

RECYCLING COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

ANNUAL REPORT 2025/26



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A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

2025/26 has been another busy year of putting our strategic priorities into action. Our focus over this past year has remained on ensuring we deliver a high-quality service, providing accurate information to everyday British Columbians while building the strong partnerships required to advance a circular economy.

This year was another significant year in terms of organizational development. We moved out of our long-standing office, where we were based for more than 20 years. While much of our team works remotely, we found a new home at 312 Main, the Centre for Social and Economic Innovation. This vibrant, community-centered hub provides our team with a refreshed, collaborative environment that aligns well with our mission.

On the staffing front, we experienced some bittersweet transitions. We said goodbye to two of our longstanding staff members, Jessie Christopherson and Justin LeBlanc. We are incredibly grateful for their dedication and years of hard work with RCBC. At the same time, we were thrilled to welcome Sam Jeong as the newest addition to the team, who has already brought fantastic energy and a new perspective to our daily operations.

At the heart of RCBC's work is our unwavering commitment to public service. This year, our amazing team of Environmental Advisors responded to over 30,000 direct phone calls, emails and texts. As an organization we responded to just under 200,000 inquiries through all platforms. Our Environmental Advisors are the heart of the organization and Eileen, Beatrice, Sukhman, and Sam impress me every day with their dedication to providing an extremely valuable public service that BC is fortunate to have.

We continued to invest in the digital tools that the province relies on every day. To better understand emerging trends and community challenges, we also began capturing key qualitative data from these public inquiries. Led by our Operations Manager, Colleen Matte, our team launched a dedicated working group to guide the Recyclepedia refresh project.

This past year saw us re-enter the world of public events, with the launch of our new Speaker Series and webinars, which created vital spaces for knowledge-sharing. Most excitingly, our preparations culminated in the return of the RCBC Circular Economy Conference, which is once again taking its position as a space to bring the sector together for important discussions and connection.

I am incredibly proud of our lean but mighty staff team of Environmental Advisors, supported by Operations Manager Colleen Matte and our multitalented Program Coordinator Jennifer Helman, for their passion for the organization's work, professionalism, and resilience through a major office move and key organizational transitions. I also want to extend my sincere gratitude to our Board Chair, Co-Chair, Treasurer and the entire Board of Directors for their ongoing support and guidance. Grounded in our rich history and energized by the momentum of our new home and structured partnerships, we look forward to moving forward together toward a circular economy in BC and a world without waste.

CHRISTOPH SCHULTZ
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

CHRIS CAMPBELL

It's been another productive year at the Recycling Council of BC as we continued improving the services and tools that British Columbians rely on every day, while also creating new opportunities to bring people together across the sector.

This year, RCBC launched new speaker series events and webinars, and we saw the return of the RCBC Conference. We also continued improving our database and online search tools, began capturing qualitative data from public inquiries, and launched a working group to support the Recyclepedia refresh project.

RCBC's commitment to public service remains at the centre of everything we do. Over the past year, the organization responded to just under 200,000 inquiries from residents across BC, including more than 30,000 phone calls.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I'd like to sincerely thank RCBC's staff team for their hard work and dedication throughout the year, along with my fellow directors for their continued leadership and support. RCBC continues to make a meaningful impact across the province, and that's a direct reflection of the people behind the organization.

AUDITORS' REPORT

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members of
Recycling Council of British Columbia

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Recycling Council of BC (the Council), which comprise the statement of financial position as at March 31, 2026, and the statements of changes in net assets, operations and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Council as at March 31, 2026, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the ***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements*** section of our report. We are independent of the Council in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Council's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Council or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Council's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements. As part of an audit in accordance with



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT (CONT'D)

Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Council's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Council's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Council to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

As required by the British Columbia Societies Act, we report that, in our opinion, the accounting principles used in these financial statements, Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, have been applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Tompkins Wozny LLP

Vancouver, Canada
May 22, 2026

Chartered Professional Accountants



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at March 31

	2026	2025
	\$	\$
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash - operating	262,502	24,884
- gaming	11,223	12,471
Short-term deposits [note 3]	59,217	156,870
Accounts receivable [note 4]	157,997	72,292
Prepaid expenses	15,194	7,030
Prepaid deposits	945	3,881
Total current assets	507,078	277,428
Capital assets [note 6]	20,308	22,949
	527,386	300,377
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS (DEFICIT)		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable and accruals [note 7]		
Deferred gaming revenue	350,612	133,821
Deferred revenue - memberships	5,235	12,491
- other	15,544	16,969
Total current liabilities	153,844	77,414
Deferred contributions related to capital assets [note 8]	525,235	240,695
Total liabilities	13,860	20,003
Net assets (deficit)	539,095	260,698
Invested in capital assets		
Internally restricted [note 9]	6,448	2,946
Unrestricted (deficit)	—	11,166
Total net assets (deficit)	(18,157)	25,567
	(11,709)	39,679
	527,386	300,377

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

On behalf of the Board:

Director

Director

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

Year ended March 31

	2026	2025
	\$	\$
REVENUES		
Service agreements - Government	199,508	216,936
- Industry	186,224	191,128
British Columbia Ministry of Environment	50,000	100,000
Sponsorship - Government	56,506	53,395
- Industry	9,750	13,500
Gaming	30,000	30,000
Memberships	24,460	28,183
Project revenue	19,846	21,866
Donations and interest	6,108	8,194
Other	11,067	3,018
Amortization of deferred contributions related to capital assets <i>[note 8]</i>	12,130	13,678
	605,599	679,898
EXPENSES		
Advertising and promotion	—	1,634
Amortization of capital assets	15,119	17,518
Bad debts	1,612	4,414
Bank charges and credit card merchant fees	4,615	4,746
Board expenses	1,008	1,454
Computer - database, maintenance and support	20,410	33,277
Conference and workshops	6,906	6,733
Contracting and consulting	53,445	40,274
Equipment leases and rentals	3,633	—
Insurance	2,978	3,074
Internet - web services	5,752	6,533
Office, supplies and other	1,700	2,634
Professional fees	9,155	8,342
Rent and utilities	61,995	83,090
Salaries and benefits <i>[note 11]</i>	458,004	436,205
Telephone and facsimile	8,046	7,437
Travel	2,609	806
Excess of revenues over (under) expenses	656,987	658,171
		21,727
See accompanying notes to the financial statements	(51,388)	

OUR SUPPORTERS

THE OPERATIONS OF THE RECYCLING COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA ARE FUNDED BY A DIVERSE GROUP OF SUPPORTERS INCLUDING GOVERNMENT, INDUSTRY, GRANTING ORGANIZATIONS AND MEMBERS. THANKS TO EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THESE INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS FOR THEIR SUPPORT IN THE 2024/2025 FISCAL YEAR.

SUPPORTERS

BC Ministry of Environment and Parks	Major Appliance Recycling Roundtable
Brewers Recycled Container Collection Council	Metro Vancouver
Call2Recycle	New West Gypsum Recycling
Canadian Battery Association	Outdoor Power Equipment Institute of Canada
City of Surrey	Product Care Recycling
Electronic Products Recycling Association	Province of British Columbia, Community Gaming Grant
Encorp Pacific (Canada)	Recycle BC
Health Products Stewardship Association	Recycling Alternative
Interchange Recycling	Thermostat Recovery Program
	Tire Stewardship BC
	VanCity

IN-KIND DONATIONS

Urban Impact Recycling (recycling services)	Business in Vancouver (subscription)
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REGIONAL DISTRICT SUPPORTERS - INFORMATION SERVICES

Cariboo	Fraser-Fort George	qathet
Central Kootenay	Fraser Valley	Peace River
Central Okanagan	Metro Vancouver	Squamish Lillooet
Comox Valley	Kootenay-Boundary	Sunshine Coast
Cowichan Valley	North Okanagan	Thompson Nicola
Bukley-Nechako	Okanagan-Similkameen	

ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Chair	Chris Campbell	Major Appliance Recycling Roundtable
Vice Chair	Tera Grady	Cariboo Regional District
Treasurer	Karen Mason-Bennett	Individual
Secretary	Sarah Willie	Comox Valley Regional District
Past Chair	Laura Midan	Archway Community Services

DIRECTORS AT LARGE

Marcia Dick	City of Kamloops
Arman Hosseinpour	Trash-It Junk Removal
Louise Schwarz	Recycling Alternative
Cassidy van der Ros	Nickel Bros

POLICY COMMITTEE

Marcia Dick, Louise Schwarz, Sarah Willie

CONVENING COMMITTEE

Chris Campbell, Marcia Dick, Laura Midan, Louise Schwarz, Sarah Willie

FUND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Chris Campbell, Arman Hosseinpour, Karen Mason-Bennett

ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION

STAFF

Christoph Schultz
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Sukhman Bajwa
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Executive Director
Operations Manager, Information Services
Finance and Administration Manager
Program Coordinator
Environmental Advisor Supervisor
Environmental Advisor
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