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 !

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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 at 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:
Ryan Dyck, City of Calgary

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 developing chaos and design pressures to construction constraints and keeping operations running. Expect an honest discussion on lessons learned and practical take-aways for others tackling similar projects.

Panelists include:
Pulkit Gupta (City Operations)
Emilie Gaudet (CRMG)
Taylor Greene (CRMG)
Dennis Perlotto (CRMG)

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

The City of Calgary Biosolids Beneficial Reuse Program
Jeff Bruce, City of Calgary

Turning Calgary's Greenbin Organics into Energy
Sergey Baranov, Thoni

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
Ryan Dyck, City of Calgary

Composting Without the Complaints: Best Management Practices for Odour Control
Renée Pasch, Environmental Compost Systems

From Odour Complaints to Class A Biosolids: Lessons Learned From Beneficial Reuse Of Municipal Wastewater Biosolids Composting
Paul Lanovitz, Brockenhurst

II. STAKING OUR CLAIM: PROSPECTING FOR ORGANICS REGULADS

Going "Back to the Future" with Reuse in Sarnia
Carla Bitz, Town of Sarnia

Multi-Family Equity Pilot: Innovating Organics Composting and Waste Diversion for Equity-Deserving Residents Living in Multi-Family Buildings
Natalie Gonzalez, City of Calgary

From Assessment to Action:
Advancing Support for Organic Waste Recycling in Quebec
Jean-Pierre Gagnon, Ministère de l'Environnement, de la Lutte contre les Changements climatiques, de la Faune et des Parcs

Advances in Overnight Technology to Improve Participation in ICI&I and HRC Organics Diversion
Tim Cascadden, Waste Management

3 - 3:30pm **Break in Exhibit Area**

3:30 - 5pm **COMMUNITY GAINS THROUGH COMPOSTING**

Supporting Advances in Community Composting Across Canada
Susan Ashton, Compost Council of Canada

Community Composting:
Results from a Survey of Rural Canadian Households
Jennifer Lynch, Dalhousie University

Small but Mighty: Achieving Zero-Waste Composting Site in Downtown St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador
Viviane Ramirez-Luna, NL Composting Co-op

Regenerative Farming Practices Integrated with Composting: Lessons from Six Years of Farmers Compost Project Across Alberta
Yvonne Kemmer, Alberta Compost Council

Bringing Life back to the Earth in Carbon Regional District
Oliver Berger, Carbon Compost

Zero Waste Food
Mike Cordish, Kenow Farms

Big Impact From a Small Scale:
Happy Trash Can Composting and Sustainable Generation
Ryan Green, Happy Trash Can Curbside Composting and Aaron Gordon, 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 Contrasting Perspectives from Different Regions and Processes including:

Geoff Boyd, Walker Environmental
Martha Hamre, GFL Environmental
Bob Kiely, Environ Organics
Benoit Lamarche, Biogene
Mateo Orozco, Net Zero Waste
Aaron Oczkowski, Sustainable Generation
Ryan Pelletier, Sustainable Alberta
Steve Rosse, City of Lethbridge
Roland Russell, 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 - 1pm: Concurrent Sessions

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

Our speakers include:

Kristi Morris, City of Calgary Urban Agriculture
Claude LeBoeuf, Plant-Grow Share-a-Row New Westminster, British Columbia
Rene Mellon, Authors Real Deer
Sharon Miller and Sherry Cibik, Communities in Bloom Alberta
Jessica Ramirez, Food Cycle Science
Jeremy Zoble, Ka Ho Tim, Highfield Regenerative Farm

II. TOWARDS ZERO WASTE

Banff's Zero Waste Trail
Jessica Ryan, Town of Banff

Changing Waste Management Culture at a Time:
A Zero Waste Community Network
Yusuf Cielik, Poly-Cultural

Consumer Perceptions of Compostable Packaging: 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
Susanne Cerbin, BSI Bio

COMPOST AND SOILS AT WORK

Compost Use:
Why it's Suddenly Important Across the United States
Linda Morris-Wheeler, US Composting Council

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 goals that could not be met by just one actor or one sector.

This special session will recognize dedication and achievements in organics recycling which have served as building blocks for 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 improving nutrient retention.

Clayton Williams, **Black Earth** Head of Research and Development, will lead the tour. Clayton has been with Black Earth since the early days of 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 start at 11am.
A catered lunch will be available after the tour with the return shuttle to Calgary arriving for a 4:30pm arrival back at the Double Tree by Hilton Calgary North.

For participants interested in travelling on Thursday afternoon, Black Earth will host a Q&A session at their Calgary Organics Development Manager, Tyler Bergman, at **rsanborn@blackearth.com** or (403) 975-9272, to book accommodation and transportation.

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Asch Management Systems	**Molok North America**
BDP Industries	**Poly-Canam/EcoDrum Composter**
Black Earth	**SRS Equipment**
Brome Compost	**Sustainable Generation**
Communitas in Bloom	**Van Dyk Recycling Solutions**
Compost Partners	**Vermeer Canada**

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*

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