

**REPORT TO CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT BOARD
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2023**

SUBJECT Curbside Collection of Packaging and Printed Products – Update

ISSUE SUMMARY

To provide an update with respect to the new six-year contract for the provision of residential curbside collection of packaging and printed products blue box service beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2029.

BACKGROUND

Effective Monday, January 2, 2024, GFL Environmental Incorporated will begin delivering the Capital Regional District's (CRD) curbside blue box collection program, which provides recycling collection services to 132,000 single family homes in the region.

The CRD issued the contract to GFL Environmental Incorporated in October 2022, 15 months prior to service beginning, to allow for the time necessary to procure, manufacture and deliver the collection vehicles, and to ensure a smooth transition between service providers. While accepted materials remain the same, some scheduled collection days will change. Residents impacted by route changes will be notified directly.

Glass pickup will not be available between January 2 to February 1, 2023 due to a labour disruption that is impacting the delivery of GFL's new 25-vehicle fleet. A communications plan has been developed to ensure residents are aware of the January service disruption.

The program is paid for by Recycle BC, a non-profit stewardship organization that represents producers of packaging and paper products in BC. The BC Recycling Regulation requires producers of packaging and paper products in BC to be responsible for the recycling costs associated with the material, not residential taxpayers.

CONCLUSION

The January transition to the new curbside blue box collection contractor will be impacted by a labour disruption at a truck assembly facility that will delay delivery of a number of the contractor's new collection trucks. As a result, residents will be advised that glass pickup will not be available for the month of January 2023, with full curbside recycling service resuming in February.

RECOMMENDATION

There is no recommendation. This report is for information only.

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