

# CSRD

## Curbside Garbage & Recycling Collection



### Help us make the best decision!

#### *What do you think about the CSRD introducing a curbside garbage and recycling collection program in Electoral Area C?*

Based on feedback received during the public consultation on the CSRD's Solid Waste Management Plan in 2015, residents of Electoral Area C expressed an interest in exploring the option of a curbside garbage and recycling collection service. More recently, the Board authorized staff to commence a public outreach program within Electoral Area C (South Shuswap) to gauge the level of support for the establishment of a residential curbside collection program. Outreach will include: mail outs, surveys and open houses. This will ultimately assist the Board in making an informed choice.

#### **Proposed Option**

Staff have identified an option for the service that recognizes the mix of permanent and part-time residents in Electoral Area C. The base rate all homeowners will pay is approximately \$135 annually. This fee will fund the costs associated with providing a collection truck that travels through local neighbourhoods picking up garbage or recyclables.

This option would offer a basic collection service including:

- Curbside collection of an unlimited amount of household recycling in a reusable container (e.g. Blue box, reusable bag, garbage can) once every two weeks.
- The option for weekly collection of household garbage in a cart, with a fee of \$3 every time the cart is placed out for collection. Residents would only be charged this fee when the cart is set out for collection. One cart can hold approximately two average-sized bags of household garbage.

**We want to hear from you!**

*Take our survey on curbside garbage and recycling collection on our website at [www.csr.bc.ca](http://www.csr.bc.ca), under the Electoral Area C Curbside Collection page.*

*Completing this survey is one of the most important things you can do to influence the CSRD's decision on whether this program could be implemented.*



#### **Why Curbside Collection?**

Curbside collection programs are more sustainable. They have shown to increase the recycling collected and decrease the amount of garbage sent to the landfill. Research shows that the convenience of curbside collection makes it easier to use, increasing participation and the amount of recycling we keep out of the landfill. Curbside collection also helps reduce greenhouse gas emissions with fewer trips to the depots.

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## Proposed Costs

Under the proposed program, a service provider would be hired through an open-bid process. Each homeowner would receive a garbage cart, biweekly collection of recycling and access to weekly collection of garbage. In order to be cost-effective, the program would be mandatory.

Homeowners would pay an estimated base rate of \$135 a year for access to recycling and garbage collection services.

## Pay As You Throw

A user fee of \$3 would be charged for each garbage cart pick-up. Home owners will only be charged the \$3 fee if a garbage cart is put out at the curb for

collection. If you skip a week, a month or more, you wouldn't be charged the \$3 user fee.

Garbage carts (120 litres) can hold about two large bags and are linked to your home via a barcode scanner. This enables home owners to only be charged if the cart is placed at the curb for collection.

Recycling collection is included in the mandatory base rate for the program. Recycling will be collected on a biweekly basis in a reusable container of your choice. There are no limits on the amount of material put out for collection. Homeowners would be required to provide their own reusable container.



## Next Steps

Currently, we are only exploring the option of launching a curbside collection program. No decisions are being made at this time. **We want to hear your thoughts first!** Moving forward, we will be setting up open houses to hear directly from residents as well as sharing survey results and information at [www.csr.bc.ca](http://www.csr.bc.ca) under the **Electoral Area C Curbside Collection** page.

## Transfer Stations Remain Open

The local transfer stations and recycling depots will remain open for materials not collected at the curb such as bulky items, glass, styrofoam, etc. This is also an added convenience if you miss your recycling collection date. The user fee for one bag of garbage at the transfer station is \$3 per bag. For a complete list of what is accepted at the transfer stations and related fees, please visit our website at [www.csr.bc.ca](http://www.csr.bc.ca), under **Solid Waste & Recycling**.



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