



LOCAL RESOURCE RECOVERY COMPANY RAISING CONCERNS ABOUT MMBC



Changes are coming to how packaging and printed paper are recycled in BC, and an award-winning Sunshine Coast resource recovery business says it may be a case of "be careful what you wish for".

A non profit society called [Multi-Material BC](#) has been set up to create a new stewardship plan, based on producer responsibility - similar to what happens with electronics. The plan is supposed to kick in early next year.

[Gibsons Recycling](#) was recently named the province's Best Green Business, and company partner Buddy Boyd told Gibsons Council last night that those in the resource recovery sector are worried. "There's a lot of recyclers in British Columbia incredibly worried about what's coming," he says. "We're not saying dump it, but at least let's take a time out and re-think this."

Boyd says it could even put companies like his at risk of shutting down. He says that's because the MMBC plan, as it stands, could end up moving recyclable and reusable materials out of the community, essentially "poaching" them from resource recovery operations that use the materials to create local jobs, or sell them for use by other local companies.

Mayor Wayne Rowe says all local governments are trying to come to grips with the implications of the MMBC plan, and are soon going to have to face some decisions. Rowe says after several sessions with the Sunshine Coast Regional District, he'd like

to hold a Town-specific workshop. He extended an invitation to Boyd to attend to offer technical expertise.

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