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M. Babchuk, Chair  
Comox Strathcona Waste Management Board  
770 Harmston Avenue  
Courtenay, BC V9N 0G8

Dear Chair Babchuk and Board,

I am writing to request that the Board reverse the decision to close the Comox Valley Waste Management Centre on statutory holidays effective January 1, 2021.

This closure will have significant impact on the local governments and their solid waste collection contractors, as well as to our commercial businesses that rely on collection of their commercial bins. In April 2020, the Village engaged Emterra Environmental as its solid waste collector with a collection day on Monday. While I appreciate that the Board deferred the implementation of the statutory holiday closure until January 1, 2021, our collector has been unable to find a resolution to the collection schedule for Cumberland and other communities. This will be further compounded with growth and expansion of the collection services in all our communities, impacting the contractor's ability to service the four local governments in the region. The impacts of this closure to many communities significantly outweighs the financial benefits to the service.

Please consider allowing commercial waste contractors continued access to the Waste Management Centre on statutory holidays or delaying the closure until January 2022 to allow the region to align a contractor who can manage all services.

Sincerely,

Leslie Baird  
Mayor

c. Town of Comox  
City of Courtenay