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## Solution for Waste Reduction in GVRD Report

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### To The Editor:

**While the Greater Vancouver Regional District (GVRD) plans to transport its ever-increasing solid-waste problems to the interior city of Ashcroft, a ready solution can be found a little closer to home, in one of the GVRD's own reports.**

**The solution, according to the Annual Summary Report from the Solid Waste Plan Monitoring Committee, is to develop a suite of techniques focusing on reduction, reuse, recycling as alternatives to landfilling.**

**Some of the recommendations in the plan include more recycling at transfer stations, centralized collection areas for public recycling, more effort to collect recyclable materials from multiple family residential buildings, and keeping public interest focused on waste reduction.**

**One thing the report made clear was that the convenience of a 100-year-landfill capacity at Ashcroft had the potential to inhibit meaningful development of alternative waste reduction technologies.**

**With the support of organizations such as the Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC) and examples from jurisdictions throughout B.C. and North America, the GVRD is in a good position to take advantage of the 3R alternatives to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle its way out of a growing solid waste problem.**

**RCBC strongly urges the GVRD to follow the recommendations in the Solid Waste Plan Monitoring Committee's report to support the development of waste reduction and recycling alternatives.**

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