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**SQUAMISH-LILLOOET REGIONAL DISTRICT INTRODUCES CURBSIDE ORGANICS
COLLECTION IN BRITANNIA BEACH AND FURRY CREEK**

Community Information Session Planned for May 29 in Britannia Beach

Pemberton, BC – Curbside organics collection is coming to the communities of Britannia Beach and Furry Creek, in Electoral Area D of the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District (SLRD).

While the SLRD currently provides curbside collection (garbage and recycling) service in these communities, organics collection is the latest inclusion in the program and will be in place beginning in June, with each residence receiving a complimentary bear-proof tote for their organics waste.

Tote delivery is planned for June 5. Collection will be the same day as garbage collection (every second Tuesday), with the first pick-up on Tuesday, June 11.

The expanded program is part of the SLRD's ongoing commitment to not only improve services to residents while moving closer toward zero waste, but to also manage wildlife attractants in the area.

The SLRD adopted Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Wildlife Attractant Bylaw No. 1551-2018 in February, 2018, addressing an array of issues related to managing attractants, including, but not limited to, ensuring adequate storage of waste (including organics) in wildlife resistant containers and a wildlife resistant enclosure. The addition of organics to the curbside collection program is an important part of this process, explains SLRD Board Chair and Electoral Area D Director, Tony Rainbow.

"The bylaw that was adopted last year is important in helping to manage wildlife attractants and mitigate human/ wildlife interactions," said Rainbow. "And this program, which brings curbside organics collection to residents in Britannia Beach and Furry Creek, will make it easier than ever to ensure that residents are taking the necessary steps to properly manage the collection and storage of organic waste," he said.

Residents wanting to learn more about the program are encouraged to attend the upcoming community information session with SLRD staff, along with a representative from the provincial Conservation Officer Service.

The session will take place in Britannia Beach:

- **Britannia Beach Community Information Session**
Wednesday, May 29, 2019
7 p.m.
Britannia Mine Museum Multi-purpose Room

Furry Creek residents are invited to attend this information session. A second session will be scheduled in Furry Creek at a later date.

Information about the Curbside Collection program, including pick-up schedules, is available on the SLRD website (www.slrd.bc.ca).

Residents with questions can contact:

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About the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District

Located in southwestern BC, the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District (SLRD) is a local government federation consisting of four member municipalities (the District of Lillooet, the District of Squamish, the Village of Pemberton and the Resort Municipality of Whistler) and four unincorporated, rural electoral areas (A, B, C, and D). Headquartered in Pemberton, which is the approximate geographic centre of the region, the SLRD delivers a wide range of local, regional and sub-regional services to approximately 42,665 residents (2016 Census).

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