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Grand Opening of State-of-the-Art Recycling Centre Celebrated in Ladysmith *Federal Gas Tax Fund supports increased recycling options for Cowichan Valley residents*

Ladysmith, BC - The Cowichan Valley Regional District's newly expanded and renovated recycling centre provides residents with access to one of the most innovative residential recycling facilities in Canada.

The new Peerless Road Recycling Centre accepts hundreds of products for recycling, most of which can be dropped off free of charge. As well, residents can visit a "Free Store" where items that were dropped off in good or repairable condition can be taken away free of charge.

The new facility's environmentally friendly design features included the full reuse and refurbishment of an old incinerator building on the site, as well as recycled metals and concrete. The facility reused 45,000 cubic metres of ash generated by an old incinerator on the site by using advanced technology to safely enclose it within the base of the new recycling centre. In addition, locally processed food waste will be used to nourish native, drought-tolerant grasses, bushes and shrubs planted around the site. Locally sourced wood was also used in the construction.

This \$4.2-million project was made possible thanks to \$1.68 million provided through the federal Gas Tax Fund. The Cowichan Valley Regional District provided the remaining funds.

Quick Facts

- The facility is located at 10830 Peerless Road in the town of Ladysmith.
- The Government of Canada provides \$250,697,000 in annual funding for municipal infrastructure in British Columbia through the federal Gas Tax Fund.
- The Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) administers the Gas Tax Fund in BC, in collaboration with Canada and British Columbia.
- The Cowichan Valley Regional District has received \$13.6 million to date from the federal Gas Tax Fund.

Quotes

"The transformation of the Peerless Road Recycling Centre is a fine example of how innovation in design and technology can lead to a win-win solution for both the environment and local residents. Our Government is proud to support leading edge projects, such as this one, as we focus on creating jobs, promoting growth, and building strong, prosperous communities in Cowichan Valley Regional District, in British Columbia and across Canada."

*Dr. James Lunney,
Member of Parliament for Nanaimo-Alberni*

"Through the Gas Tax Fund, the B.C. government is proud to support innovative projects through partnership with the Government of Canada and the Union of BC Municipalities. It is a partnership that has led to the creation of sustainable infrastructure, not just in here, but throughout the province."

*The Honourable Coralee Oakes
Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development*

"We've made great strides from the days when nearly anything and everything was incinerated. Residents have established our region as a provincial leader in waste reduction while our innovative approach to ash landfill closure and engineering design has saved taxpayers approximately \$8 million over alternative options, such as shipping ash to another landfill for disposal. The fact that we were able to carry out this incredible project on budget is a testament to the value of eco-innovation. The road to Zero Waste starts here."

*Rob Hutchins
CVRD Board Chair and Mayor of Ladysmith*

"Local governments in British Columbia continue to expand and improve services to reduce the load on our landfills. I am appreciative of the financial support the Government of Canada is providing through the Gas Tax Fund to expand recycling options in the Cowichan Valley."

*Rhona Martin
UBCM President*

Associated Links

- To discover more about the Peerless Road Recycling Centre, visit cvrd.bc.ca/index.aspx?NID=360.
- See how the federal Gas Tax Fund provides long-term funding to help local governments build and revitalize their local infrastructure, visit infrastructure.gc.ca/prog/gtf-fte-eng.html.
- To learn more about federal investments in infrastructure in your region, visit infrastructure.gc.ca/regions/regions-eng.html.
- Consult actionplan.gc.ca/en/blog/economic-action-plan-2014 to learn more about the Government of Canada's focus on jobs and the economy.

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Peerless Road Recycling Centre – Recyclables List

Note – This list of approximately 650 items is not comprehensive

Household Recyclables:

Office Paper, Newsprint, Magazines, Flyers, Envelopes, Catalogues, Telephone Directories, File Folders, Calendars, Packing Paper, Non-Foil Gift Wrap, Post-It Notes, Boxboard, Corrugated Cardboard, Tin Cans, Paper Egg Cartons, Aluminum Foil, Aluminum Foil Containers, Plastic Milk Jugs, Yogurt Containers, Shampoo Bottles, Detergent Bottles, Plastic Clamshell Containers, Paper Cups, Milk Cartons, Soup Cartons, Milk-Alternative Cartons, Microwavable Paper Containers, Ice Cream Pails, Formed Coffee Take-Out Trays, Frozen Food Paper Packaging, Paper-Based Flower Pots, Paper Bags, Plastic Grocery Bags, Dry Cleaning Bags, Plastic Newspaper Bags, Soft-Drink Case Over-Wrap, Garden Product Bags, Bread Bags, Paper Towel Over-Wrap, Diaper Product Outer Bags, Frozen Vegetable Bags, Retail Bags, Foam Egg Cartons, Foam Deli and Take-Out Food Trays, Foam Drink Cups, Foam Meat Trays, Foam Cushion Packaging used for Appliances etc., Plastic Salad Dressing Bottles, Plastic Bottles for Edible Oil, Plastic Bakery and Deli Trays, Plastic Take-Out Drink Cups, Plastic Pill and Vitamin Bottles, Windshield Washer Fluid Containers, Plastic Jars for Personal Care Products, Plastic Lids, Plastic Garden Pots, PVC Water Bottles, PVC Tubs and Lids, Cosmetic Containers, Kitty Litter Containers, Clear Rigid Plastic Drink Cups, Steel Cans, Steel Aerosol Cans, Spiral Wound Cans, Aluminum Cans, Aluminum Aerosol Cans, Bimetal Containers/Aerosols, Bleach Bottles, Window Cleaner Bottles, Clear Glass Bottles and Jars, Coloured Glass Bottles and Jars etc.

Organic Food Waste:

Fruits, Vegetables, Meat, Bones, Fish, Poultry, Dairy, Grains, Cooked Foods, Grease, Eggs, Eggshells, Nuts, Nut Shells, Baked Goods, Baking Ingredients, Bread, Cereal, Butter, Cheese, Mayonnaise, Candy, Leftovers, Seafood, Dough, Plate Scrapings, Fast Food Paper Wrapping, Corn Cobs, Watermelon Rinds, Pasta, Rice, Salad Dressing, Popcorn, Microwave Popcorn Bags, Dryer Lint, Soiled Newspaper, Wood Wine Corks, Muffin Liners, Gum, Wooden Kabob Skewers, Popsicle Sticks, Pumpkins, Sauces, Toothpicks, Paper Towels, Napkins, Tea Bags, Coffee Grounds, Coffee Filters, Wooden Stir Sticks, Paper Bags, Waxed Paper, Waxed Milk/Soy Cartons, Pizza Boxes, Waxed Cardboard, Food Soiled Paper Dishes, Vegetable Oil etc.

Major Household Appliances:

Refrigerators, Chest Freezers, Upright Freezers, Wine Coolers, Beverage Centres, Electric Water Dispensers, Ice Makers, Washers, Dryers, Gas Ovens or Ranges, Electric Ovens or Ranges, Warming Drawers, Built-In Cook Tops, Over-the-Range Microwave Ovens, Hood Vent Combinations, Ventilating Range Hoods, Free Standing Dishwashers, Built-In Dishwashers, Self-Contained Air Conditioners, Free-Standing Dehumidifiers, Food Waste Disposers, Trash Compactors, Hot Water Heaters, etc.

Small Electronic Appliances:

Blenders, Beverage Fountains, Can Openers, Cheese Makers, Coffee Grinders, Cotton Candy Makers, Drink Mixers, Electric Knife Sharpeners, Food Bag Openers, Food Choppers, Food Processors, Food Slicers, Gelato Makers, Germ Killing Cutting Boards, Hand Mixers, Ice Crushers, Ice Cream Makers, Ice Cream Whippers, Juice Extractors, Juice Presses, Knives, Smoothie Makers, Stand Mixers, Meat Grinders, Pasta Makers, Potato Peelers, Salt and Pepper Mills, Spice Grinders, Wine Bottle Openers, Countertop Barbecues, Bread Makers, Buffet Warmer Trays, Chocolate Fountains, Contact Grills, Countertop Ovens, Countertop Rotisserie Ovens, Crème Brule Makers, Deep Fryers, Double Burners, Egg Cookers, Fondue Pots, Food Bag Sealers, Food Dehydrators, Food Steamers, Fry Pans/Griddles, Heating Coils, Hot Air Corn Poppers, Hot Plates, Mini Hot Dog Rollers, Panini Presses, Portable Stoves, Pressure Cookers, Rice Cookers, Sandwich Makers, Slow Cookers, Soup Makers, Tabletop Grills, Toaster Ovens, Toasters, Waffle Irons, Woks, Yogurt Makers, Coffee Urns, Drip Coffee Makers, Espresso/Cappuccino Makers, Hot Beverage Makers, Kettles, Percolators, Pod Coffee Makers, Tea Makers, Countertop Microwave Ovens, Alarm Clocks, Wall Clocks, Timers, Bathroom Scales, Countertop Food Scales, Personal Luggage Scales, Active Ironing Boards, Boot Dryers/Glove Dryers, Clothes Shavers, Cordless Irons, Garment Steamers, Garment Sanitizing Devices, Household Irons, Pant Presses, Stationary Irons, Shoe Brushes, Travel Irons, Air Purifiers, Air Flow Equalizers, Aromatherapy Machines, Portable Air Cleaners, Portable Fans, Portable Heaters, Portable Heaters/Fireplaces built to resemble furniture (120V), Portable Humidifiers, Desktop Fans, Tabletop Fans, Automatic Soap Pump Dispensers, Beard Trimmers, Curling Irons/Brushes, Denture and Toothbrush Sanitizers, Facial Cleansing Devices, Facial Anti-Aging Devices, Facial Saunas, Flossing Devices, Foot Baths, Hair Clippers, Hair Crimpers/Straighteners, Hair Curlers, Hair Dryers, Hair Shavers/Removers, Heated Footrests, Hot Roller/Curler Sets, Massagers, Mascara Devices, Oral Irrigators, Rechargeable Razors, Portable Household Paraffin or Hot Oil Baths, Rechargeable Toothbrushes, Vanity Mirrors with Lighting, Upright Vacuum Cleaners, Canister Vacuum Cleaners, Floor or Surface Steamers, Floor Scrubbers/Polishers, Full-Size Extractor Carpet Cleaners, Portable Extractor Carpet Cleaners, Robotic Vacuums, Large Wet-Dry Vacuum Cleaners, Bug Vacuums, Electric Dust Pans, Handheld Vacuum Cleaners, Plug-in Vacuum Cleaners for use in Vehicles, Steam Mops, Stick Vacuum Cleaners, Wet Hard Floor Cleaners, Small Wet-Dry Vacuum Cleaners, Air Fresheners, Frothers, Lint Removers, Mug Warmers, Mini Massagers, Personal Fans, Battery Powered Razors, Pocket-Sized Scales, Battery Powered Toothbrushes etc.

Outdoor Power Equipment:

Brush Cutters/Loppers, Chain Saws, Garden Shears, Garden Sprayers/Insect Foggers, Ice Drills, Lawn Blowers/Vacuums, Lawn Scarifiers/Dethatchers, Pole Chainsaws, Pole Saws/Pole Pruning Saws, Post Hole Diggers, Stick Edgers, Tillers, Grass Trimmers, Hedge Trimmers, Split Booms, Lawn Mowers, Snow Throwers/Snow Blowers, Cultivators, Walk Behind Sprayers, Dethatchers, Lawn Aerators, Mulchers, Pressure Washes, Wood Chippers / Shredders, Wood Splitters, Weed Whackers etc.

Used Oil and Antifreeze:

Engine Oil, Hydraulic Oil, Transmission Oil, Gear Oil, Oil Containers, Oil Filters, Antifreeze, Antifreeze Containers

Household Hazardous Waste:

Latex Paint, Acrylic Paint, Water-Based Paint, Alkyd Paint, Enamel, Oil-Based Consumer Paint, Deck Coatings, Floor Paints, Varnishes, Urethanes, Concrete/Masonry Paints, Drywall Paints, Primers, Undercoats, Stucco Paint, Marine Paints, Wood Finishing Oils, Wood Preservatives, Melamine Paint, Metal Paint, Anti-Rust Paint, Stains, Shellac, Swimming Pool Paints, Stain Blocking Paints, Textured Paints, Block Fillers, Wood Sealers, Masonry Sealers, Driveway Sealers, Water Repellents, Empty Paint Containers, Consumer Aerosol Paints, Industrial Aerosol Paints, Automotive Aerosol Paints, Acetone, BBQ Lighter Fluid, Camping Fuels, Fondue Fuel, Furniture Stripper, Kerosene, Flammable Degreasers, Flammable Lubricants, Flammable Liquid Adhesives, Flammable Fuel Treatment & Additives, Methanol, Methyl Hydrate, Mineral Spirits, Paint Stripper, Paint Thinners, Paint Remover, Varnish Remover, Turpentine, Varsol, Flammable Solvents, Flammable Aerosols, Liquid Domestic Pesticides, Solid Domestic Pesticides, Aerosol Domestic Pesticides, Leftover Gasoline, Spoiled Gasoline, Old Gasoline Contaminated with Oil or Water

Scrap Metal:

Bicycles, Depressurized Hot Water Tanks, Barbeques, Automobile Engines, Automobile Parts, Wood Stoves, Fireplace Inserts, Metal Bath Tubs, Water Coolers, Conduit Piping, Dehumidifiers, Depressurized Heating Oil Tanks, Furnaces, Heat Pumps/Exchangers, Metal Shower Enclosures, Pool Heaters/Pumps/Metal Filters, Aluminum Awnings, Aluminum Ladders, Aluminum Siding, Aluminum Gutters, Aluminum Signs, Steel Barrels, Aluminum Barrels, Brass/Bronze, Cast Iron, Catalytic Converters, Circuit Breakers, Steel Coat Hangers, Compressors, Copper Pipe, Copper Gutters, Demolition Scrap, Diesel Engines/Blocks, Duct Work, Fencing, Depressurized Fire Extinguishers, Fireplace Grates, Lawn Furniture, Nails, Plumbing Fixtures, Poles, Pots and Pans, Radiators, Rebar, Rims, Screen Doors/Windows, Sinks, Cabinetry, Beams, Gas Stoves, Electric Stoves, Structural Steel, Tin, Tobacco Racks, Hand Tools, Tractor Parts, Wire, Wrought Iron etc.

Lighting Technologies and Fixtures:

Compact Fluorescent Lights, Fluorescent Tubes, Fluorescent Ballasts, Mercury Vapour Lights, Metal Halide Lights, High Pressure Sodium Lights, Low Pressure Sodium Lights, UV Lights, Germicidal Lamps, Incandescent Lights, LED Lights, Miniature Bulbs, High Intensity Discharge Lights, UHP Replacement Lamps, Troffers, Surface/Suspended Mount Fixtures, Strip Light Fixtures, Pendant Fixtures, Wall Mount Fixtures, Track Lighting Fixtures, Recessed/Pot Fixtures, Under-Cabinet Fixtures, Flush Light Fixtures, Canopy Fixtures, Chandeliers with Lights, Ceiling Fans with Lights, Desk Lamps, Table Lamps, Floor Lamps, Work Lights, Bollards, Path and Walkway Lighting, Security Lighting, Flashlights, Snake Lights, Night Lights, Book Lights, Emergency Lights etc.

Textile Processing Machines

Sewing Machines, Knitting Machines, Weaving Machines, Embroidery Machines, Overlock Machines, Punching Machines, Quilting Machines, Electronic Arts/Crafts/Hobby Devices etc.

Power Tools:

Angle Saws, Autofeed Screwdrivers, Band Saws, Circular Saws, Diamond Corers/Cutters, Foam Rubber Cutters, Powered Handsaws, Jigsaws, Nibblers, Reciprocating Saws, Shear Tools, Trimmers, Breaker Hammers, Combi-Hammers, Demolition Hammers, Drills, Hammer Drills, Battery Rechargers for Power Tools, Heat Guns, Inflation Guns, Power Painters, Solder/Unsolder Equipment, Spray Guns, Wallpaper Steamers, Biscuit Joiners/Plate Joiners, Caulk/Adhesive Guns, Glue Guns, Impact Drivers, Impact Wrenches, Metal Tappers, Nailers, Pex Expanders, Ratchets, Screwdrivers, Shear Wrenches, Finishing Staplers, Angle Grinders, Die Grinders, Polishers/Disc Sanders, Belt Sanders, Tuckpoint Grinders, Waxers, Chisels, Planers, Power Scrapers, Routers, Clamp Meters, Combustion Analyzers, Detection Tools, Digital Multimeters, Electrical Testers, Ferrodetectors, Fork Meters, Laser Levels, Laser Measuring Devices, Laser Range Meters, Leak and Pressure Detectors, Powered Measuring Tapes, Plum Lasers, Point Lasers, Probes and Thermocouples, Rotating Lasers, Stud Finders, Temperature/Humidity Testers, Transpointers, Air Inflaters/Pumps, Digital Tire Gages, Grease Guns, Band Saws, Chop Saws, Cutoff Machines, Mitre Saws, Scroll Saws, Table Saws, Tile Saws, Drill Presses, Drum Sanders, Engraving Devices, Grinders, Jointers, Lathes, Planers, Sanders etc.

Electronic Sports/Leisure/Exercise Equipment:

Treadmills, Exercise Bikes, Rowing Machines, Elliptical Trainers, etc.

Yard & Garden Materials:

Grass, Leaves, Branches, Garden Plants, Shrubs, Hedge Trimmings etc.

Batteries:

Disposable Batteries, Rechargeable Batteries, Cell Phone Batteries, Vehicle Batteries

Tires:

Car Tires, Light Truck Tires, Rims, Bicycle Tires, Bicycle Tubes

Cell Phones:

Cell Phones, Headsets, Chargers

Safety Alarms:

Smoke Alarms, Carbon Monoxide Alarms, Combination Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarms

Thermostats:

Mercury Thermostats, Electric Thermostats

Propane Tanks:

Disposable Tanks, Refillable Tanks, Disposable Canisters, Refillable Canisters

Scrap Lumber & Wood Products:

Stumps, Fencing, Wood Cuttings, Plywood, Particleboard, Strand Board, Cabinetry, Doors, Desks, Decks, Cedar Shakes etc.

Mattresses:

Innerspring Mattresses, Latex Foam Mattresses, Box Springs, Futons, Hide-A-Bed Mattresses

Clothing:

Gently Used Clothing, Cloth Based Items, Bedding, Sleeping Bags, Belts/Ties, Yarn, Blankets, Drapes, Pillows, Footwear

Drywall:

New Drywall Cuttings

Free Store:

Furniture, Exercise Equipment, Art, Kitchenware, Small Appliances, Large Appliances, Bikes, Clothing, Music, Toys etc.

Books:

Hard Cover Books, Soft Cover Books, Children's Books, Text Books

Roofing:

Asphalt Roofing, Tar Roofing, Gravel Roofing

Rubble:

Bricks, Concrete, Asphalt, Mirror Glass, Non-Laminated Window Glass, Porcelain Fixtures, Ceramics, Rocks, Gravel, Stucco, HardiPlank

Total Number of Recyclables = 650+ Items