

From backyard to community

to large-scale composting & anaerobic digestion,

plan to attend this

not-to-be-missed

Conference on Organics Recycling!

Over 30 presentations !

62 Industry-leading speakers !

PLUS Exhibits ! Networking !

CEU credits !

Our Conference Begins with a Full Tour Day on Tuesday September 22nd

AND a newly-added special tour on Friday September 25th

to see a new compost market opportunity, Humalite, at Sheerness Mine.

All for one registration fee !

REGISTER NOW !

Tuesday September 22, 2026

(Tour day is included in conference registration fee)

Tour spaces limited; Advance registration absolutely required.

All tour registrants will be travelling on conference tour buses.

Safety gear (steel-toe shoes, hard hats, glasses and vests) required.

Buses will leave from the lobby at 8:30AM.

Our tour day will include visits to:

The City of Calgary Organics Recycling Facility

City of Calgary Biosolids Demonstration Projects

Plus a special stop to The Alex Community Food Centre ...

a growing centre for food security, community-building and compost!

An awesome opportunity unique in Calgary

A day of real-life learning and inspiration!

Definitely a MUST-ATTEND day!

At 7pm, please join us for our WELCOME RECEPTION in the Rocky Mountain Ballroom among our exhibitors.

Light refreshments will be served.

Wednesday, September 23rd, 2026

8 - 9:30am A CALGARY STAMPEDE PANCAKE BREAKFAST !

Pancake Breakfasts are a time-honoured tradition of the Calgary Stampede for over 100 years. It is with great appreciation to the Calgary Stampede and its round-up of volunteers that we are able to have a Calgary Stampede pancake breakfast to kick off our conference sessions. Please join us!

10 - 11:30am WELCOME TO ORGANICS RECYCLING IN CALGARY

Scaling Up: Lessons from Expanding Calgary's Composting Facility

Expanding composting capacity isn't just about building more infrastructure. It's about balancing technology, timelines, operations, and risk in a live environment.

The Realities of Expanding the Calgary Composting Facility: Expert Panel

Join The City of Calgary and Chinook Resource Management Group (CRMG) as they walk through the realities of expanding the Calgary Composting Facility.

This panel will explore key challenges and trade-offs, from technology choice and design pressures to construction constraints and keeping operations running. Expect an honest discussion focused on lessons learned and practical take-aways for others tackling similar projects.

Panelists include:

Pulkit Gupta (City Operations)

Emily Roney (City Construction)

Taylor Greene (CRMG)

Dennis Perlotto (CRMG)

The Greatest Outdoor Show on Earth: Sustainability and the Calgary Stampede

Kori Stosky, Calgary Stampede

The City of Calgary Biosolids Beneficial Reuse Program

Myron Flexhaug, City of Calgary

Turning Calgary's Greenbin Organics into Energy

Sergey Baranov, Thoeni

11:30am - 1:30pm Exhibits and Lunch

1:30 - 3pm: Concurrent Sessions

I. MANAGING THE COMPOSTING PROCESS BASED ON LESSONS-LEARNED

Maintenance Challenges in High-Moisture, Corrosive Composting Environment

Efa David, Convertus Group

Composting Without the Complaints: Best Management Practices for Odour Control

Baraka Poulin, Engineered Compost Systems

From Odour Complaints to Class A Biosolids: Lessons Learned From Bentonville's Transition to Enclosed Biosolids Composting

Paul Larouche, Brome Compost

II. STAKING OUR CLAIM: PROSPECTING FOR ORGANICS RESIDUALS

Going "Back to the Future" with Reuse in Banff

Carla Bitz, Town of Banff

Multi-Family Equity Pilot: Improving Access to Composting and Waste Diversion for Equity-Deserving Residents Living in Multi-Family Buildings

Natalia Gonzalez, City of Calgary

From Assessment to Action:

Advancing Support for Organic Waste Recycling in Quebec

Emmanuel Roy and Mélanie Pharand, Ministère de l'Environnement, de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques, de la Faune et des Parcs

Advances in Oversight Technology to Improve Participation in IC&I and Multi-Residential Collection Programs

Tim Corcoran, Molok North America

3 - 3:30pm Break in Exhibit Area

3:30 - 5pm COMMUNITY GAINS THROUGH COMPOSTING

Supporting Advances in Community Composting Across Canada

Susan Antler, Compost Council of Canada

Community Composting:

Results from a Survey of Rural Canadian Households

Belinda Li, Food Systems Lab, Simon Fraser University

Small but Mighty! Activating a Drop-Off Composting Site in Downtown St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador

Viviana Ramirez-Luna, NL Composting Co-op

Regenerative Food Systems and Community Composting: Lessons from Six Years of Partnership with First Nations in Alberta

Elizabeth Romo-Rabago, Ciclománias

Bringing Life back to the Earth in Cariboo Regional District

Oliver Berger, Cariboo Compost

Compost Club YYC

Mike Coolidge, Karuna Compost

Big Impact From a Small Scale:

Happy Trash Can Compost and Sustainable Generation

Ryan Green, Happy Trash Can Curbside Composting and Aaron Oscewsky, Sustainable Generation

SURPRISE EVENING EVENT ...

in the Fine Tradition of our Council's Conferences!

Immediately following the end of our final session of the day, we will be gathering for our Council's evening event. Dress comfortably.

Thursday September 24th, 2026

9 - 10:00am THE LIFE, TIMES & CHALLENGES OF ORGANICS RECYCLING IN ACTION

A Cross-Country Panel Discussion

Featuring Centralized Organics Recycling Facility Operators and Processors including:

Geoff Boyd, Walker Environmental

Martha Hamre, GFL Environmental

Bob Kiely, Envirem Organics

Benoit Lamarche, Biogénie

Mateo Ocejo, Net Zero Waste

Aaron Oscewsky, Sustainable Generation

Chris Roa-Yaremkowycz, City of Calgary

Steve Rozee, City of Lethbridge

Roland Rusnell, City of Saskatoon

Allan Yee, Special Advisor, Compost Council of Canada

Moderated by: Larry Conrad, National Chair, Compost Council of Canada

10:00-10:30am Break in Exhibit Area

10:30am - Noon: Concurrent Sessions

I. TURNING CITY SPACES INTO GROWING PLACES: THE NEW LEGENDS OF URBAN RESILIENCE AND COMMUNITY-BUILDING

Our speakers include:

Kristi Peters, City of Calgary Urban Agriculture

Claude LeDoux, Plant-Grow-Share a Row New Westminster, British Columbia

Rene Michalak, ReThink Red Deer

Sharon Miller and Sherry Côté, Communities in Bloom Alberta

Rod Olson, Land of Dreams

Jeremy Zoller & Jay Fish, Highfield Regenerative Farm

II. ISSUES IMPACTING DEVELOPMENTS IN ORGANICS RECYCLING

The Hows and Whys of PFAS Testing in Compost

Rebecca Harvey, Woods End Laboratories

Preparing Your Compost for Market Through Laboratory Analytics

Kelly O'Connor, A&L Canada Laboratories

Work Updates on Standards Development and Industry Programs

Susan Antler, The Compost Council of Canada

Noon to 1:30PM Lunch in Exhibit Area

1:30-3:00PM: Concurrent Sessions

I. PURPOSE-BUILT MARKET APPLICATIONS FOR COMPOST

A Commercially Viable Peat Composting Protocol for Use in the Horticulture Industry

Kaitlin Pengelley, University of Guelph

Reclamation Opportunities Using Composted Materials and Humalite: An Operational Perspective at Sheerness Mine

Jasmine Redmond and Marissa Watson, WestMet

A Review on Compost-Based Biostimulants: Production, Functional Mechanisms and Current Challenges

Aayushi Rambia, University of Alberta

Closing the Loop: A Living Lab to Harness the Power of Compost

Philippe Constant, Institut national de recherche scientifique and David King-Ruel, Université de Sherbrooke

II. TOWARDS ZERO WASTE

Banff's Zero Waste Trail

Shannon Ripley, Town of Banff

Changing the World - One Community at a Time: A Zero Waste Community Network

Yusuf Celik, Poly-Canam

Consumer Acceptance and Circular Reuse: 2026 Consumer Survey on Compostable Bags in California

Leslie Rodgers, BPI

Adding More Fiber to Your Diet: Disintegration of Fiber-Based Packaging in Compost Operations

Susanna Carson, BSI Bio

3:00PM: Plenary Sessions

COMPOST AND SOILS AT WORK

Dr. Abimbola Abiola

MAKING YOUR MARK: FOR THE LOVE OF THE EARTH®

Advancing organics recycling across Canada has been built by the collective force of many. No step forward has been easy. All steps have advanced the mark, towards our collective goal of healthy soil and wise use of resources.

This special session will recognize dedication and achievements in organics recycling which have and are building the sustainability of Canada and the world.

4:30pm IT'S A WRAP ! COCKTAIL RECEPTION

Special Add-On Tour Opportunity!

Humalite at Sheerness Mine

Friday September 25th 2026

Black Earth invites you to join us for a tour of the Sheerness Mine, home to the purest humalite reserve on Earth.

The humic acids within this mineral formation are strong accelerators for commercial composting processes, making nutrients more bioavailable and enhancing water retention.

Clayton Williams, **Black Earth** Head of Research and Development, will lead the tour at Sheerness, explaining the geologic history of how humalite was formed, why it is only found here and what makes it unique.

Come learn about how utilizing **Black Earth** processing techniques will create an exceptional Class A compost product faster in your operation.

Return shuttle bus travel will be provided Friday, with the bus departing from the hotel lobby at 9am. Our tour will begin at 11am.

A catered lunch will be available after the tour with the return shuttle to Calgary aiming for a 4:30pm arrival back at the Double Tree by Hilton Calgary North.

For participants interested in traveling on Thursday afternoon, ahead of the tour bus plans on Friday, please contact:

Organics Development Manager, Ryan Sanborn

at rsanborn@blackearth.com or (403) 975-9272, to book accommodation and transportation.

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Join the Organics Recycling Trailblazers

Registration to this leading 3-day conference includes:

DAY 1 ! (Tuesday September 22):

Full day of tours covering visits to Calgary's anaerobic digestion and composting facilities and more!

DAY 2 & 3 !! (Wednesday September 23 & Thursday September 24):

Presentations, Networking Round-Ups & Meet-Ups with Equipment & Service Suppliers, Panel Discussions as well as Wednesday Evening's Connections Dinner

AND a newly-added special tour on Friday September 25th to see a new compost market opportunity, Humalite, at Sheerness Mine.

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HOTEL INFORMATION

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September 22-24, 2026

Calgary Alberta

Conférence sur le recyclage des matières organiques

Du 22 au 24 septembre 2026

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