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New Board Includes First Nations Representative

Victoria, BC – The Coast Waste Management Association (CWMA), a membership association serving the solid waste and recycling industry in coastal British Columbia, is pleased to welcome two new Directors elected to serve a two-year term and help guide the association in the coming years. "The board represents the diversity of stakeholders who make up the membership of CWMA," said Harmony Huffman, Chairperson of CWMA. Recent changes to the bylaws facilitated the inclusion of First Nations representation under the Government category. "We are especially excited that Leo Lawson, representing BC First Nations Solid Waste Working Group, is joining the board"

The new CWMA board consists of eight leaders who each serve a two-year term. They represent a diverse group of organizations, including local government, non-profit organizations, stewardship agencies and private industry:

- **Jeff Ainge, (Secretary)** Regional District of Nanaimo
- **Anke Bergner**, Capital Regional District
- **Avery Gottfried, (Vice Chair)** Tetra Tech Canada Inc
- **Peter Grant, (Treasurer)** Salt Spring Island Community Services
- **Harmony Huffman, (Chair)** Cowichan Valley Regional District
- **Mark Kurschner**, Product Care Association
- **Leo Lawson**, BC First Nations - Solid Waste Working Group
- **Brendan McShane**, Recycle BC

"We rely on the wisdom and experience of waste and recycling professionals to ensure we meet our objectives of encouraging and promoting the development of local solutions for the

management of waste”, said CWMA Executive Director Will Burrows. “this board represents the industry well, with professional and dedicated individuals who can expertly guide us to increase awareness and understanding of issues, challenges and opportunities related to waste management”

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About Coast Waste Management Association

Coast Waste Management Association is a membership association serving the solid waste industry in coastal British Columbia.

We are made up of over 160 member organizations, drawing from; Private sector, Local, Regional and First Nations governments, Product stewardship agencies and Non-profit organizations on Vancouver Island, the Gulf Islands, Sunshine Coast and Coastal BC.

CWMA members are involved in such diverse activities as recycling, composting, deconstruction, extended product stewardship, waste disposal, environmental education and consulting, and managing solid waste facilities.

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Back row left to right: Peter Grant, Leo Lawson, Brendan McShane, Harmony Huffman, Avery Gottfried, Jeff Ainge
Front row; Will Burrows (*Missing*); Anke Bergner & Mark Kurschner