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Maple Ridge Recycling Curbside Pickup Services to Move to Recycle BC in 2025

MAPLE RIDGE, BC – In early 2025, the collection of household curbside recycling will be managed by Recycle BC, the not-for-profit organization responsible for recycling packaging and printed paper recycling throughout British Columbia.

The change is the result of collaboration and discussions between the City and Ridge Meadows Recycling Society (RMRS) and is in line with industry wide changes.

The City of Maple Ridge will join multiple local governments, including the City of Vancouver and the neighbouring communities of Pitt Meadows, Coquitlam and Langley in this service model for curbside recycling collection.

Residents will continue to receive regular weekly curbside recycling pickup. All the current recyclables will be included when Recycle BC takes over, except that soft plastics such as grocery bags will no longer be picked up at curbside. This is anticipated to be mitigated by the recent federal government regulations banning the majority of single use plastics by the end of 2024.

Recycle BC will provide curbside recycling pick up services in the areas currently served by the RMRS at no cost to the City. The City will review the impacts of this new framework to levy rates as part of the 2025-2029 Financial and Business Planning and provide additional information as the changes are implemented.

The operation of the Maple Ridge Recycling Depot, including the Supported Work program, will still be managed by the RMRS.

Next Steps

Recycle BC will be issuing a Request for Proposals for a new service provider to assume operation of the curbside recycling program effective in early 2025.

Background

Recycle BC was formed in 2014 as a non-profit organization to fulfil the provincial Extended Producer Responsibility Recycling Regulation, which is designed to shift the responsibility for recycling materials from the consumer to the producer. Recycle BC is funded by businesses that include brand owners, manufacturers and retailers that supply packaging and paper products to B.C. residents, shifting costs away from homeowners.

In 2014, RMRS and the City entered into a contract with Recycle BC to collect curbside recyclables as part of Recycle BC's Packaging and Paper Product Program.

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