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### **Compost Council of Canada Launches Initiative to Fight Climate Change through Organics Recycling and Soil Health Improvement**

*New initiative targets municipalities/communities and IC&I sector to reduce methane emissions, promote sustainable waste management and improve the health of our soils*

May 11, 2023: The Compost Council of Canada (CCC) has announced the launch of the "Advancing Organics Recycling Throughout Canada" initiative, a program designed to support the adoption of organics recycling programs in Canadian municipalities and the industrial, commercial, and institutional (IC&I) sector. The CCC invites motivated organizations and individuals to access our Council's expertise and availability to learn the how-to's of organics recycling specific to their situation. Additionally, the CCC initiative includes education and awareness about the essential role that soil and compost play in mitigating climate change.

"The reality is that all Canadians still have the opportunity to fight climate change instead of accepting it as a given," said Susan Antler, Executive Director, Compost Council of Canada. "Our soils and compost bins are important allies in this battle. Through organics recycling and the return of organic matter back to our soils, we not only reduce greenhouse gas emissions but also create additional benefits such as improved soil health and biodiversity, increased agricultural productivity, enhanced food security and water quality."

The CCC will be providing resources, training, and technical support to municipalities and IC&I organizations interested in implementing organics recycling programs. The goal is to facilitate widespread adoption of these programs, leading to significant reductions in waste sent to landfills and greenhouse gas emissions. This project was undertaken with the financial support of the Government of Canada through the federal Department of Environment and Climate Change.

"This initiative is a call-to-action for municipalities and the IC&I sector to join us in promoting organics recycling," said Larry Conrad, Chair, National Board of Directors, Compost Council of Canada. "By working together, we can build a sustainable future for Canada and showcase our nation as a leader in environmental stewardship."

The Compost Council of Canada is inviting interested parties to express their interest in participating in the "Advancing Organics Recycling Throughout Canada" initiative. For more information, please contact the Council directly by emailing: [info@compost.org](mailto:info@compost.org).

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#### **About the Compost Council of Canada:**

The Compost Council of Canada is a national non-profit organization dedicated to promoting responsible management and recycling of unavoidable organic residuals. Established in 1991, the CCC has over 30 years of experience and expertise in organics recycling, working with municipalities, the IC&I sector, academic institutions, and community organizations to develop and implement sustainable organics recycling programs across the country.