

**ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES SUMMARY
PORT RENFREW REFUSE DISPOSAL – LOCAL SERVICE
February 2024**

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Port Renfrew Garbage and Recycling (Depot) Operation	
Caretaker arrangement – not supported by site zoning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caretaker's retirement in November 2024 provides an opportunity to transition site management to an operator model.
Depot hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hours of operation will need to be right-sized (reduced) to better align with size of community and budget for service.
Depot Infrastructure	
Culvert repair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community works grant funding has been secured to fund repair of the failing culvert, which is scheduled to take place in the late spring of 2024.
Capacity issues related to increased demand and seasonal activity in the community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pilot was conducted in the summer of 2023, where bins were serviced regularly (twice weekly). • Compaction bins budgeted for with the Growing Communities Fund work will provide the ability to collect and store a larger volume of garbage onsite and improve hauling efficiencies.
Partnership with Pacheedaht First Nation	
Increased volume of material generated from both residential and commercial activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expanded capacity at the Depot and scope of recyclables accepted provides safe, secure collection of waste materials, while long-term alternatives for the community are pursued. • Reestablishing practice of directing Pacheedaht First Nation garbage and recycling to the Depot should increase diversion and reduce confusion and illegal dumping activity with all material generated in the community being accepted at one central location.
Expenses and Funding	
Increasing costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operating efficiencies in association with transportation costs will be realized with the purchase of compaction bins with Growing Communities Fund. • Bylaw No. 2583 allows for a per bag fee to be charged to those not contributing to the service (Note: not currently implemented). This is something that with limiting the depot hours an operator could implement and manage.
Lower commodity markets and beverage container deposit revenue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With the departure of the site caretaker, there is the opportunity to redirect the beverage container deposit and scrap metal revenue, currently included in the caretaker's compensation package, directly towards a funding source for the service
Withdrawal of Recycle BC support for residential packaging and paper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site improvements and development of an alternative option for commercial packaging and printed products is expected to address Recycle BC's concerns. Reinstatement of Recycle BC's support for the

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	<p>community will reduce expenses that have been required to maintain the service in the interim.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recycle BC’s five-year plan is currently with the Province for approval. The draft plan introduced proposed criteria for communities to qualify for services, it is unclear at this time what impact this may have on existing service areas such as Port Renfrew and the Southern Gulf Islands.
<p>Long-Term Planning</p>	
<p>Growing Communities Fund - \$350,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funds secured through the Growing Communities Fund will be directed to site improvements, as well as a business case study for the service.
<p>Port Renfrew Official Community Plan 2024 Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This provides the opportunity to consult with the Port Renfrew community on the refuse service, including current service model (depot), location, scope of items accepted and associated financial contributions.