

# NANAIMO RECYCLING EXCHANGE

Presentation to Nanaimo City Council

March 12, 2018





NANAIMO  
RECYCLING EXCHANGE  
WINTER HOURS  
October 1st - March 1st  
OPEN 7 am to 5 pm  
Market Hours 9 am - 4 pm  
Household Appliances, Building Debris  
& New Vehicle Drop

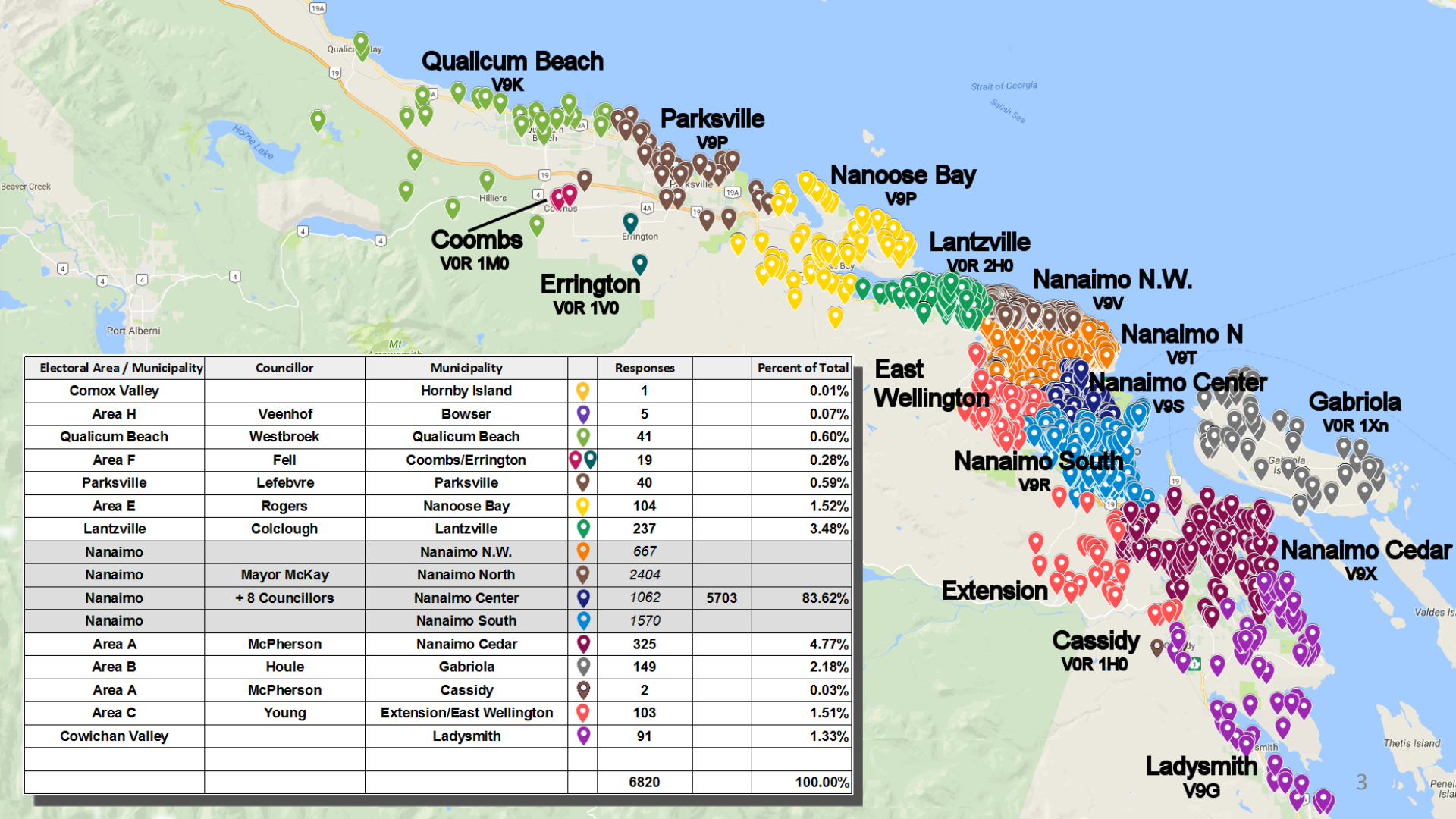


MAXIMUM  
10

RECYCLING YARD  
MARKET WASTE  
SLOW

ENTRANCE  
ONLY





Electoral Area / Municipality	Councillor	Municipality		Responses	Percent of Total
Comox Valley		Hornby Island		1	0.01%
Area H	Veenhof	Bowser		5	0.07%
Qualicum Beach	Westbroek	Qualicum Beach		41	0.60%
Area F	Fell	Coombs/Errington		19	0.28%
Parksville	Lefebvre	Parksville		40	0.59%
Area E	Rogers	NanOOSE Bay		104	1.52%
Lantzville	Colclough	Lantzville		237	3.48%
Nanaimo		Nanaimo N.W.		667	
Nanaimo	Mayor McKay	Nanaimo North		2404	
Nanaimo	+ 8 Councillors	Nanaimo Center		1062	5703 83.62%
Nanaimo		Nanaimo South		1570	
Area A	McPherson	Nanaimo Cedar		325	4.77%
Area B	Houle	Gabriola		149	2.18%
Area A	McPherson	Cassidy		2	0.03%
Area C	Young	Extension/East Wellington		103	1.51%
Cowichan Valley		Ladysmith		91	1.33%
				6820	100.00%



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Hazardous Materials, Bulky Items  
& New Vehicle Drop



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2491 Kenworth Rd







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# 2012

## NRE in discussions with City of Nanaimo about need to relocate

City and RDN involved in approval of NRE site design adaptation to new bylaws for recycling depots and solid waste regulations. City senior managers suggest City of Nanaimo build new recycling depot for NRE to operate based on recycling services provided to City.





# 2014

JAN 28 – Funding request for new recycling centre presented to the Regional District of Nanaimo board of directors



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# 2014

FEB 14 – RDN staff report recommends, “That the Board deny the funding request as presented by the Nanaimo Recycling Exchange at this time.”



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# 2014



## Newly elected city council votes NO to making land available to the NRE

In November 2014 the newly elected city council holds an in-camera meeting for NRE presentation on costs of Zero Waste recycling and need for new facility. The NRE would fund construction of a facility if city land was made available. Council voted NO to making land available to the NRE.

# 2015 - 2016

NRE spends time  
and resources  
exploring  
alternative  
options.







# 2017 - new design



# 2017



JULY 24 – NRE letter referred to city staff to set meeting





# 2017

SEPT 18 – Council requests staff report regarding the Nanaimo Recycling Exchange initiative: “We’ve been having this discussion for four years.”



# 2017



OCT 2 – Council votes 5-4 to send the NRE to the RDN.



# 2017

"We've bounced this group back and forth between the RDN about six times already. If we can't get support from the members of Nanaimo council to commit to it, it will go nowhere at the RDN."





# 2018



FEB 16 – “The RDN Board of Directors has declined a request from the Nanaimo Recycling Exchange (NRE) for the RDN to purchase land and construct a purpose built recycling facility”



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR: City,  
region missing big picture with  
NRE

We hoped that we would  
be recognized as...



- The full service recycling and education provider that turns every public dollar into a valued service for residents
- The employment training partner with VIU and Foodshare
- The community partner saving residents money, keeping materials out of landfill and creating jobs
- The training site for a people with barriers to employment

A large wildfire at night, with bright orange flames and thick smoke rising into the sky. In the foreground, several people are standing on a dark, rocky shore, looking out at the fire. The fire is reflected in a body of water in the middle ground. The overall scene is dramatic and urgent.

NEWS

## 2017 WILDFIRES COST NEARING THE \$550 MILLION DOLLAR MARK : BC WILDFIRE SERVICE

We were hoping to have a conversation about  
the urgent need for action...



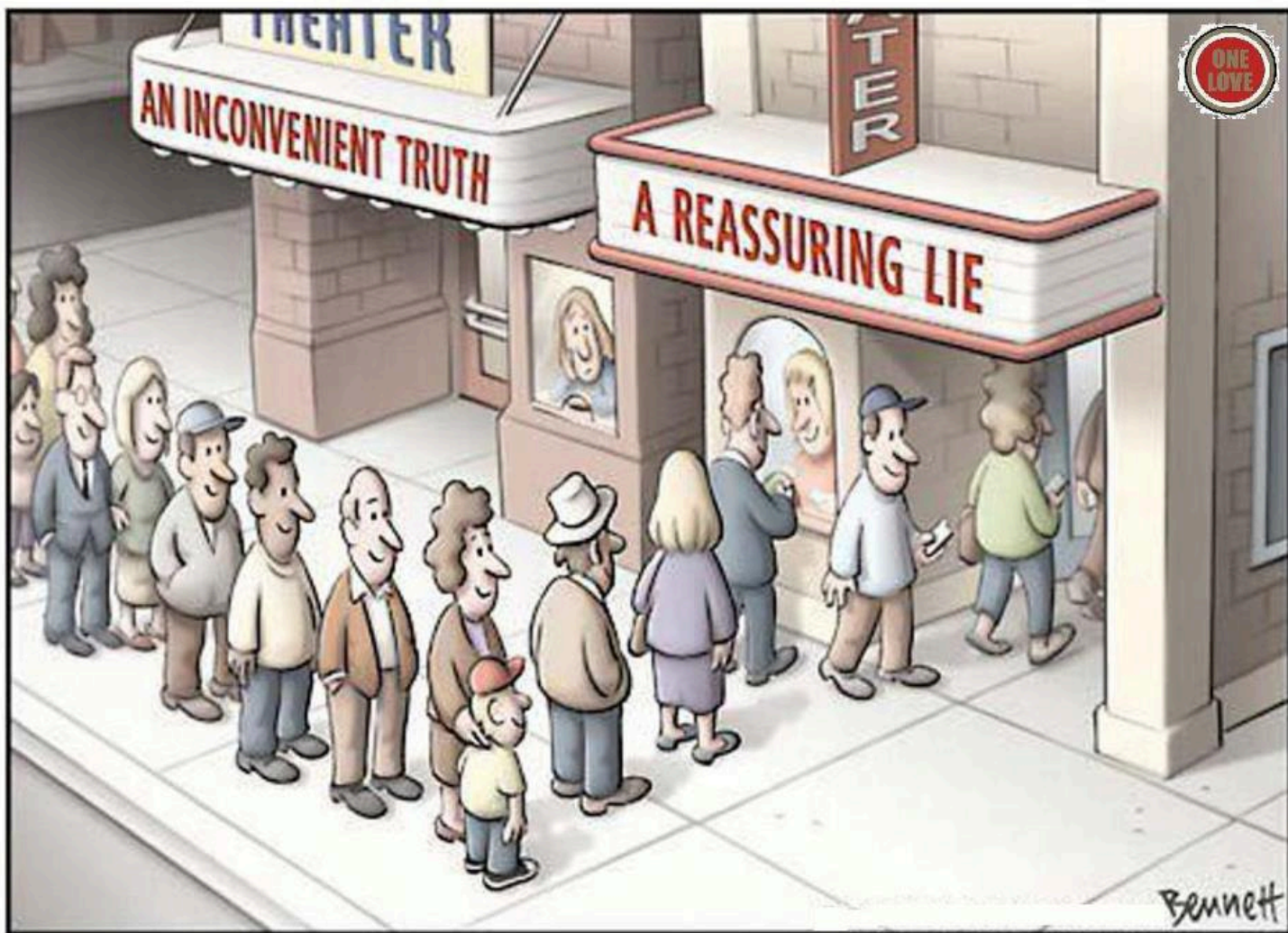












Recycling has  
changed





## Municipalities that own and operate recycling depots

Abbotsford  
Burnaby  
Richmond  
Vancouver

Maple Ridge  
Oak Bay  
Summerland  
North Vancouver

Quesnel  
Osoyoos  
Princeton  
Whistler

# Regional Districts that own and operate recycling depots

Alberni Clayoquot: 3 depots

Captial Region and Gulf Islands: 7 depots

Cariboo: 14 depots

Columbia Shuswap: 15 depots

Comox Valley: 9 depots

Cowichan Valley: 3 depots

Peace River: 10 depots

Powell River: 5 depots

Central Okanagan: 4 depots

Kootenay Boundary: 5 depots

Mount Waddington: 6 depots

Okanagan Similkameen: 3

Squamish 1 depot

Lillooet 1 depot

Sunshine Coast: 3 depots

Same problem, higher price  
tag



Together, can we find a solution?