

## News Release

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### **Malahat Nation begins collecting curbside recycling, with service provided by the CVRD**

**DUNCAN, BC** – The Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD), Malahat Nation, and Recycle BC are pleased to announce the commencement of a new curbside recycling collection program for Malahat residents that provides a convenient recycling opportunity.

Communications about the new collection service began in 2021 when Malahat Nation reached out to the CVRD Recycling & Waste Management Division to initiate discussions of joining the existing CVRD curbside collection service for household recycling. The development of a Municipal Type Service Agreement (MTSA) to provide curbside collection service reduces barriers to the community in accessing recycling services, and increasing overall recycling participation.

“The extension of this regional service to our neighbours in the Malahat Nation is a win for the Cowichan region as a whole,” said Aaron Stone, Chair of the Board for the Cowichan Valley Regional District. “Expanding service to Malahat provides a greater opportunity to divert regional waste from landfills, and enables cost savings for both Malahat and existing curbside collection customers in the Cowichan region. We look forward to continuing to work with the Nation as we expand service in the area to include curbside compost and garbage pickup.”

The CVRD and Malahat Nation have been working with Recycle BC and Indigenous Services Canada to ensure a smooth transition for Malahat Nation to the CVRD curbside recycling collection service. In 2022, the CVRD Board passed the resolution to enter into an agreement with Malahat Nation, and curbside recycling pickup for Malahat will begin on July 17, 2023.

“This new agreement represents a significant step towards future partnerships with the regional district, and is a service we know our members will appreciate to contribute to lessened amounts of waste going to landfills,” said Steve Henry, Councillor for Malahat Nation. “Our work with the CVRD in recent years has been extremely productive in building relationships and exploring opportunities for joint services, and we look forward to joining this service that benefits all residents of the region.”

The new curbside collection service for the Malahat Nation begins on Monday, July 17 and will see 50 households receive recycling service at their doorstep.

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