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Expanded Residential Recycling Service Coming to Nanaimo

More materials accepted as part of new recycling program

Summary

A new program developed by Multi-Material BC (MMBC) is expanding residential recycling in Nanaimo and throughout the region with more than 10 new materials accepted at the curbside and others accepted at MMBC Drop-Off Depots starting May 19th. The new recycling opportunities result from changes to BC's Recycling Regulation affecting more than 1.5 million households province-wide. Producers and consumers of packaging and printed paper (PPP) will pay the cost of recycling these materials instead of local governments and taxpayers.

Packaging and printed paper recyclables include most of the materials already collected for curbside recycling. Materials added as of May 19, 2014 will include milk cartons, aseptic boxes (soup etc.), aerosol cans, and plastic garden pots and seedling trays.

Strategic Link: Improvements to garbage and recycling procedures supports the pillar of environmental responsibility identified in the corporate strategic plan.

Key Points

- MMBC is an industry association formed by businesses that produce, distribute and sell packaging and printed paper in BC to operate the provincially mandated stewardship program.
- MMBC will compensate the City for providing curbside recycling service.
- The City's Waste Line newsletter explains how the packaging and printed paper product stewardship program will affect curbside recycling and recycling service in Nanaimo.

Quotes

"Residents already divert nearly 70 per cent of their household waste from the landfill through recycling and composting. We encourage everyone to participate in the expanded recycling program and build on this success."

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Quick Facts

- Starting April 17, Canada Post will deliver the Spring 2014 Waste Line newsletter to all Nanaimo homes explaining the changes to garbage and recycling in Nanaimo.
- Reuse Rendezvous, the City's annual reuse event set for April 26 and 27.

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