



## News Release

### SCRD Awards Waste Reduction Initiatives Program Funding



**PHOTO:**

The 2017 SCR D Waste Reduction Initiatives Program (WRIP) funding recipients From left to right: Kara McDougall (SCR D Waste Reduction Coordinator), Sheila Wilson (Roberts Creek Community School), Russ Spencer, Shirley Higginson (North Thormanby Community Association), Maura Laverty (West Howe Sound Community Association), Bryan Cramer (Sunshine Coast Repair Café), Heather Jeal (St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church) and Ted Chisholm (Sechelt Community Schools). Recipients not in photo: Wayne Harjula (Sunshine Coast Repair Café) and Chris Allen (West Sechelt Elementary School).

Sechelt, BC—February 19, 2018—The Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCR D) has awarded a total of \$4998 to six waste reduction projects through the SCR D's Waste Reduction Initiatives Program (WRIP).

The Waste Reduction Initiatives Program (WRIP) was launched in 2015 to provide funding to community groups, non-profit societies, registered charitable organizations and school groups for projects that contribute to waste reduction in the region or that divert materials from the landfill. Each year, \$5000 of funding is available in total to support community waste reduction and diversion programs.

"This program is a great opportunity for local organizations and school groups to develop and implement their own ideas related to waste reduction," says Kara McDougall, SCR D Waste Reduction Coordinator.

From October 11 to November 25, 2017, a total of seven organizations submitted project proposals during the application period. Six organizations received funding:

- North Thormanby Community Association: \$1500 to implement an on-island community composting program.
- Roberts Creek Community School: \$605 to build a composter for the future community garden and to help nearby businesses divert food waste.
- St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church: \$750 for an on-site composting program for the food bank and other church programs.
- Sunshine Coast Repair Café: \$880 to expand monthly repair cafes to Sechelt and Pender Harbour.
- West Sechelt Elementary School: \$773 to launch an on-site school composting program.

- West Howe Sound Community Association - \$530 to expand its mobile community composting program.

The next call for project applications will open in early March 2018. Interested applicants are encouraged to visit the program webpage for details at [www.scrd.ca/wrip](http://www.scrd.ca/wrip)

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