



# Regional Board Report

## Request for Decision

Approved for Board Consideration

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Brian Reardon, CAO

**To:** Regional Board

**From:** David Komaike, Engineering Services Director

**Date:** June 27, 2022

**Subject:** Recycle BC Agreement – Curbside Recycling

**Voting Entitlement:** All Directors - Weighted Corporate Vote - Majority (LGA s.210)

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**Purpose:** To consider transitioning the agreement with Recycle BC from a partnership to direct service model at the end of the current agreement term (2024).

### Executive Summary:

On May 30, 2022, RDCO staff presented the results of regional consultation and the Solid Waste Technical Advisory Committee (SWTAC) recommendation regarding the Curbside Recycling Service and our ongoing partnership with Recycle BC. The Board resolved to defer consideration of the report to the June 27, 2022 Regular Board meeting.

At the same meeting, the Board also resolved that staff research other communities using the Recycle BC direct service model and provide further information to the Board at the June 27, 2022 Regular Board meeting. Staff identified 16 communities with Direct Service through Recycle BC and have summarized information obtained for each in the report.

### Recommendation(s):

**THAT** the Regional Board requests Recycle BC undertake direct curbside recycling services within the Electoral Areas of the Regional District of Central Okanagan commencing April 30, 2026;

**AND THAT** the Regional Board authorizes the Chair to submit a letter on behalf of the RDCO encouraging the use of a multi-stream cart service and curbside glass collection, and to acknowledge and agree to the Recycle BC Requirements as outlined within the Recycle BC Direct Service Transition Process document dated June 22, 2018, as attached to the Report of the Director of Engineering Services dated May 30, 2022

**AND FURTHER THAT** the Regional Board directs staff to work with Recycle BC to extend the current partnership agreement to align with the commencement of Direct Service through Recycle BC.

Respectfully Submitted:



David Komaike, Director of Engineering Services

*Prepared by: Travis Kendel, Manager of Engineering Services*

Attachment(s): Recycle BC Service Summary.pdf

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### **Strategic Plan Alignment:**

Priorities: Environment, Sustainable Communities

Values: Regional Perspective, Collaboration

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### **Background:**

The RDCO and other Central Okanagan Local Governments must request Direct Service from Recycle BC prior to July 1, 2022, if a transition from partnership (current model) to Direct Service is desired on or after the end of the existing agreement (December 31, 2024).

On April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022, RDCO Administration advised the Board of the Recycle BC curbside recycling agreement timeline requirements, and the Board directed staff to consult with regional partners on the Recycle BC partnership and return to the Board no later than May 30, 2022.

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### **Summary of Direct Service communities:**

General information:

- Sixteen (16) communities currently receive Direct Service from Recycle BC.
- 9 of 16 communities receive curbside recycling collection weekly, with the remaining 7 receiving curbside recycling collection bi-weekly.
- All communities use 'boxes' to collect containers at curbside
- 15 of 16 communities receive curbside glass collection, with Recycle BC intending to provide curbside glass collection in the outstanding community in a future contact.
- 90% of the communities that use 'bags' at curbside for collection receive weekly collection

Table 1 - Summary of Communities with Direct Service

Community	Date on Board	Serviced By
Anmore	N / A	GFL
Coquitlam	N / A	GFL
City of Langley	02-Jan-15	GFL
Prince George	2014	Emterra
Quesnel	N / A	Emterra
North Okanagan	N / A	Emterra
RDKB (Trail, Rossland, Beaver Valley, Genelle, Warfield)	01-Jul-17	GFL
RDKB (Grand Forks)	01-Jul-17	GFL
RDCK (Areas H, I, J)	N / A	GFL
Revelstoke	N / A	SCV
Pitt Meadows	29-Aug-16	GFL
City of Vancouver	03-Oct-16	GFL
University Endowment Lands	N / A	GFL
City of North Vancouver	2020	Emterra
District of North Vancouver	2020	Emterra

**More details regarding all communities with Direct Service are available in attachment #1.**

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## Considerations:

### Organizational/External:

- The SWTAC recommends that all Central Okanagan local governments request Recycle BC to provide service directly. The SWTAC membership is comprised of subject matter experts from the RDCO and City of Kelowna, City of West Kelowna, District of Peachland, and the District of Lake Country.
- Recycle BC currently funds four RDCO term positions focused on recycling contamination reduction. If service transitions to Direct Service through Recycle BC these positions will not be required in 2026.

### Financial:

- Direct Service through Recycle BC for curbside collection has no direct cost component, no penalties, and no contractual risks once established.
- Service contracts, related costs, and penalties will continue until Recycle BC initiates Direct Service, which would be no earlier than April 30, 2026, with the proposed recommendation.
- If the RDCO chooses to undertake curbside recycling on behalf of Recycle BC and collect incentives, the choices of other local governments will directly impact the economy of scale of future curbside recycling collection contracts. This will likely increase overall service expense in the future for communities without direct service.
- The City of Kelowna resolved unanimously at the June 20, 2022 Council Meeting to transition to Direct Service as recommended by the SWTAC and City of Kelowna staff.
- Staff from the following communities intend to request a decision regarding Direct Service, aligned with the SWTAC recommendation:
  - June 28, 2022 – City of West Kelowna

- June 28, 2022 – District of Peachland
- June 29, 2022 – District of Lake Country

Legal/Statutory Authority:

- Each Local Government holds an agreement with Recycle BC and will independently consider this same decision prior to July 1, 2022.
- This decision must be made prior to July 1, 2022. In the absence of a decision, a community will remain with the Recycle BC Partnership program (ie: not Direct Service).

Alternate Recommendation:

- ***THAT*** the Regional Board directs staff to continue to undertake Curbside Recycling collection on behalf of Recycle BC.
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