Regional District of Kootenay Boundary

RDKB Solid Waste Management Plan Update

Public Information Session | June 11 2026

Welcome.

Tonight's session

01 Welcome & project overview

02 Why update the plan

03 What we've heard so far

04 Draft principles & goals

05 Criteria & strategies

06 Discussion & input

Before We Begin

Please mute when not speaking

Please keep your microphone muted when you are not talking.

Camera = your choice

Camera on or off is fine. We are happy you are here either way.

Use the chat box

Type questions or comments at any time. We will pause several times during the presentation.

Your input matters

Every response helps shape the plan - polls and discussion await.

We acknowledge that the RDKB region is on the traditional territories of the Syilx (Okanagan), Ktunaxa, and Sinixt peoples.

What is the Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP)?

The RDKB's 10-year roadmap for managing waste across the region

SWMP's commonly address topics like:

- How waste is picked up from your home/community
- What can be recycled and where you take it
- How food scraps and yard waste are kept out of landfill
- How waste is managed to avoid conflicts with wildlife
- What services and drop-off sites are available region-wide

Who is responsible?

The RDKB is required by BC law to have an approved Solid Waste Management Plan.

SWMPs are renewed every 10 years and are approved by the BC Ministry of Environment.

Public engagement and input is key to setting the direction for the next 10 years.

Where Are We in the Process?

Four-step engagement process - we are currently in Step 3

Step 1
Sept - Nov 2025

Project Initiation

Technical work
& previous SWMP
status review

✓ Complete

Step 2
Jan – May 2026

Set the Plan Direction

Survey 1
March - April 2026
382 responses

✓ Complete

Step 3
Jun – Aug 2026

Evaluate Options

Open houses
Webinar
Survey 2
Technical work

We are here

Step 4
Sept 2026 – Apr 2027

Plan Preparation And Submission

Plan drafted.
Reviewed by PTAC.
Public Survey 3.

Fall 2026

What We've Heard So Far

382 people shared their views in Survey 1

382
people responded to Survey 1

85%+
support more recycling and reuse programs

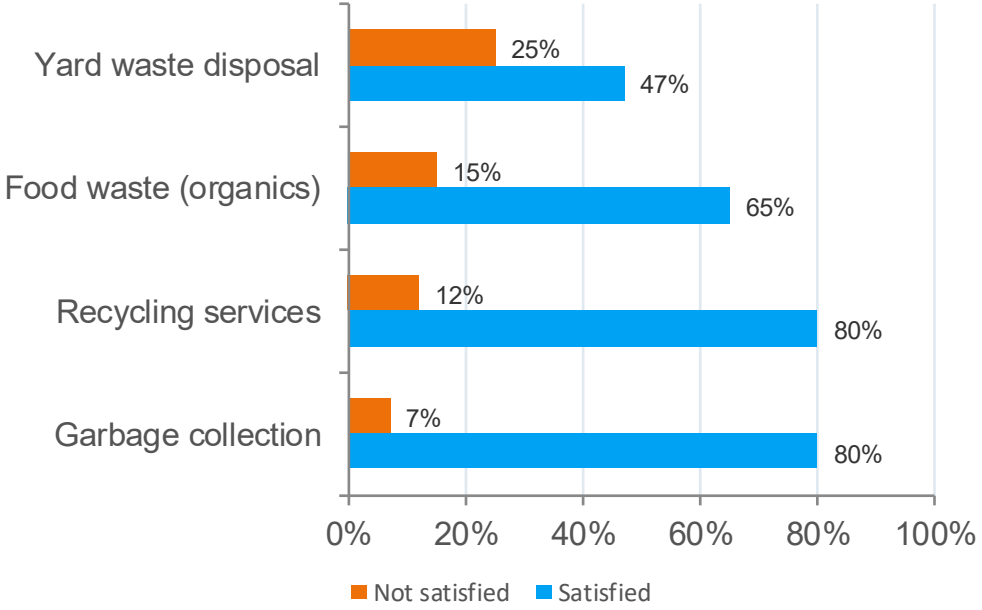
47%
satisfaction with current yard waste disposal services

Common comments:

- Expand curbside recycling - soft plastics, glass, yard waste
- Improve construction, demolition and renovation waste diversion
- Expand services to multi-unit buildings and commercial sectors
- Expand Extended Producer Responsibility programs
- More reuse, repair and circular economy-based opportunities
- Improve clarity and consistency of diversion information and opportunities
- Hold producers responsible for excess packaging
- Increase actions to address illegal dumping

Satisfaction With Current Services

Results from Survey 1



What stands out:

Organics well liked

Food waste collection is popular. Small portions of the regional areas are currently underserved.

Housing type is #1 predictor of satisfaction

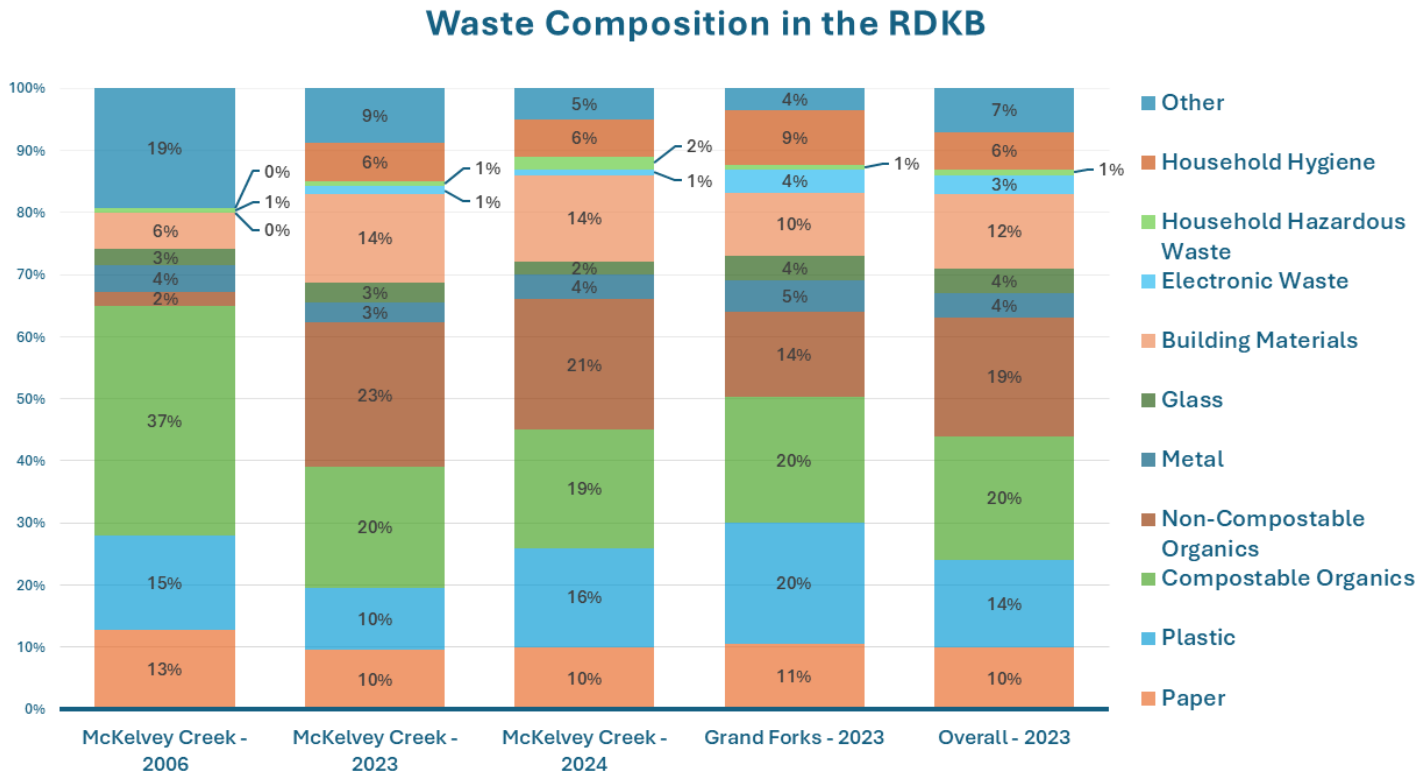
Single-family homes rate much higher; apartments significantly lower

Community size correlates with satisfaction levels

Smaller communities (Area C, Warfield) outperform Trail, Rossland & Grand Forks

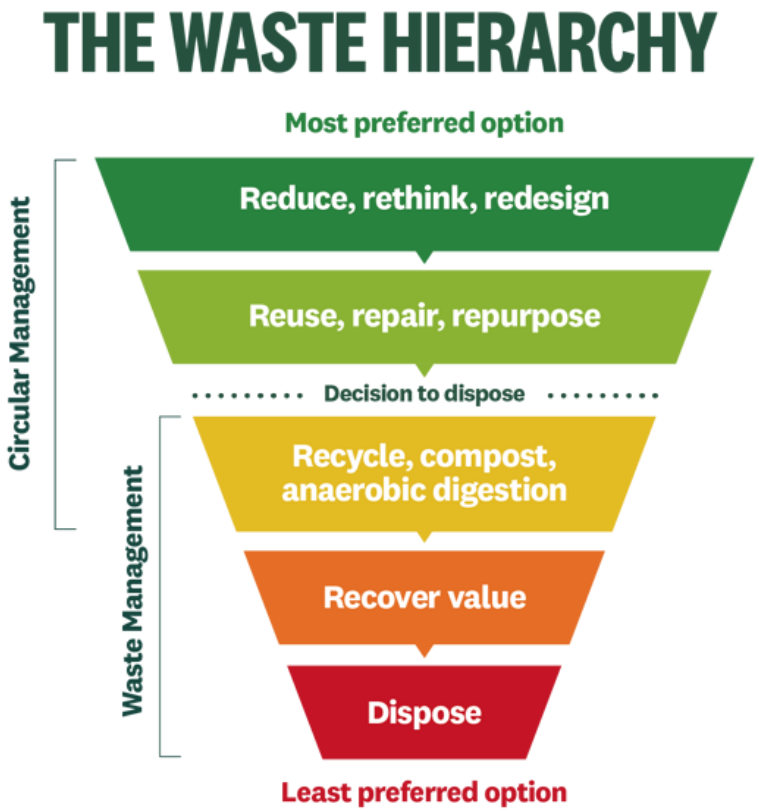
What Is Ending Up In The Landfill

Lots of room for improvement.



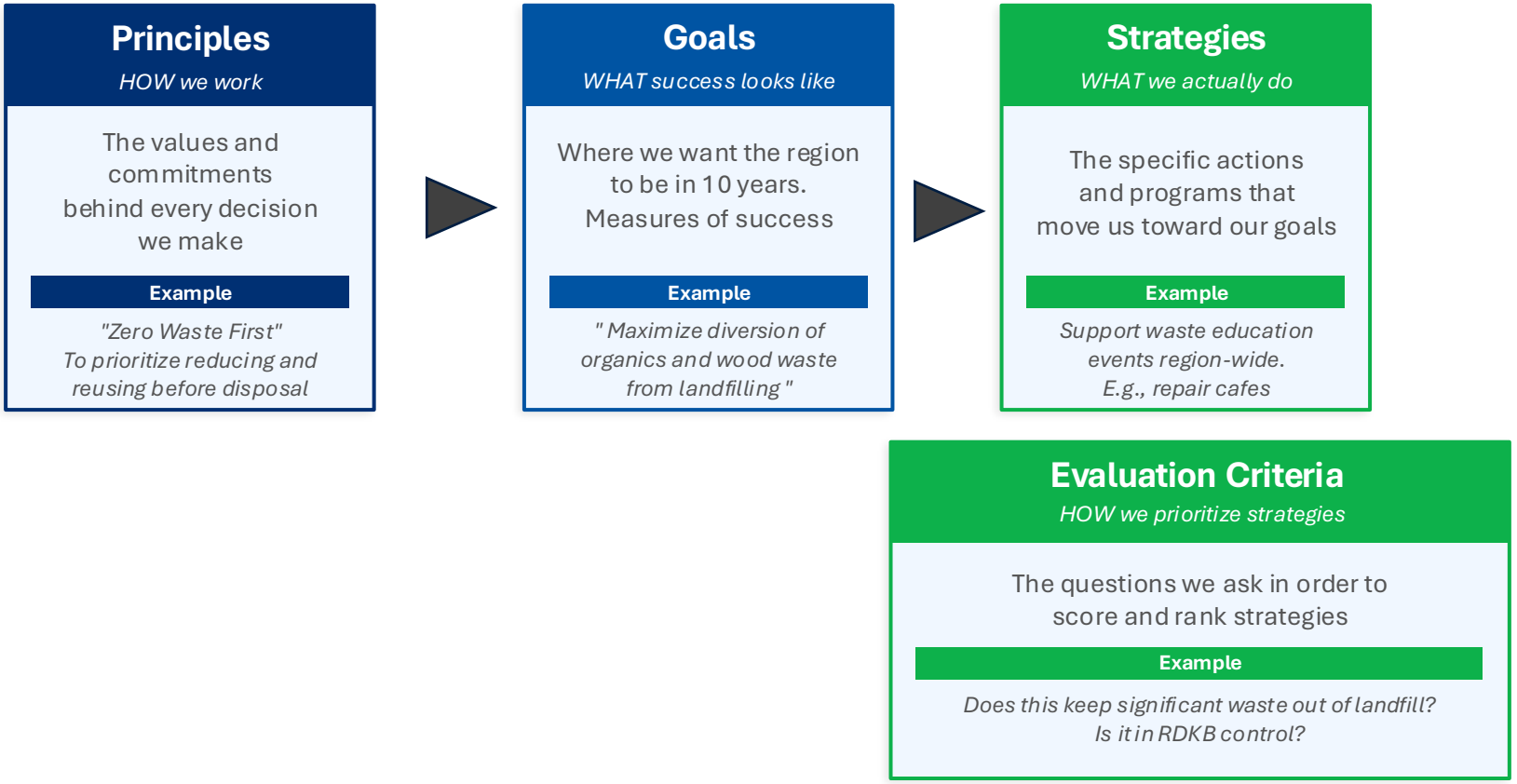
Looking Ahead: How We Think About Waste

Key concept: the Zero Waste Hierarchy



How SWMP Components Fit Together

Principles, Goals, and Strategies - what we mean and how they connect



Guiding Principles: **How** We Will Get There

Values and commitments behind every decision in the plan



Draft Goals: What Does Success Look Like?

*These describe **what** we want to achieve by 2035*

1. Increase education and awareness surrounding responsibilities for waste management, available programs, and opportunities.
2. Maximize diversion of organics and wood waste from landfilling.
3. Collaborate with local businesses and organizations to support development of diversion programs and circular economy opportunities.
4. Minimize GHG emissions and ensure climate resiliency of the solid waste management system.
5. Meet regulatory requirements for solid waste management facilities.
6. Collaborate and cooperate with Provincial, Federal, Indigenous, Municipal, and adjacent Regional Districts to align policies, procedures, bylaws, and user-pay models where practically possible.
7. Utilize polluter and user-pay principles for recovering costs for waste management programs and services and change user's disposal behaviour.
8. Improve operational efficiency of the current solid waste management system.
9. Support programs to minimize wildlife conflict and illegal dumping.
10. Expand and support waste reduction, re-use, and recycling.
11. Wherever possible, consider emerging technologies related to energy recovery and beneficial use of waste.

Your Turn: Questions and Comments

We want to hear from you

01 Guiding Principles

Do the guiding principles reflect regional values? Is anything missing?

02 Goals

Which 2–3 goals feel most important to you and your community?

03 Criteria

Are these the right questions for evaluating which strategies to pursue?

04 Strategies

Which strategies should the RDKB focus on over the next 10 years?

All input is recorded and helps shape the plan.

Prioritizing Which Strategies to Pursue

Drafted evaluation criteria helps score and rank possible strategies

There are many possible strategies. These five questions help the RDKB decide where to focus:

1	2	3	4	5
Waste Reduction & Diversion	Environmental Protection	Practical to Implement	Community Support	Within RDKB Control
How much will it reduce waste and keep more out of landfill?	Does it reduce greenhouse gases and protect air, water and wildlife?	Can it realistically be done? Is financial ROI understood?	Will people get behind it? Could it support local jobs?	Is this something the RDKB has authority to do?

? *Keep in Mind: Do you agree these are the right questions? Is anything missing from this list?*

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Long-list Strategies:

A long list of possible strategies has been developed for each level of the hierarchy

Survey 2: which strategies matter most to you?

Reduce, Rethink, Redesign	Advocating for less packaging, single-use bans, Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) programs where producers pay for recycling
Reuse, Repair, Repurpose	Supporting repair cafes, Trash 2 Treasure events, textile diversion
Recycle & Compost	Expanding curbside materials, improving rural drop-off access, organics diversion for apartments and institutional/commercial buildings, backyard composting support
Recover Value	Capturing landfill gas, composting biosolids, recovering materials from construction and demolition waste
Dispose	Optimizing landfill operations, enforcing illegal dumping rules

Take Survey 2: Getting Into Detail on Strategies

What Survey 2 covers:

01 **Basic background**
Community, property type

02 **Guiding principles**
Rate the values behind the plan

03 **Draft goals**
Rate which goals you agree with most

04 **Evaluation criteria**
Are these the right questions?

05 **Long-list Strategies**
Reflect on top priorities

Why complete it?

- 10 - 15 min on your phone or computer
- Open to all residents and businesses in the RDKB
- Your priorities shape 10 years of waste services

All updates on RDKB website

rdkb.com | Join the Conversation

Survey 2 (June 1 – 19)

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END

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89%
support strong action on illegal dumping

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- More organics and compost collection options
- Expand access for rural residents and apartment buildings
- Expand EPT programs
- More reuse, repair and second-hand opportunities
- Improved sorting information at facilities and for MFH
- Hold producers responsible for excess packaging
- Strong action on illegal dumping