



Ministry of
Environment and
Climate Change Strategy

Ministry Update

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Overview

- CleanBC Plastics Action Plan
 - Phase-out of single-use items
 - CleanBC Plastics Action Fund
 - Clean Coast Clean Waters Fund
- Extended Producer Responsibility
- Organics Diversion Funds



Plastics Action Plan



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Phase-out Single-
Use Items

Proposed provincial
regulation



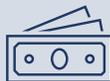
EPR: Expanding
Programs

EPR Five-Year Action
Plan



Increasing Recycled
Content

Plastics Action Fund



Economic Recovery
Funding

Clean Coast, Clean
Waters



Waste Prevention Regulation

The Ministry is proposing a new regulation for single-use and plastic items.

The regulation aims to reduce the amount of single-use waste ending up in the environment or landfills by:

- Moving plastics into B.C's circular economy:
 - Phasing out unnecessary single-use and plastic items
 - Promoting a shift to durable, reusable options
 - Ensuring necessary single-use and plastic items are recycled or composted
- Providing a consistent approach to regulations on single-use and plastic items across B.C.



CleanBC Plastics Action Fund

Phase 1 (2020-2022)

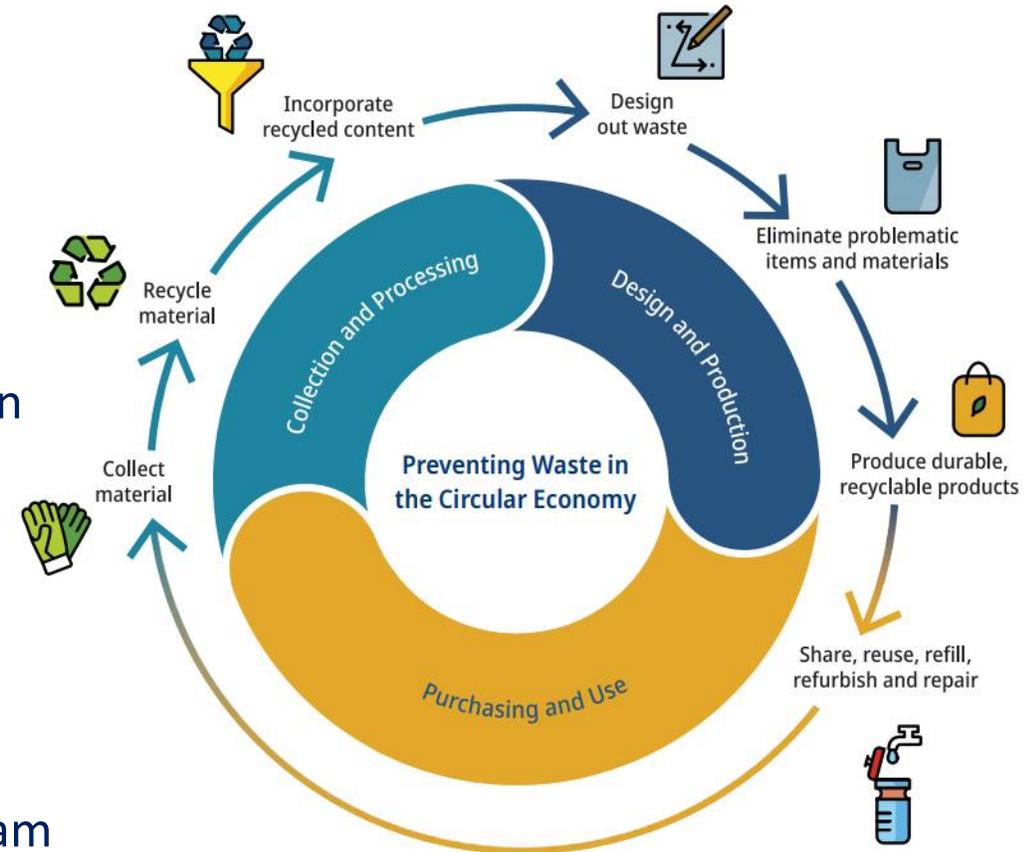
- \$5M – 9 projects funded
- Support recycled plastic processing and manufacturing

Phase 2 Expansion (2022-2024)

- \$10M overall to support recycled plastic use and expansion to reuse projects
- Funding stream specific for Indigenous led projects

Phase 3 Continuation (2023-2026)

- Additional \$25M overall to expand fund
- Will include a continuation of the Indigenous funding stream
- Applications anticipated to open Fall 2023



Funding Streams

1. Post-consumer recycled plastic processing and manufacturing

- Increase the capacity of post-consumer recycled (PCR) plastics processing and use in manufacturing, testing, design, and research

2. Reuse, including refill and repair

- Businesses and business models that reduce plastic waste

3. Indigenous-led projects

- Funding specific to Indigenous-led projects, both businesses and communities/Nations



Clean Coast Clean Waters

- Started in 2020 as part of the StrongerBC Economic Recovery Plan for all sectors that were affected by COVID.
- Goal: to create jobs and support coastal communities as they recover from the COVID-19 economic downturn and loss of tourism; to support B.C.'s work on addressing marine debris.
- Directed toward:
 - marine coastal Indigenous Nations
 - Indigenous organizations and local governments
 - B.C. non-profits and organizations that have expertise in shoreline and marine debris clean-up or removal of derelict vessels.
- \$24.83M in funds have been distributed up to 2022
- New funding in 2023 – [Expression of Interest](#) first round now open until May 26, 2023



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Clean Coast Clean Waters: Results



- Over 4,600 km of shoreline cleaned
- Over 1,500 tonnes of debris removed
- 118 derelict vessels removed
- 64% recycling/upcycling rate for shoreline clean-up projects
- Over 1,700 jobs created

Extended Producer Responsibility

EPR Five-Year Action Plan

- More products listed in 2023 with programs operational in 2025/26:
 - Mattresses, single-use compressed canisters, refillable propane tanks, fire extinguishers, automotive containers, more batteries, and medical sharps
- Industrial, Commercial, Institutional packaging
 - Identifying a long-term approach for improved recycling of packaging
 - Rural and Remote Working Group: Local Governments, IZWTAG and industry working to identify potential short-term solutions

EPR Accessibility Study

- Develop guidelines for EPR programs that support better access to recycling services, with more consideration for remote communities

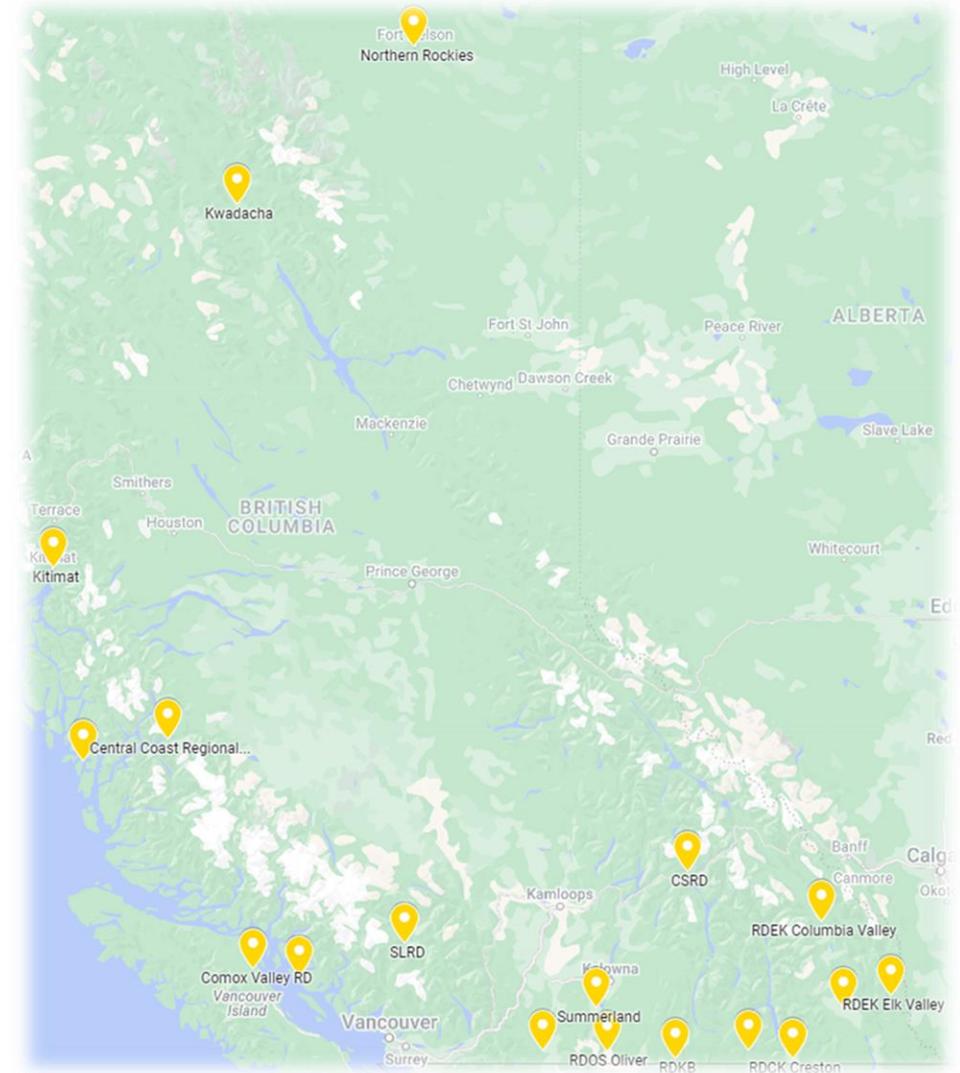


Organics Infrastructure Program



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- \$30M to organics processing facilities to produce class A compost
- \$10M provided by Government of Canada's Low Carbon Economy fund, BC, recipients and/or partners
- 3 Indigenous-led projects
- 15 regional district-led projects
- Grants for up to 66% of eligible costs
- GHG reduction by 2030: 0.64 Mt
- Projects to be completed by March 31, 2024

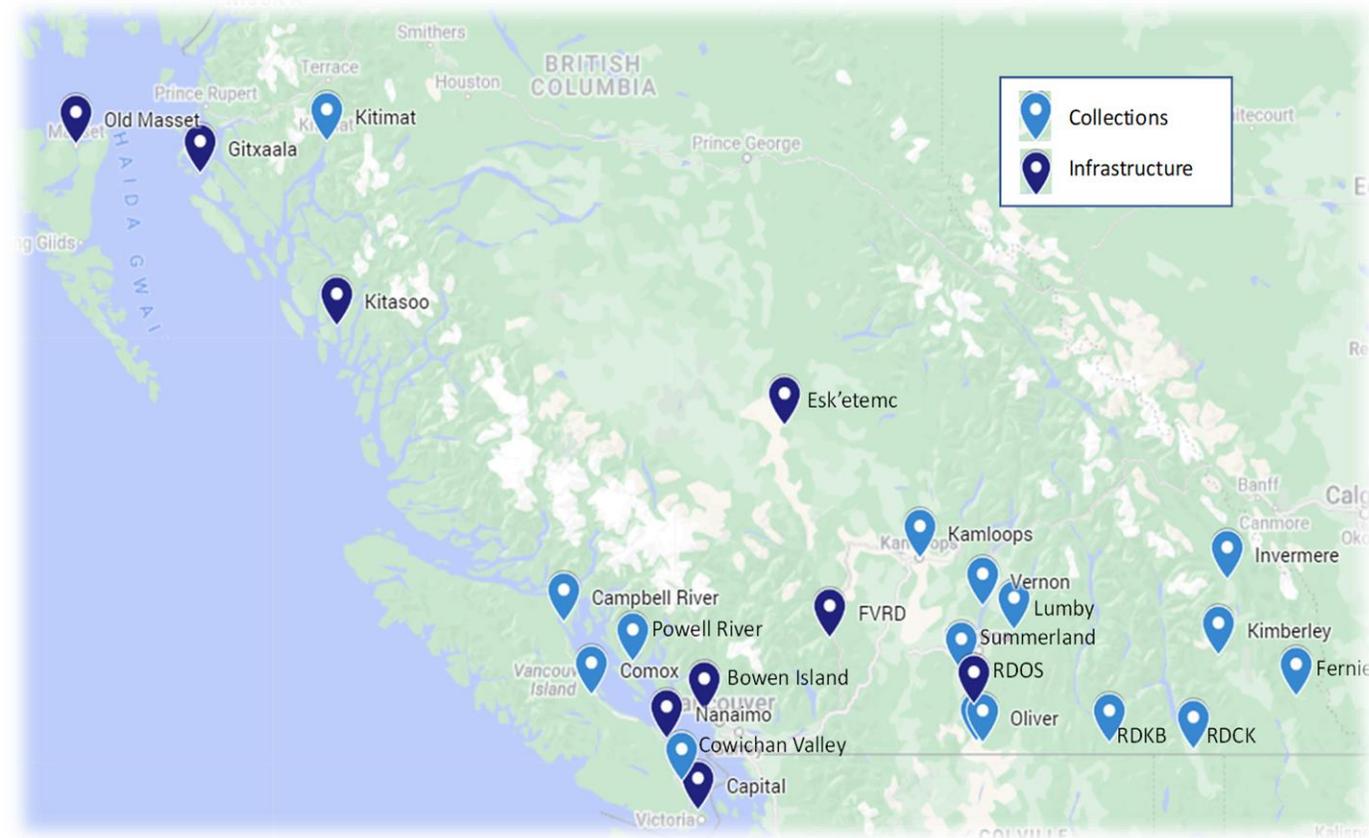


Organics Infrastructure and Collections Program (OICP)



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- Investment of \$25.9M of grant funding for organic processing facilities and collection programs
- 9 infrastructure facilities, of which four are Indigenous-led projects
- 19 collection projects, of which three are Indigenous-led projects
- Projects operational by March 31, 2024



Supporting Indigenous Projects

In total, ten Indigenous-led projects are being funded under OIP and OICP

Investment of \$4.1M in Indigenous-led projects

To support these projects we have:

- Partnered with IZWTAG to support Indigenous communities with project proposals and implementation
- Provided dedicated staff support within the Ministry for Indigenous recipients
- Ensuring ongoing communication to support any challenges that may emerge



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Summary

Appreciate IZWTAG's support for many of our programs:

- CleanBC Plastics Action Fund
 - Plastic waste reduction – reuse and processing
 - Indigenous projects funding stream
- Clean Coast Clean Waters
 - 2020, 2021, 2022 shoreline cleanups and derelict vessel removal
- Organics Infrastructure and Collections Funding



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