

Community Consultation Results

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Input Opportunities

- 7 open houses
 - Exit survey
 - One on one discussion
 - Group discussion
 - “Dot” exercise
- On-line survey
- Phone and email
- Hard copy survey for Apex



Survey Results

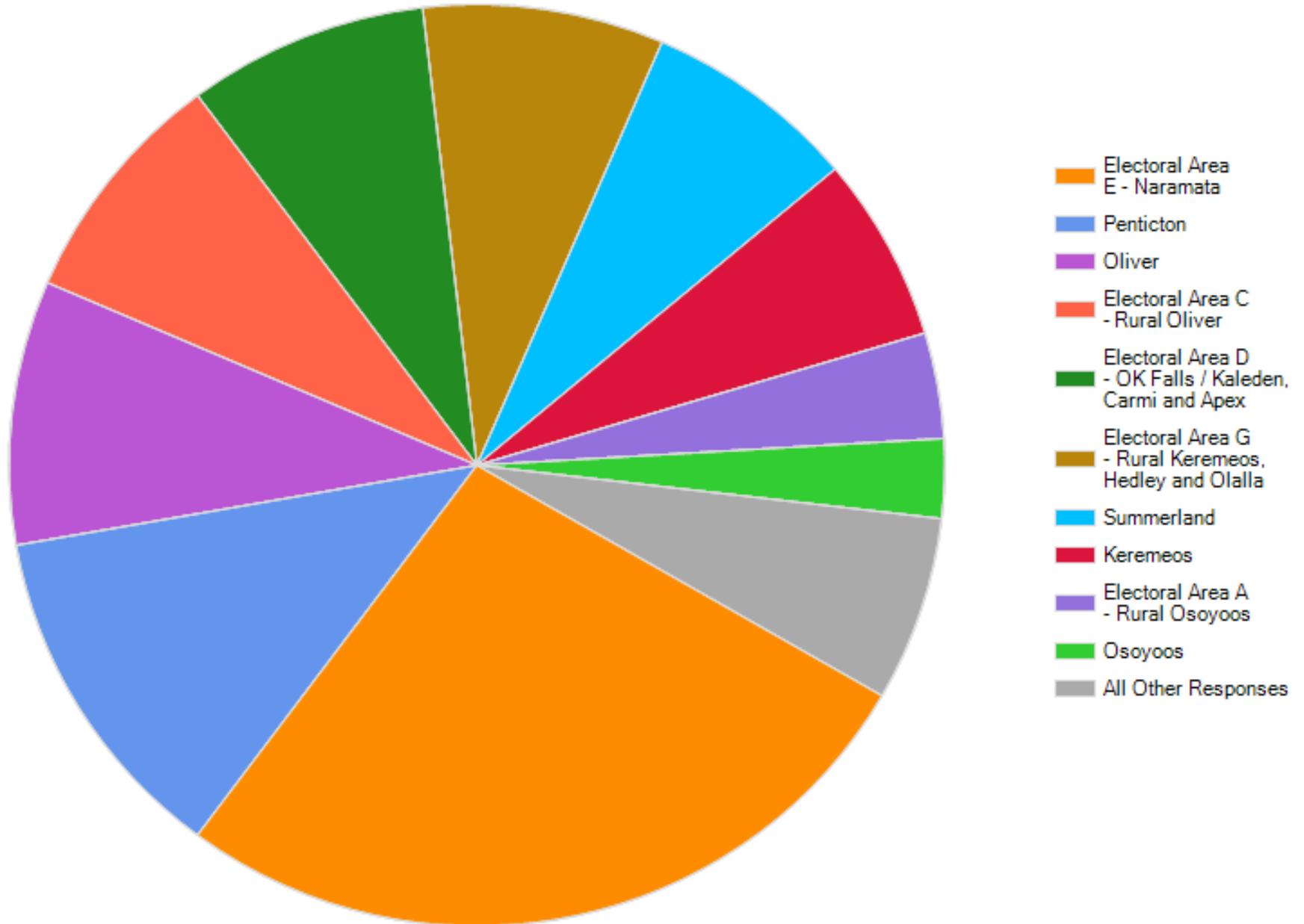
- Combined on-line and exit surveys
- 111 surveys completed
- Focused on key new initiatives in draft Plan
 - Agree, Disagree, Unsure/Not Applicable
 - One open-ended question

2. To ensure that all residents have convenient access to recycling, make recycling services mandatory at all multi-family buildings (e.g. apartments and condos) in the RDOS.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Agree		88.1%	96
Disagree		6.4%	7
Unsure/Not Applicable		5.5%	6
answered question			109
skipped question			2



Which area are you from?



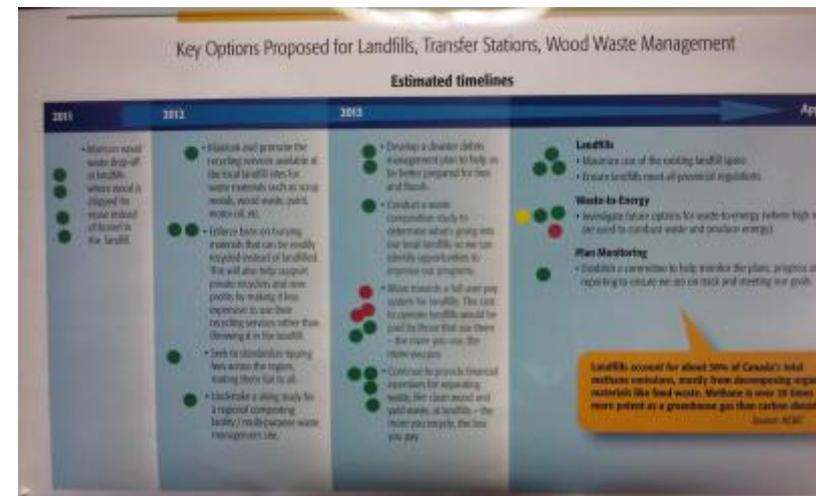
Survey Results

- Generally a high degree of support for Plan's initiatives
- Exception: Household collection of food waste (57% of respondents supportive and 20% unsure)
- Comments:
 - Concern over increased cost
 - Concern with being over-regulated
 - Want glass recycling to be curbside or easy to access
 - Unsure about food waste collection, particularly re. "Bear Smart"
 - Want more information on what can be recycled and where
 - Garbage collection should be bi-weekly
 - Want to recycle Styrofoam
 - Curbside collection in Carmi is not wanted; concerns about bears.
 - Good plan!



Open Houses

- Roughly 100 people attended
- Like survey, attendees indicated support for most of the proposed components of the Plan
- Exceptions:
 - At Penticton Meeting: Carmi residents opposed to curbside collection due to concern with attracting bears
 - At Keremeos Meeting: Residents concerned with cost of curbside collection



Open House Comments

- There should be better access to recycling in parks and at festivals
- A “last chance” location for reusable items should be available at the disposal sites
- “Styrofoam” (expanded polystyrene) should be added to the recycling system
- Interest in residential collection service using carts



Apex: Proposed Transfer Station and Recycling Depot

- Separate consultation process
 - RDOS staff met with Resort and Property Owners Association
 - Letter and survey sent to all property owners
- 127 surveys returned
 - 61% support for transfer station & recycling depot
 - Concern with cost
 - No consensus on how to pay for it



Finalizing the Solid Waste Management Plan

- **Area G:**
 - Board direction given to include in the Plan: *Investigate the cost-benefit of having of a portion of Electoral Area “G” solid waste be sent to the Princeton Landfill (instead of sending all the waste to Campbell Mountain Landfill) prior to the next curbside collection contract.*
- **Carmi:**
 - Recommend modifying this component of the Plan to include: *Options for bear smart waste collection be assessed by the Bear Smart Coordinator and the community be engaged in developing solution prior to implementation of any curbside services.*



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- **Recycling of Styrofoam:**

- Add to the Plan: *Confer with Province regarding potential for Styrofoam to be covered under a future EPR program and assess the cost-benefit of inclusion in next curbside contract.*

- **Glass recycling:**

- Add to Plan: *Explanation as to why glass is not accepted in the curbside program and that the RDOS will work with bottle depots to set up collection of non-deposit glass and glass will continue to be accepted at RDOS solid waste facilities.*



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- **Recycling in Parks and At Festivals:** Add into the Plan *that the RDOS will work with parks departments and festival organizers to develop a best-practices approach to recycling and identify how the RDOS can further support recycling efforts in parks and at festivals.*
- **Cart-based collection:** add to the Plan *that the RDOS will assess the cost benefit of cart-based collection prior to next curbside collection contract.*



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- **Reuse:**
 - Lots of interest in having a “free store” at their local disposal facility
 - The draft Plan states that these would only be set up in communities where no local reuse option is available
 - Option: Pilot a free store at one of the disposal sites
 - Lots of interest in accessing used construction materials
 - Option: Set up salvage and resale operation at Okanagan Falls landfill
 - This is currently in the draft Plan as happening *only if* a private or non-profit operation doesn't come to fruition



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- **Food Waste Collection:**
 - Lower level of support than other plan initiatives
 - No changes recommended
 - Food waste collection will not be required until composting capacity is in place (4-5 years)
 - Food waste collection becoming the new norm
 - Can take advantage of experience in other BC communities
- **Apex:**
 - 61% support (based on survey)
 - No changes recommended
 - Garbage and recycling collection is appropriate



Any other revisions?



Recommendation to Board

- For consideration by the members of the advisory and steering committees:

That the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan, with the agreed upon revisions, be sent to the Minister of Environment for approval.

