP. This will enable the RDCO and SWTAC to explore and implement initiatives within the SWMP in order of priority and effectiveness. For 2021, this includes further curbside organic analysis, consideration of impact to landfill gas generation, and the initiation of a regional biomass inventory. 	<p><u>SWTAC:</u> <i>It is the recommendation of the SWTAC that the RDCO and member municipalities continue to undertake initiatives and feasibility studies included within the SWMP, and prioritize implementation to align with the Strategic Priorities.</i></p> <p>COK/CWK/DPL/DLC/RDCO STAFF <i>Unanimous consent</i></p> <p><u>Regional Board (G&S Committee):</u> <i>THAT the Governance & Services Committee receive for information the Solid Waste Management Plan Initiatives (SWMP) Update report.</i></p> <p><i>AND FURTHER THAT</i> the Governance & Services Committee recommends to the Regional Board that the initiatives and timelines as outlined in the Solid Waste Management Update Report of April 8, 2021 be supported.</p>
Food Waste Feasibility Study <i>Late 2021 to Early 2023</i>	<p>Fall 2021: Food Waste Feasibility Study incorporated into draft 2022-2026 Financial Plan.</p> <p>December 13, 2021: Following the proposal of a Municipal Countertop composting program by a local business to the City of Kelowna, the study scope is modified to consider in-home countertop composters.</p> <p>February 2022: Evaluation framework for Food Waste Feasibility Study reviewed by SWTAC.</p>	<p><u>Regional Board:</u> <i>THAT the Board receive the report titled Expanded Residential Curbside Organics dated February 2, 2023, from the Director of Engineering Services for information;</i></p> <p><i>AND THAT</i> Staff initiate next steps to implement a regional curbside co-mingled food and yard waste collection program as outlined in the report from the Director of Engineering Services;</p> <p><i>AND FURTHER THAT</i> the Board be presented with the consultation and engagement strategy for approval prior to engagement with residents and municipal Councils.</p>

	<p>March 28, 2022: 2022-2026 Financial Plan presented to Board, including Food Waste Feasibility Study.</p> <p>June 1, 2022: SWTAC reviews refined evaluation framework</p> <p>November 30, 2022: Final report provided to project team (City of Kelowna and RDCO staff), identifying best option as 'co-mingled' food waste collection.</p> <p>January 2023 – Final Feasibility study circulated through SWTAC, along with advance notice that budgetary commitments will be requested at an upcoming Board meeting.</p> <p>February 2, 2023 - Staff report to Board with Feasibility Study</p>	
<p>Strategic Priorities</p> <p><i>Early 2023 to Summer 2023</i></p>	<p>March 2023 – City of Kelowna indicates Food Waste program cannot occur at Glenmore Landfill. Program must include transfer station and out of community composting.</p> <p>April 20, 2023 – Staff report to Board with Strategic Communications strategy</p> <p>July 6, 2023 – Report to Board on Solid Waste</p> <p>August 2023 – Food Waste curbside added to Strategic Priorities</p>	<p><u>Regional Board:</u> <i>THAT the Board receive the report titled Food Waste Collection – Engagement Framework dated April 20, 2023, from the Director of Engineering Services for information;</i></p> <p><i>AND THAT the Board supports the Food Waste Collection Consultation and Engagement Framework dated April 20, 2023</i></p>
<p>Preparing for Implementation</p> <p><i>Summer 2023 to Late 2023</i></p>	<p>Summer 2023 – Rates pre-negotiated for curbside food waste collection.</p> <p>Summer 2023 – SWTAC reviewed and provide recommendation</p> <p>November 2023 – Regional CAOs briefed on costs, approve contract extension and pre-negotiated curbside food waste collection pricing.</p>	<p><u>SWTAC:</u> <i>...the SWTAC also recommends amendment of the contract to incorporate the optional pricing for co-mingled (food waste + yard waste) collection proposed by E360S, for future consideration</i></p>
<p>Phase 1 Engagement</p> <p><i>Late 2023 to Early 2024</i></p>	<p>October 2023 – Statistically valid survey conducted</p> <p>February 2024 - Statistically Valid Survey Report back to Board</p>	<p><u>Regional Board:</u> <i>THAT the Regional Board receive the report Curbside Food Waste Collection – Engagement Results from the Associate Director of Engineering Services, dated February 22, 2024 for information.</i></p>
<p>Phase 2 Engagement</p> <p><i>Summer 2024 to Late 2024</i></p>	<p>July 2024 - Online Survey</p> <p>August 2024 – Regional CAOs briefed prior to Council engagement.</p> <p>September 2024 - Council Engagement initiated with City of Kelowna, City of West Kelowna, District of Lake Country, District of Peachland, and Westbank First Nation.</p> <p>October 2024 – Regional CAOs briefed on data collected from Councils. CAOs</p>	<p><u>Councils Receive Information:</u> District of Lake Country (September 3, 2024) City of Kelowna (September 9, 2024) District of Peachland (September 10, 2024) City of West Kelowna (September 10, 2024)</p> <p><u>Regional Board:</u> <i>THAT the Board receives the report for information from the Associate Director of Development and Engineering Services dated November 28, 2024, with respect to the public</i></p>

	<p>provide feedback to inform on upcoming report to Board and confirm Council feedback.</p> <p>November 2024 - Report back to Board</p>	<p><i>engagement results from Phase 2 Curbside Food Waste collection initiative;</i></p> <p>AND THAT the Board directs staff to continue to advance work on the Curbside Food Waste Program, including but not limited to, program development, transfer station infrastructure and land, and implementation strategies;</p> <p>AND THAT the Board directs staff to formally request participation in the Curbside Food Waste Program from all municipal councils, seeking confirmation by July 31, 2025 of their support and participation.</p>
<p>Request for Decision</p> <p><i>Early to Summer 2025</i></p>	<p>April 2025 – Consultant confirms cost of \$63/HH/year for program as envisioned.</p> <p>June 9, 2025: Delegation to City of Kelowna Council requesting support and participation.</p> <p>June 10, 2025: Delegation to City of West Kelowna Council requesting support and participation.</p> <p>June 10, 2025: Delegation to District of Peachland Council requesting support and participation.</p> <p>June 17, 2025: Delegation to District of Lake Country Council requesting support and participation.</p>	<p><u>City of Kelowna (June 9, 2025):</u> THAT Council receive, for information, the report from the Utility Services Department, dated June 9, 2025, regarding adding food waste to the materials collected in the City of Kelowna's curbside organics collection program;</p> <p>AND THAT Council not support the City of Kelowna's participation in the Regional District of Central Okanagan's proposed Curbside Food Waste Program;</p> <p>AND THAT Council direct staff to ensure that food waste diversion from landfill is included in the 2030 update to the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan;</p> <p>AND FURTHER THAT future food waste diversion include consideration of multi-family residential as well as commercial properties</p> <p><u>City of West Kelowna (June 10, 2025):</u> THAT City of West Kelowna Council not support the City of West Kelowna's participation in the Regional District of Central Okanagan's Curbside Food Waste Program at this time.</p> <p><u>District of Peachland (June 10, 2025):</u> THAT District of Peachland Council not support the District of Peachland's participation in the Regional District of Central Okanagan's Curbside Food Waste Program at this time.</p> <p><u>District of Lake Country (June 17, 2025):</u> THAT District of Lake Country Council not support the District of Lake Country's participation in the Regional District of Central Okanagan's Curbside Food Waste Program at this time.</p>