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[Gibsons Resource Recovery Centre](#) in British Columbia, Canada reduces residual waste. It has been nominated in The Small Business BC [Successful You Awards](#) (SYA) contest, which is a province-wide event that recognizes and celebrates the important contributions BC's entrepreneurs make to their local communities and the global economy.

Buddy says "waste isn't waste until its wasted."

Barb says "we believe that everyone should take responsibility for what comes into their lives."

"Recycling is just one step on the path. We have to get beyond recycling. We have to look at what ways we can deal with this stuff in our own community," Buddy says.

"There are so many innovators and creative people out there who are taking things that we consider garbage and making something out of them. There's nothing that I have discovered in the discard stream that can't be reused, repaired, reclaimed or turned into something else," he says.

Buddy continues "the next phase of Gibson's Recycling Depot is our Zero Waste strategy where we create a one-stop drop in the centre of Gibson's and continue on that path so we can add community gardens and artisan zones."

"Our goal is to create a community hub. A sense of community for people is very important so somewhere where they are welcome. We are creating a toolbox for people to be more responsible in their actions with the environment," she says.

Gibsons Recycling Depot has elements of Guernsey's Longue Hougue waste recycling and scavenging yard facility, but it is run as a private business, and it is evolving to become a community hub and a Zero Waste park.