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RCBC's 31st Waste Reduction Conference Germinates Ideas

Delegates got a worm's eye view of organics, recycling and other diversions at the Recycling Council of B.C.'s (RCBC) Annual Waste Reduction Conference June 1-3, in Harrison Hot Springs, B.C.

More than 30 presentations and workshops covered a variety of waste reduction and sustainability issues, including e-waste, paper recycling and compostable organics, this year's primary focus.

In the opening plenary, the regional districts of Kootenay Boundary (RDKB) and Central Kootenay presented a joint plan to remove organics from their municipal solid waste streams. RDKB solid waste manager Raymond Gaudart said compostable organics comprised more than 40 percent of the solid waste going to landfills in the two Districts. The Kootenays' organics management plan includes collection and processing the material into a variety of compost and soil remediation products. Details of the study can be accessed at www.rdkb.com.

On the e-waste front, Brenda Southam, executive director of the B.C. Bottle Depot Association and Bert Monesmith of Genesis Recycling, announced they have forwarded a joint proposal to Electronic Product Stewardship Canada and related brand owners to provide an e-waste stewardship program for B.C.

To view the all presentations made at the conference please visit www.rcbc.bc.ca.