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Organics Recycling Conference

September 22-24, 2026

Calgary Alberta

Conférence sur le recyclage des matières organiques

Du 22 au 24 septembre 2026

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Where Trailblazers Learn, Connect & Can Harness the Treasures of Black Gold

Tours + Presentations + Networking + Exhibits

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

Tour Day = 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.

Our tour day will include visits to:

The City of Calgary Organics Recycling Facility

We will be touring Calgary's newly expanded processing facility for residential source-separated organics.

The recent addition of an anaerobic digestion module will capture bio-gas that will be upgraded into a renewable natural gas. This adds an extra 60,000 tonnes of processing capacity to the already existing 100,000 tonnes of composting capacity to support the Green Cart program.

The facility produces CQA-certified compost from the SSO program and the city's dewatered biosolids with complimentary compost being available to Calgary residents and local community gardens.

City of Calgary Biosolids Demonstration Projects

The City of Calgary (The City) and SYLVIS have worked together since 2013 to develop an innovative biosolids beneficial use program. The program accepts dewatered biosolids to improve the quality of soils considered marginal for agriculture and as a nutrient source and soil conditioner to aid and maintain a short-rotation coppice willow biomass plantation.

The Calgary Biomass Production and Marginal Land Improvement Program is recognized as the largest willow plantation established using dewatered biosolids in Western Canada and has beneficially used over 61,000 dry tonnes of dewatered biosolids since project inception.

Harvested biomass reduces the amount of purchased woody material for The City of Calgary's Composting Facility and promotes residuals management circularity within The City.

Stay tuned for additions to this already-amazing tour line-up!

A day of real-life learning and inspiration

Definitely a MUST-SEE

Presentation days =

Wednesday September 23 & Thursday September 24

Among the Sessions included are:

**THE LIFE, TIMES & CHALLENGES
OF ORGANICS RECYCLING IN ACTION:
A CROSS-COUNTRY PANEL DISCUSSION
FEATURING FACILITY OPERATORS AND PROCESSORS**

**STAKING OUR CLAIM:
PROSPECTING FOR ORGANICS RESIDUALS
& TOWARDS ZERO WASTE**

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

Advances in Oversight Technology to Improve Participation in IC&I and

Multi-Residential Collection Programs

Tim Corcoran, Molok North America

Banff's Zero Waste Trail

Shannon Ripley, Town of Banff

**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

Compost Animal Mortality and Animal Waste in In-Vessel Systems

Yusuf Celik, Poly-Canam

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, Ciclomaniás

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 and Sustainable Generation

Ryan Green, Happy Trash and Aaron Oscewski, Sustainable Generation

**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

Rene Michalak, ReThink Red Deer

Sharon Miller, Communities in Bloom Alberta

Rod Olson, Field of Dreams

Jeremy Zoller & Jay Fish, Highfield Regenerative Farm

**ISSUES IMPACTING DEVELOPMENTS IN
ORGANICS RECYCLING**

**Biosolids-Derived Biochar Application for Agricultural Land
Biosolids Management Decision Making Framework for Seven Generations**

Sun Sundui, McGill University

The Hows and Whys of PFAS Testing in Compost & Digestate

Rebecca Harvey, Woods End Laboratories

PURPOSE-BUILT MARKET APPLICATIONS FOR COMPOST

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

Kaitlin Pengelley, University of Guelph

Amplifying the Benefits of Compost with Fertilizers and BioStimulants:

Salomon Arack's Journey to New Markets

Ana Maria Salomon Arack, UltraTeck and Daniel Gutierrez, UltraTeck

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

THE SOILS AT WORK

Soil Carbon: The Backbone of Soil Health

Dr. Derek MacKenzie, University of Alberta

Compost Use: Why it's Suddenly in Conversations Across the US

Linda Norris-Waldt, US Composting Council

**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.

Join The City of Calgary and **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.

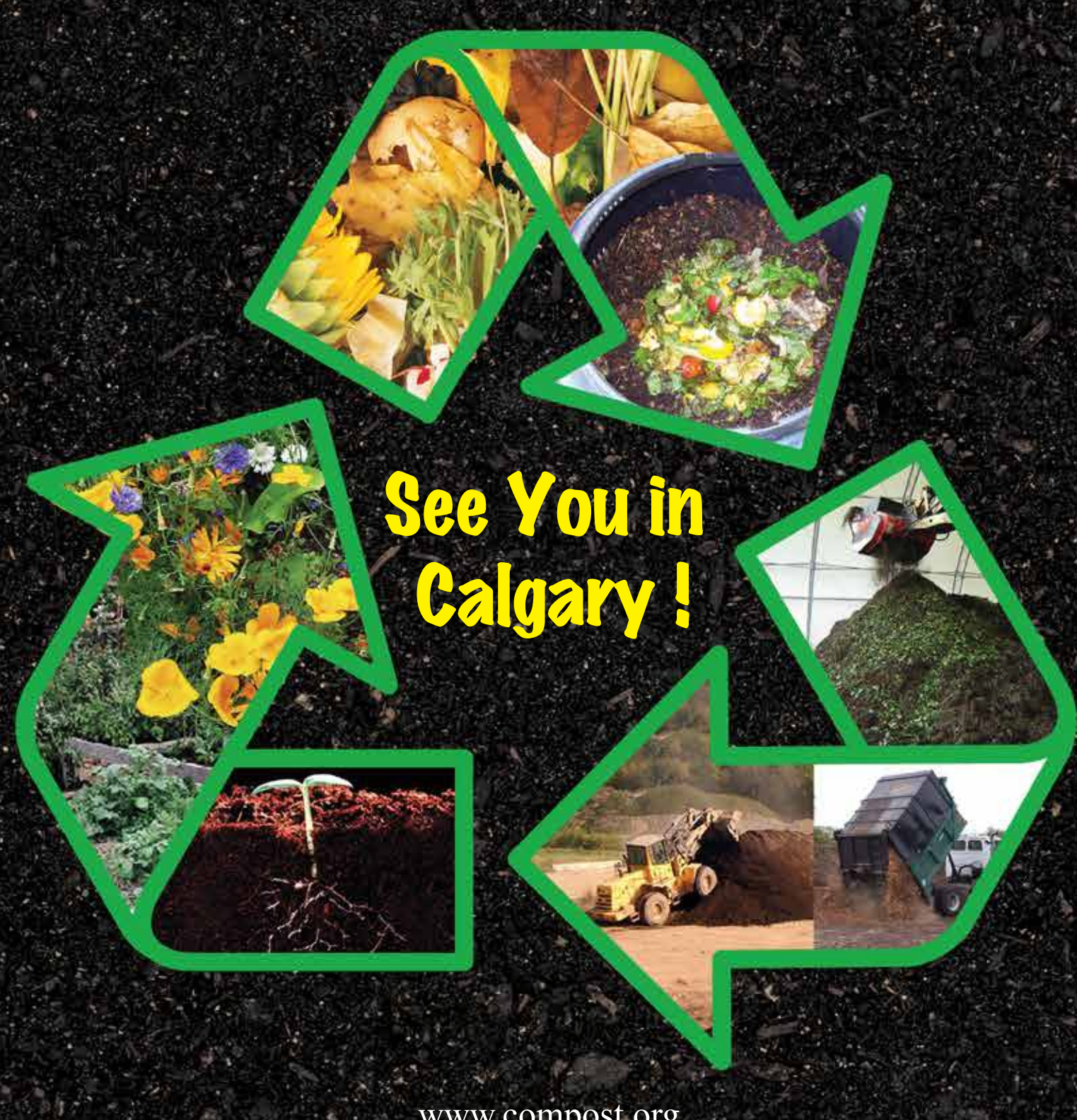
Sustainability and the Calgary Stampede

Kori Stosky, Calgary Stampede

The City of Calgary Biosolids Beneficial Reuse Program

Catalina Nadeau-Bonilla, Leader, Operational Performance Wastewater Treatment in Water Services

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