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## 2026 Business Plan Solid Waste Management Service (1008)

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### Department/Function Services

The function provides solid waste management services in the entire rural area of the Cariboo Regional District, the District of 100 Mile House and the District of Wells. The function also extends some solid waste services to the City of Williams Lake via contract. Cariboo Regional District services provided are in keeping with the Regional District's Solid Waste Management Plan.

### Historical Capital Projects

Project	2022	2023	2024	2025
4 Transtor Bin Replacements	\$506,839			
New Ground Water Wells: Big Lake, Nazko and Interlakes landfills		\$90,000		
New Ground Water Wells: SCLF, Mahood, Tatla, Kleena Kleene, Nemaiah, Cochin and West Chilcotin landfills			\$156,000	
Earth Flow Composter CCTS				\$400,000
Curbside Totes				\$300,000

Taxation is collected by way of assessment on land and improvements. The level of taxation is regulated by overall costs provided in the Solid Waste Management Plan.

Facilities consist of 33 refuse sites including 18 transfer stations and 15 landfills.

Transfer Stations: Central Cariboo Transfer Station (CCTS) in Williams Lake, Wildwood, Frost Creek, Horsefly, 150 Mile House, McLeese Lake, Chimney Lake, Riske Creek, Alexis Creek, Eagle

Creek, Forest Grove, Lone Butte, Lac La Hache, Cottonwood, Baker Creek, Wells, Alexandria and Titetown.

Landfills: Gibraltar, CCTS (inert material only), South Cariboo (100 Mile House), Nazko, Big Lake, Likely, Mahood Lake, Interlakes, Watch Lake, Cochin, Kleena Kleene, Puntzi Lake, Tatla Lake, Nemaiah Valley and West Chilcotin.

All Electoral Area Directors and representatives from the District of 100 Mile House and the District of Wells are responsible for the governance of this service.

The Cariboo Regional District is a signatory on the Province of BC/UBCM Climate Action Charter and has committed to continuing work towards carbon neutrality in respect of corporate operations.

### **Overall Financial Impact**

At the time of drafting this business plan, changes to the requisition were not required.

Capital reserves for the service will be \$4,886,143 after the 2025 contribution. The post-closed and closure reserves for the service are \$4,933,128 before the 2025 contribution. A capital reserve plan has been developed and is represented in the financial plan to ensure the long-term development, replacement, and reclamation of solid waste facilities.

### **Business Plan Goals, Objectives & Strategies**

#### **2026 Goals**

1. **Goal:** Initiate Curbside Garbage and Recycling services for South Lakeside, and Dog Creek.  
**Rationale:** These communities all self-haul to transfer stations or landfills and may or may not recycle. In Phase two consultation of the SWMP these communities indicated they were in favor of the service. These households are eligible for Recycle BC funded curbside recycling service, so long as the CRD provides curbside garbage collection.  
**Strategy:** Engage with Recycle BC and City of Williams Lake for contract discussions, and issue RFP for service provider.
  
2. **Goal:** Expand provision of access to compost (food waste) drop off at high traffic refuse sites.  
**Strategy:** Supply food waste collection containers at high traffic refuse sites throughout the Region.

- 3. Goal:** Increase waste diversion by piloting Industrial Commercial Institutional (ICI) recycling.

**Rationale:** Over half of the current waste stream is from ICI sources and limited recycling programs are in place, as there is no business case for private recyclers to succeed, particularly for plastics.

**Strategy:** Engage with ICI customers in the Williams Lake area to find partners willing to participate. Source recycler(s) willing to participate in the pilot.
- 4. Goal:** Increase waste diversion by enforcing existing disposal bans of recyclables and hazardous materials at Regional Landfills.

**Rationale:** Over 70% of what we currently send to landfill could be recycled or composted.

**Strategy:** Shift focus of landfill staff to auditing and inspection of waste loads to identify banned items. Provide additional staff if necessary.
- 5. Goal:** Determine feasibility of “Diversion Centre” operations to increase waste diversion from landfills.

**Rationale:** Municipalities in the CRD lack a one-stop drop-off and shop for diverting reusables, furniture, recycling and organics from landfills. Share sheds are popular but problematic to manage.

**Strategy:** Investigate grant funding options for feasibility study to identify components required for Diversion Center success. Potentially to engage with local businesses and organizations to determine interest in participating in Diversion/Reuse Centre(s) and funding requirements.
- 6. Goal:** Offer subsidized curbside collection of food waste.

**Rationale:** The CRD’s largest barrier to composting food waste is lack of curbside collection due to the majority of CRD residents self-hauling and no Municipal-provided curbside organics collection.

**Strategy:** Work with local haulers to cost out organics pick up from within City of Williams Lake and CRD “fringe” communities. Establish amount of subsidy and engage with City of Williams Lake to determine ability to cover subsidies for City residents. Determine number of households that could participate, and the number of months the service would run. Advertise for resident participation.
- 7. Goal:** Design transfer stations at the Mahood, Big Lake and Likely landfill sites, for construction starting in 2027; may extend into 2028 and 2029.

**Rationale:** The SWMP identified these landfills as ones to transition to transfer stations.

**Strategy:** If approved in 2026 Budget, use CWF for engineering design and Class A cost estimates for transfer stations.
- 8. Goal:** Provide attended oversight of problematic transfer stations – Wells and Cottonwood.

**Rationale:** Wells and Cottonwood transfer stations are both identified in the SWMP to transition to attended facilities.

**Strategy:** Determine if there are options to restrict access to local use. If not, gate sites and provide hours of operation that are reflective of the amount of waste managed at the sites.

### Measuring Previous Years' Performance

1. **Goal:** Initiate Curbside Garbage and Recycling services for South Lakeside, 103/105 Mile, Red Bluff and Dog Creek. May span into 2026.  
**Strategy:** Engage with Recycle BC, City of Williams Lake for contract discussions, allocate CWF for curbside containers, issue RFP for service provider.  
**Status:** In progress. Red Bluff and 103/105 Mile communities launched in October 2025. Dog Creek and South Lakeside will be completed in 2026.
  
2. **a) Goal:** Establish where and how food waste shall be composted in the Region.  
**Strategy:** Compare costs and benefits of building a small composting pad for windrow composting vs purchase of an appropriately sized "in vessel" portable composting system and use community works funds to proceed with the best option.  
**Status:** Completed. In-vessel Earth Flow composter operational as of September 2025.  
  
**b) Goal:** Provide access to compost (food waste) drop off at high traffic refuse sites.  
**Strategy:** Supply food waste collection containers at high traffic refuse sites throughout the Region.  
**Status:** Completed collection containers located at 150 Mile, Wildwood and Frost Creek Transfer Stations. Lac La Hache should have containers before the end of the year.
  
3. **Goal:** Provide attended oversight of problematic transfer stations - Alexandria and Chimney in 2025.  
**Strategy:** Determine if there are options to restrict access to local use. If not, gate sites and provide hours of operation that are reflective of the amount of waste managed at the sites (will not be 5 to 6 days of access like busier sites).  
**Status:** Alexandria: Completed. Chimney TS: In progress.
  
4. **Goal:** Increase waste diversion by piloting ICI packaging and printed paper recycling.  
**Strategy:** Engage with ICI customers in the Williams Lake area to find partners willing to participate. Source recycler(s) willing to participate in the pilot.  
**Status:** In progress. Working with Williams Lake hospital renovation contractor and E360S to ship all drywall cut offs from the hospital project to the coast for recycling.
  
5. **Goal:** Increase waste diversion by enforcing existing disposal bans of recyclables and hazardous materials at Regional Landfills.  
**Strategy:** Shift focus of landfill staff to audit and inspection of waste loads to identify banned items. Provide additional staff if necessary.  
**Status:** In progress. New contractor at CCTS in Williams Lake has implemented auditing.

- 6. Goal:** Increase tipping fees at regional landfills to help offset increasing costs and encourage diversion. Eliminate the practice of using the scale multiple times to avoid residential tipping fees for loads under a certain weight.

**Strategy:** Update the Fees and Charges bylaws for Central Cariboo Transfer Station and South Cariboo Landfill mid-way through 2025. Launch “custom free units” scale software module to track waste weights by vehicle rather than by the load.

**Status:** Completed.
  
- 7. Goal:** Determine private interest in “Diversion Centre” operations to increase waste diversion from landfills.

**Strategy:** Engage with local businesses and organizations to determine interest in operation of private Diversion/Reuse Centre(s) and funding requirements.

**Status:** Not completed.



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## **2026 Business Plan Solid Waste Management Plan (1009)**

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### **Department/Function Services**

The Solid Waste Management Plan function was established to finance the development of Solid Waste Management Plans, which are required every ten years. The function also funds plan amendments and jointly funded services, such as the recycling hotline and reduction and reuse promotion.

Taxation is collected by way of assessment of land and improvements and the level of taxation is regulated by overall costs provided in the Solid Waste Management Plan.

All members of the Board are responsible for the governance of this service.

### **2026 Business Plan Goals, Objectives & Strategies**

None. SWMP implementation is carried out in the 1008 function business plan.

### **Measuring Previous Years' Performance**

#### **2025**

**Goal:** Review 1009 function revenue contribution amounts. 2020 – 2023 SWMP was primarily funded with Community Works Funds.

**Status:** Completed.

#### **2020 - 2024**

**Goal:** Initiate and complete the next Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) update.

**Status:** SWMP completed December 2023. Approved by Ministry of Environment and Parks in March 2025.

### **Significant Issues & Trends**

The Cariboo Regional District is a signatory on the Province of BC/UBCM Climate Action Charter and has committed to continuing work towards carbon neutrality in respect of corporate operations.

### **Overall Financial Impact**

The service currently has a projected surplus of \$47,833 for 2026.