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RDNO Looking into Expanding Organics Programs

NORTH OKANAGAN – The Regional District of North Okanagan (RDNO) will be consulting with businesses, electoral areas and member municipalities to gauge interest in creating a food waste organics program for the region. The direction was given by the RDNO Board of Directors at the February 27, 2019, [Committee of the Whole Meeting](#). The motions will be before the Board for final approval on March 6, 2019.

After consulting with businesses, electoral areas and member municipalities, and if interest is shown, the RDNO will issue a Request for Proposal or Expression of Interest for the collection and processing of disposal of food waste organics. This approach allows contractors to offer their solution to the RDNO for consideration.

“Diverting food waste from the garbage can be a big undertaking for residents, municipalities, and businesses, so we need to make sure the interest exists before implementing programs and regulations,” said Kevin Acton, RDNO Chair. “Approximately 35% of household waste is organic material that comes from your yard or kitchen, and while we have programs in place to process yard and garden waste in eco-friendly ways, we think it’s time to look into processing food waste as well.”

In addition to speaking with businesses, electoral areas, and member municipalities, the RDNO will consult with community gardens to determine the feasibility of adding community organics drop bins at the community gardens.

Adding food waste to diversion programs would expand upon the RDNO’s existing yard and garden organics programs, such as the [RDNO-Gro program](#). The RDNO also offers a [\\$30 rebate](#) for selected composters and vermicomposters purchased at participating retailers.

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