

Meeting Minutes

Solid Waste Advisory Committee

Friday, December 1, 2023

12:30 PM

CRD Boardroom
625 Fisgard Street
Victoria, BC V8W 2S6

PRESENT: R. Anderson (EP), F. Baker, C. Blanchard, M. Coburn, J. Collins, B. Desjardins (Chair), S. Gose (EP), M. Kurschner (EP), E. Latta (EP), M. McCullough (EP), D. Monsour, R. Newlove (EP), J. Oakley (EP), R. Pirie, J. Shaw, D. Thran, R. Tooke (Vice-Chair),

STAFF: A. Chambers (Recorder), R. Smith, L. Ferris, K. Masters, A. Panich (EP), W. Dunn

REGRETS: N. Macdonald, C. Remington, J. Rintoul, W. Stevens, S. Young Jr.

EP - Electronic Participation

The meeting was called to order at 12:31 pm.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

2. Approval of Agenda

Agenda for the December 1, 2023 Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting.

**MOVED by D. Monsour, SECONDED by J. Shaw
That the agenda be approved as circulated.
CARRIED**

3. Adoption of Minutes

Minutes from the October 6, 2023, Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting.

**MOVED by D. Monsour, SECONDED by J. Shaw
That the minutes of the October 6, 2023, Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting
be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED**

4. Chair's Remarks

At the November Board meeting, **Rory Tooke, Julie Oakley and Dennis Thran** were re-appointed to the SWAC, and **Elaine Klimke** was appointed as the *Willis Point representative*, and **Andrew Sibley** (of Tymac) as the *private sector industry collection service provider representative*, all for 3-year terms starting January 2024.

The staff report titled *Hartland Landfill Policy Changes and Adoption of Bylaw Nos 4497 and 4567* went to the November 15 Environmental Services Committee meeting and will go to the December 13 Board meeting for final approval.

Biosolids Thermal Processing Demonstration Plant: proponents have been shortlisted for an Invitational Request for Proposals. The resulting process does have the potential to impact the volume of material being landfilled at Hartland.

5. Presentations/Delegations

There were none.

6. Committee Business

a. Staff Report: Capital Regional District Rethink Waste Grant Update

W. Dunn and K. Masters presented to the group. The presentation is attached as Appendix A. A discussion ensued on the following:

- Highlighting the successful rethink projects, including how they progress after the funding.
- The importance of not just environmental groups being able to apply for the rethink waste grant.
- Importance of linking successful projects with future projects – how do you pass on to other projects/communities.
- Staff reporting to committee on the media campaign statistics.

b. Actual and Projected Monthly Refuse Tonnages at Hartland Landfill (standing item)

The tonnage graphs are posted via this link: <https://www.crd.bc.ca/about/data/hartland-landfill-tonnage>.

7. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

8. Other Business

a. Coast Waste Management Association and Conference

L. Ferris presented to the group. The presentation is attached as Appendix B. It was noted that in-person attendance at the CWMA conference would be beneficial for those that wish to attend future conferences.

9. Next Meeting

The next Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting will be January 2024.

10. Closing Comments

Thank you to James Collins and Nikki Macdonald for the service on the committee.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 14:07.

**MOVED by D. Monsour, SECONDED by J. Shaw
That the Solid Waste Advisory Committee be adjourned.
CARRIED**

Rethink Waste Grant Program Update

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Agenda

1. Background
2. Program Objectives
3. Promotion
4. Project Highlights
5. Summary
6. Looking Ahead





Background

- 2021 CRD Solid Waste Management Plan
 - Strategy #2 Encourage Waste Prevention
 - Establish a community-based waste reduction grant program
- Launched in 2022, 45 projects funded
- Resulting in \$117,000 funding being invested back into the community



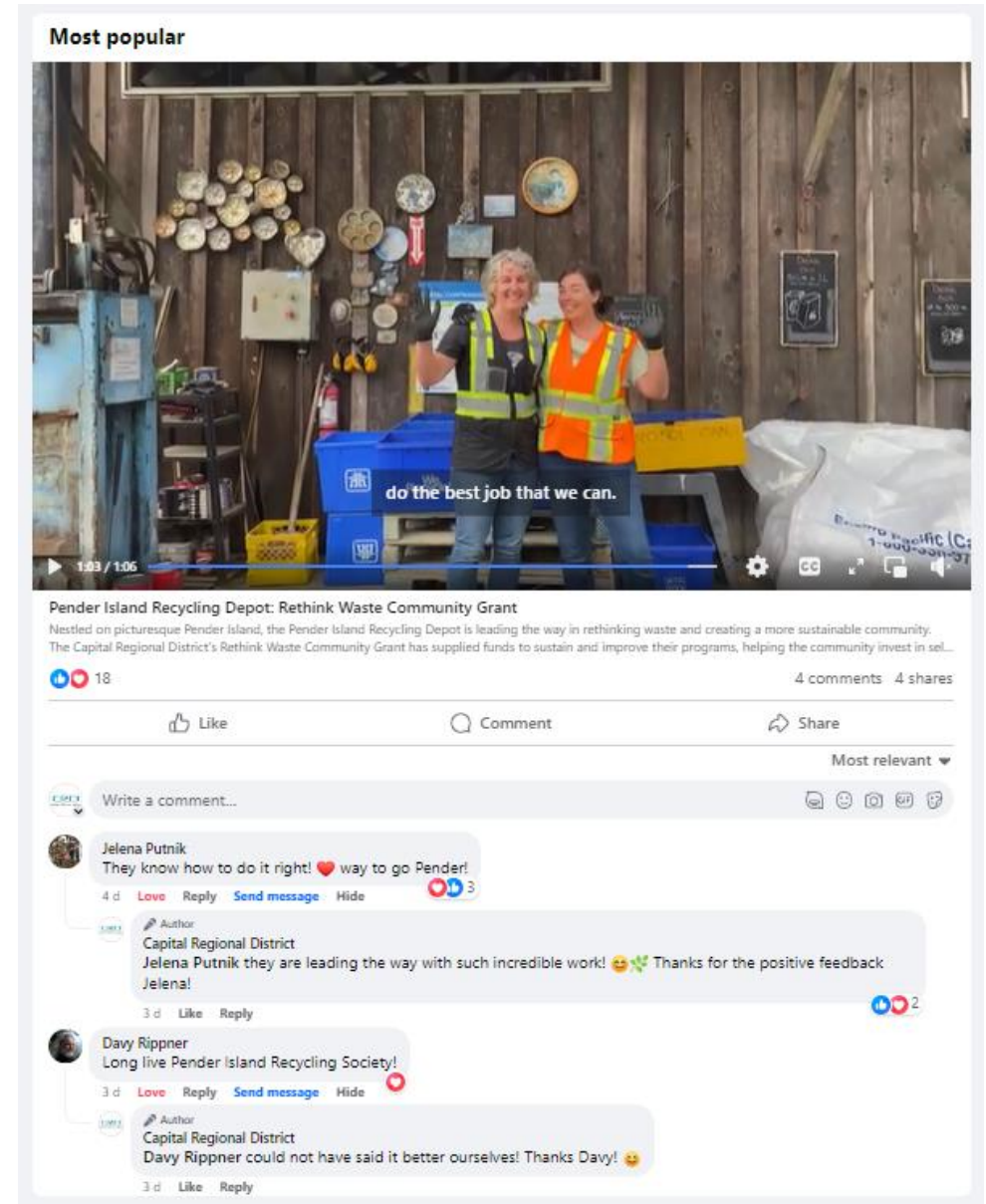
Program Objectives



- Foster long-term behavioral change through consumer responsibility.
- Increase awareness of reuse and recycling opportunities and access to services.
- Educate on importance of source separation and its impact on highest next use of materials.
- Advance the life cycle of materials towards a circular economy.
- Establish or expand local services for managing unwanted items.

Promotion

- 2022 - Website, media release, social media
- 2023 - Pilot the creation of videos and social media promotion
- 2024 – Develop promotion strategy



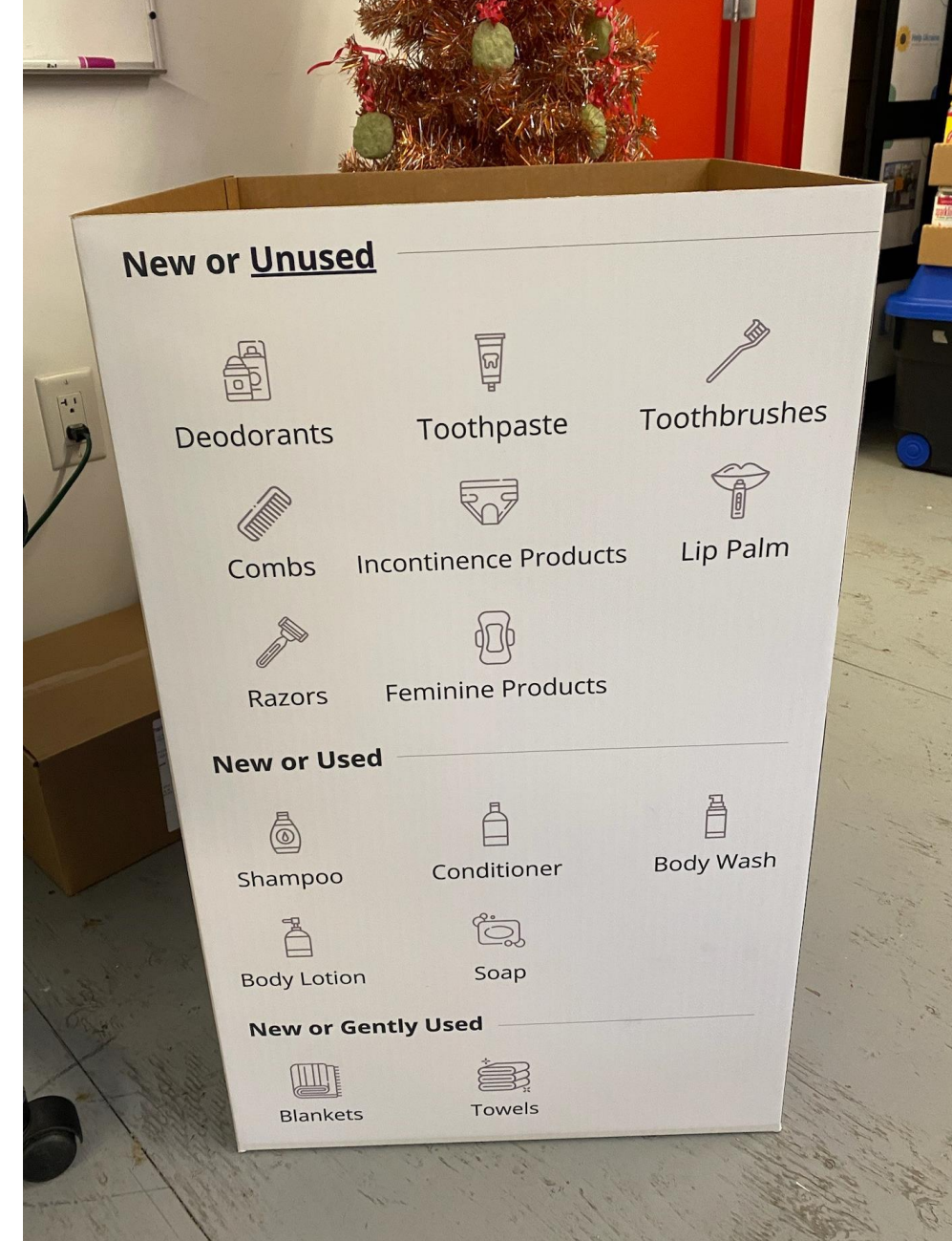
Pender Island Depot

- Pender Island Recycling Society is a not-for-profit organization, founded in 1989
- Four projects funded:
 - Dish Loan Program
 - Recycle Bike Shop
 - Non-Program Plastic Recycling Initiative
 - Fall Fair Zero Waste Initiative
- Link to [video](#)



Soap for Hope Canada

- Founded in 2020, collect and repurpose hotel hygiene products, linens, and lost and found
- Three projects funded:
 - Repurpose with a Community Purpose
 - Redirecting Products from single-family and multi-family homes
 - Reuse (and lend) Eventware
- Link to [video](#)



ReWood Volunteer Group

- Founded in 2022 dedicated to reducing the disposal of good wood
- Three projects funded:
 - Turning Teardowns into Community Gardens & Urban Farms
 - Reuse Rebuild Renew
 - Expanding Lumber Storage and Management Capacity
- Link to [video](#)



ReBounce Victoria

- Individual applicant wanting to keep end-of-life, non-recyclable sports equipment out of the landfill
 - Original program founded in 2020 on the lower mainland
 - In partnership with local recreation centres and sports clubs
- Reuse/Redistribution where possible

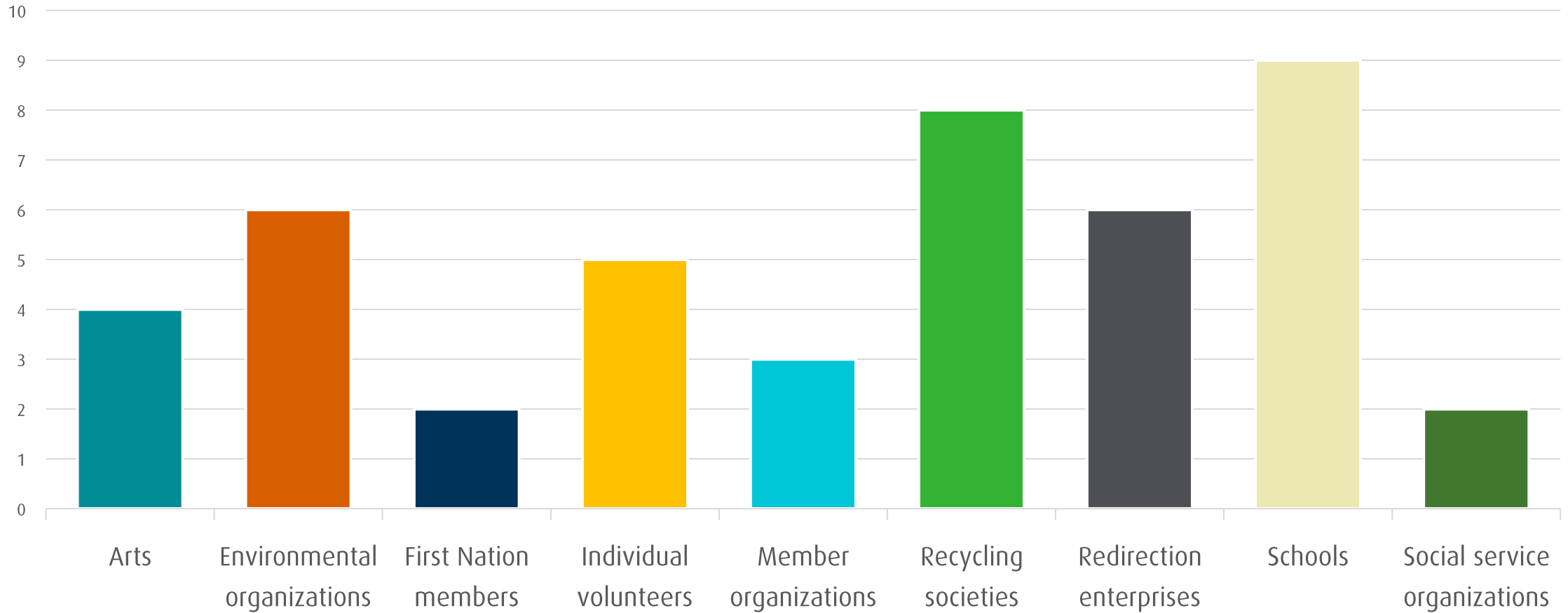


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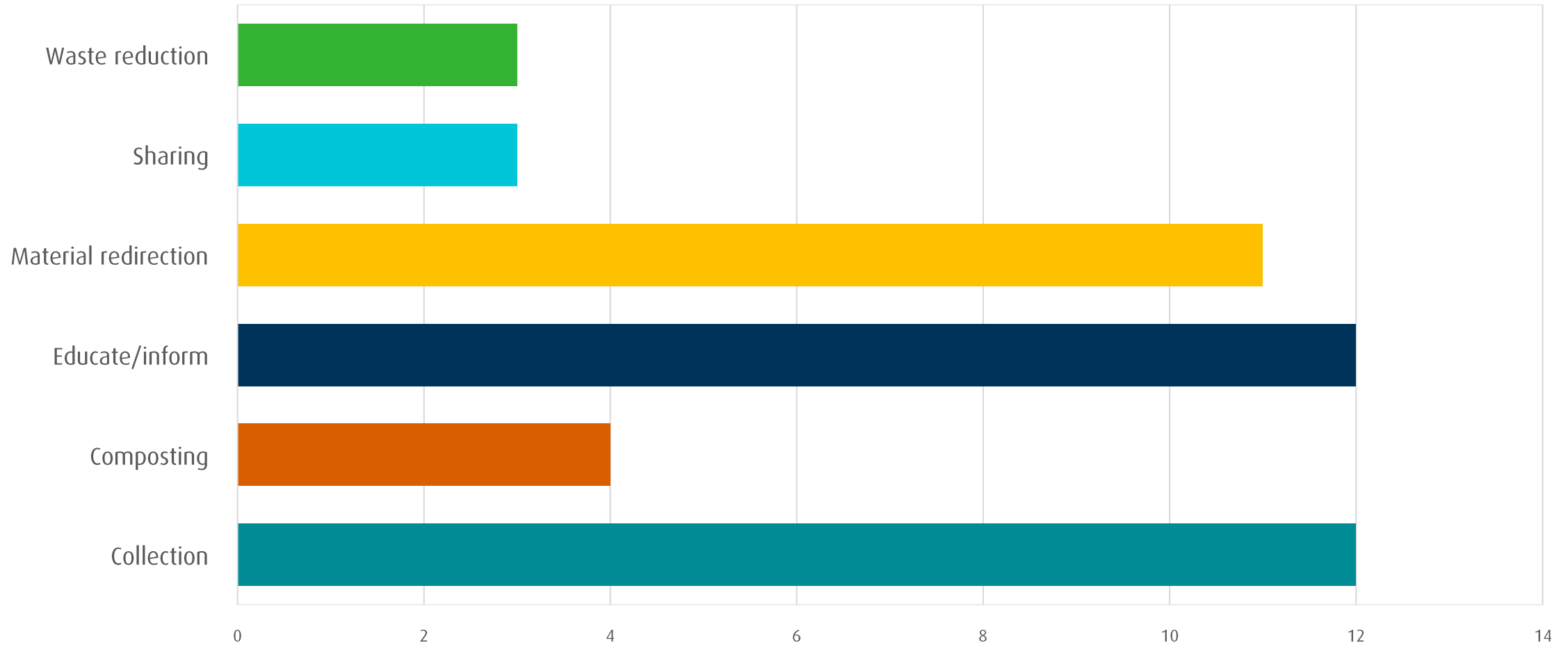
- Provide practical, affordable and convenient services for residents to reduce waste through the sharing economy
- Project funding was used to expand services offered:
 - Workshop space and facilitators
 - Acquire new tools
 - Promotion



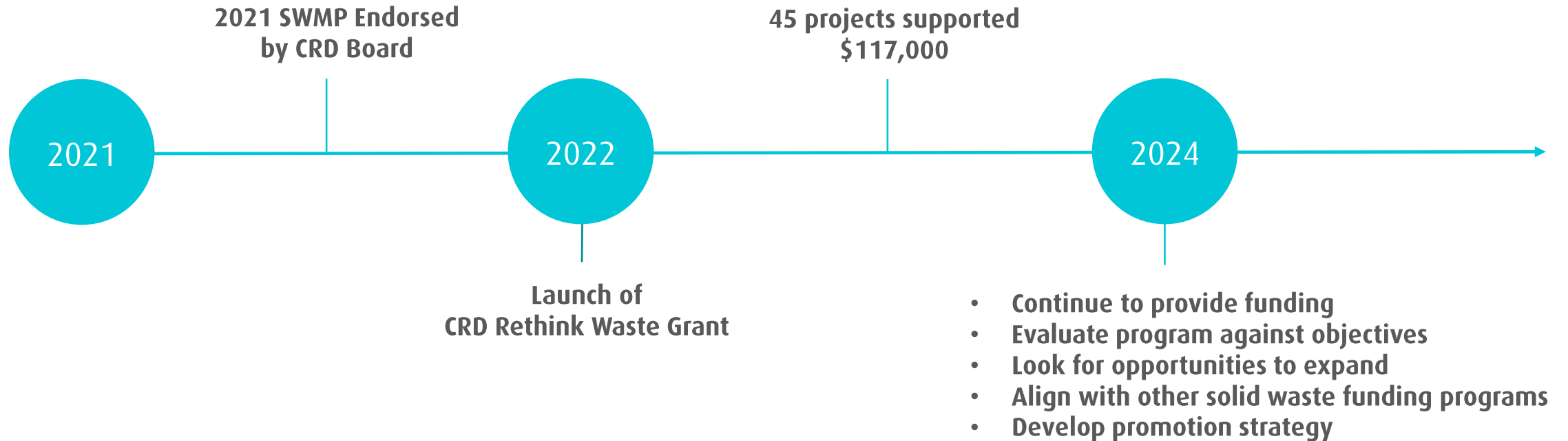
Summary – Applicants



Summary – Project Types



Looking Ahead - 2024





Thank you

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Mission

Coast Waste Management Association fosters environmental leadership and best practices by providing a forum for discussion, education and networking.

CWMA events:

Annual conference

Workshops

Roundtables:

- Local Government and First Nations
- Educators and Communicators

Working groups:

- Plastic Waste Reduction, Landfill Operators, LFG Field and Flare, Educators and Communicators, Construction and Demolition, Island Remote and Rural Communities, Organics and Food Recovery, Textiles, Northern BC Solid Waste



Member Organizations

185



Events & Meetings Per Year

74

BIG ideas **BOLD** moves

CWMA 2023
CONFERENCE
OCTOBER 25-27, 2023

- 2023 theme Big Ideas Bold Moves speaker sessions included:
 - The Role of AI in Waste Diversion
 - Bold Strategies for Recruitment and Retention in the Waste Industry
 - Bold moves in Waste Diversion in BC
- Over 330 attended in-person or virtual
- 3 days of learning and networking
- Upcycling Showcase and Display:
 - Timber Tiles, Ergo Eco Solutions, Salt Legacy, ChopValue, Flipside Plastic, Let's Talk Trash, ANIAN, Eunoia Collective, Ocean Legacy

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