# CHBA Zero Waste Survey Results Summary June, 2020

### **Question 1**



Q1 What best describes you:



• Developer

### Question 2

Q2 What is your current method of waste disposal? Tick all that apply.



#### Other:

- We use sub contractors and we also perform waste removal in house.
- We use GFL and also take any recyclable waste to a transfer station
- We steer our waste, gfi deals with general wast, we peel out wood, mail-and deliver it to recycling, and paper cardboard, and beverage containers

### Question 3

Are you aware of how your construction waste is sorted (on and offsite): recyclable vs non-recyclable?

71.43% YES

28.57% NO

### Question 4

How many waste bins does your typical jobsite accommodate?

| #    | #         | %         |
|------|-----------|-----------|
| bins | responses | responses |
| 1    | 8         | 57        |
| 2    | 5         | 36        |
| 3    | 0         | 0         |
| 4    | 0         | 0         |
| 5+   | 1         | 7         |

### **Question 5**

Are you aware of the cost differences in tipping fees at the transfer station: commercial waste (\$140/tonne); mixed waste (\$300/tonne); clean yard and wood waste (\$30/tonne); organics (\$75/tonne).

100% yes

### Question 6:

Q6 How much of your waste (by volume) do you currently recycle?



# Question 7



Q7 Which materials do you routinely recycle? Tick all that apply.

#### Other:

- appliances, windows, doors, cabinets, countertops, plumbing fixtures and light fixtures
- Plastic wrapping

## Question 8

Currently, what are your biggest motivations for recycling?

| Reason  | # responses | % responses |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Cost of dumping recycled materials is cheaper | 3           | 27          |
| Recycling is good for the<br>environment      | 9           | 82          |
| It has been requested by the client           | 1           | 9           |
| It is a requirement (RMOW solid waste bylaw)  | 2           | 18          |

### Question 9

Q9 What is the biggest reason for NOT recycling construction waste?



#### Other:

- what happens with it after
- Don't know anybody who isn't doing something
- all of the above
- Gfl is a terrible partner in the steering of waste, they are not proactive, they are not clear on what they will recycle, and they don't care, also RMOW does not make it advantageous to steer the waste, no incentive and very little understanding on what really fills landfill-they spend way too much time at public events recycling water cups while many builders throw it all out
- Main thing that is not properly recycled is demo of old homes as labour for hand demob is expensive and not offset by tipping cost

### Question 10

Q10 Assuming your typical mix of waste is 50% mixed waste/50% wood waste (by volume), which of the following would assist/encourage you to separate and recycle construction waste more?



### Comment:

RMOW does not have the social collateral to issue fines and impose any tactics without a serious effort of education and participation with building community to see how the site issues effect the mentality of recycle

### Question 11

### Any additional comments?

- I would like to sort all of our waste on site. We generally have limited space on site for multiple bins. We generally have found that the bin fees are very expensive and its cheaper for us to drive our watse to the tipping facility and sort it there. GFL is charging way too much for us to use their services.
- Building costs are already very expensive. To incentivize recycling by way of increased tipping fees for non recycleable waste will add a further burden of cost to the consumer.
- If sub contractors could find a cost effective way of making it easier to recycle without adding additional cost onto the client it would be much easier to convince the client to recycle.
- I think disposal fees are outrages as GFL keeps raising rates as service keeps going downhill and it's a form of extortion which is not surprising being only game in town.