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CVRD partners with Habitat for Humanity on building material donation pilot project

DUNCAN, BC – The Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD) is partnering with Habitat for Humanity Mid-Vancouver Island to offer a Pop-Up Donation Drop pilot project for new or gently used building materials and home décor at the Bings Creek Waste Management Centre on July 15 and 29, 2022.

The CVRD's regional [Solid Waste Management Plan](#) (SWMP) identifies improving waste reduction and creating additional diversion opportunities as a primary strategy to bring the region closer to Zero Waste and meet provincial regulations and goals. Enhancing and supporting local reuse opportunities such as the Habitat for Humanity organization transforms waste into a resource and builds resilience in the Cowichan Valley.

“Offering an additional drop-off site for gently used items can simultaneously keep materials out of the landfill, and strengthen our community by reusing them,” said Doug Stevens, Manager of Solid Waste Operations. “Through this collaboration, we are trying different ways to divert otherwise usable materials. Sometimes we see large pieces of good-quality plywood and lumber in the wood waste bin that could be used by Habitat for Humanity for local building projects.”

The pilot program will be run by Habitat for Humanity volunteers that will determine material eligibility on site to ensure that items can be used in building projects or resold at the Duncan ReStore located on 251 Government Street.

“Habitat for Humanity is proud to partner with the CVRD in this initiative” said Jeff Krafta, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity Mid-Vancouver Island. “Our ReStores help reduce waste in our landfills while enabling our organization to build much-needed affordable homes in our local community.”

Support Cowichan Valley residents by donating new or gently used building materials and home décor at the July 15 and 29 Pop-Up Donation Drop from 9am – 1pm at Bings Creek Waste Management Centre. Donations must be in good, clean working condition; see <https://www.habitatmvi.org/donating-household-goods/> to learn more. For more information about the ReStore or how to get involved with Habitat for Humanity, call the Duncan ReStore at 778.455.1888.

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