

ENVIRONMENTAL EFFORT

Solid Waste Containers for Everyone

Residents and businesses in the Central Okanagan have made great strides in reducing garbage by recycling and composting. However, with a booming construction industry and continued economic growth increases predicted, the need to manage and protect our scarce landfill space is more important than ever

Local waste haulers have been facing challenges in the Central Okanagan in the last couple of years. In particular, the on-going labour shortage has impacted the hauler's ability to recruit and retain employees.

Solid waste managers researched automated collection to determine if this system would help alleviate the haulers' staffing issues and work well for our communities. Part of the research included a 500 home and business pilot project involving residents in Peachland, the Westside and Kelowna.

The project tested how easy a variety of different sized carts were able to be used by residents in areas of steep terrain, narrow access roads and roadways, large yards, long driveways and those with minimal storage space. Participants were surveyed before the pilot project started and at the end. The results were overwhelming - a 96% approval rating

