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1. Executive Summary

The Outdoor Power Equipment Institute of Canada (OPEIC) manages an approved extended producer responsibility program (“Program”) for electric outdoor power equipment (EOPE) in British Columbia. The Program operates pursuant to the terms set out in the Outdoor Power Equipment Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Program for Outdoor Power Equipment (“Program Plan”) first approved by the British Columbia Ministry of Environment and Parks (BCMEP) on April 20, 2012. The most recent amendments to the Program Plan received Ministry approval on July 30, 2020. This report covers the period of January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024, in accordance with the Program Plan.

Products within the plan	Electric outdoor power equipment, categorized into four groups: hand-held, walk-behind, free-standing and lawn tractors.
Program Website	www.opeic.ca

Regulations Provision	Topic	Summary
Part 2, section 8 (2)(a)	Public Education Materials and Strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated and maintained easy-to-use website (https://www.opeic.ca/) with an up-to-date collection site locator tool. • Provided additional consumer support through the Recycling Council of BC (RCBC) for the hotline, website, and Recyclepedia services. • Maintained membership with the Stewardship Agencies of BC (SABC) and partnership with the First Nations Recycling Initiative (FNRI). • Promoted OPEIC at Service Provider collection events. • Executed Linear TV campaigns with prime-time placements on Global BC, CBC, CTV, and others. • Ran Google Search ads, ensuring visibility for users searching for relevant recycling information. • Conducted Google Display and Video (YouTube and partners) campaigns, targeting BC residents with interest in EOPE recycling. • Utilized digital audio (Spotify) and social media (Facebook, Instagram, and Reddit) ads to engage diverse audiences. • High-impact sports media placements, including Sportsnet and TSN CTV ads to reach sports fans across BC. • Distributed OPEIC promotional materials upon request.

Regulations Provision	Topic	Summary
Part 2, section 8(2)(b)	Collection System and Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Achieved 65% general awareness (2024). OPEIC products were collected through a network of 239 collection sites contracted by the Service Provider. Consumers could drop off their broken or unwanted EOPE at collection sites at no charge. As of December 31, 2024, 239 contracted collection sites collected both Regular and Bulky products (Program Products), including electric lawn tractors. For Program Products, achieved an accessibility rate, as defined by the SABC Standard, of 98%. 81 collection events were held between January 1 and December 31, 2024. All Program Products¹ were accepted at these events.
Part 2, section 8(2)(e)	Product Environmental Impact Reduction, Reusability and Recyclability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Producers maximized the use of materials that can be recycled and reused. Producers optimized product design to reduce the materials used, reducing product weight, material content, and product volume. Supply chain initiatives included the use of returnable-reusable packaging for components from suppliers. Producers seek to reduce water consumption through improved processes. Initiatives include the treatment and reuse of process waste to reduce overall needs. There is an established market for the resale and reuse of EOPE.
Part 2, section 8(2)(d)	Pollution Prevention Hierarchy and Product / Component Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EOPE was collected in the same containers as the Service Provider's products and fixtures for the BC Lights recycling program. Combined products were sent to four consolidation points across the province and then onwards to three recyclers. All three recyclers and processors are certified under the R2 certification program. Metals and plastics are the primary commodities recovered from EOPE. The Program accepted all batteries recycled with Program Products. Processors removed batteries from Program Products and sent them to an RQO-approved battery recycler.
Part 2, section 8(2)(e)	Product Sold and Collected	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Program participants reported 258,156 units of EOPE sold between December 1, 2023, and November 30, 2024.

¹ Program Products are obligated products set out in section 4 of the Program Plan. A list of all Program Products can be found on [Recycle electric outdoor power equipment in BC | OPEIC](#)

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	and Recovery Rate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An estimated 240 tonnes and 49,455 units of Program Products was collected between January 1 and December 31, 2024. • SABC members (including OPEIC) participated in five waste composition audits in BC (See Section 7).
Part 2, section 8(2)(f)	Summary of Revenues and Expenditures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Program management costs are funded by environmental handling (EHF) applied to the sales of EOPE in or into BC. • See Appendix D for the independent financial audit for the financial reporting year.

2. Program Outline

EOPE is included in Article 2(1) of Schedule 3 of the Regulation (“Electronic and Electrical Product Category”) and includes items such as electric snow blowers, electric lawnmowers, and other electric gardening equipment. The Program categorizes designated products into four groups of EOPE for the purpose of applying environmental handling fees: hand-held, walk-behind, free-standing, and lawn tractors.

OPEIC is a Canadian non-profit organization federally-incorporated under Part 2 of the *Canada Not-for-Profit Corporations Act*, formed as the legal entity to govern the Program. As of December 2024, the Program had 44 participants representing the majority of the EOPE market in British Columbia. Participants included manufacturers, distributors, and dealers. Product Care Association of Canada (“Product Care”) continued to be engaged as Program Manager by OPEIC in 2024.

In October of 2024, OPEIC’s contracted service provider Canadian Electrical Stewardship Association (CESA) amalgamated with Electronics Recycling Association Canada (EPRA). EPRA (“the Service Provider”) is now contracted by OPEIC to utilize its network of collection sites. Operational changes took effect on January 1, 2025.

These collection sites provide convenient drop-off locations throughout the province, including retailers, local government sites, private recycling sites, and recycling depots. Consumers can drop off their EOPE at any of the Service Provider’s collection sites without charge. Details regarding the collection network can be found in Section 4 Collection System and Facilities of this report.

OPEIC’s website (www.opec.ca) offers an up-to-date collection site locator providing listings of the current collection sites. The website also outlines OPEIC’s policies for participants and program information for consumers.

3. Public Education Materials and Strategies

The Program pursued an ongoing engagement strategy with consumers, collection sites, municipalities, and retailers in 2024. The following is a summary of the public education and promotion strategies executed during the reporting year.

3.1 Website

OPEIC's dedicated Program website includes the following content:

- Collection site locator (a map displaying locations of all OPEIC collection sites - See [Appendix A](#)).
- Hours of operations and addresses for all collection sites.
- Details of products accepted and not accepted by the Program, including product pictures for reference.
- Other program information (e.g., environmental handling fees, program news, program history, etc.)
- Contact information, including email address (info@opeic.ca) and a toll-free consumer inquiry phone number (1-877-592-2972 ext. 424).
- A list of frequently asked questions to address stakeholder inquiries.

In 2024, OPEIC.ca recorded **98,736 sessions** from **81,311 users**, reflecting an **18% increase** from the previous year.

3.2 Partnerships

OPEIC continued to contract with the Recycling Council of BC ("RCBC") to provide consumer support through RCBC's phone hotline (604-RECYCLE) and the free Recyclepedia smartphone app. RCBC is a trusted public information resource that consumers use to learn about the recycling options available in their communities. In 2024, RCBC and OPEIC collectively answered 2,165 phone and email inquiries related to the OPEIC Program.

OPEIC also continued its participation in the Stewardship Association of British Columbia ("SABC"), a consortium of EPR programs in the province connected by a mandate to simplify recycling for the public. BCRecycles.ca - SABC's consumer-oriented website - is a one-stop-shop resource for detailed information on materials that can be recycled in British Columbia. BCRecycles.ca includes a comprehensive recycling locator tool, a downloadable recycling handbook, and contact information for the OPEIC Program.

3.3 Events

Throughout 2024, OPEIC contracted with its Service Provider to bolster accessibility beyond their permanent collection network. Overall, OPEIC participated in 81 collection events, across 24 regional districts. Some of these events were coordinated by our prior service provider's year-round ambassador program team who organized collaborations with community

partners, many of which had been established in previous years and continued to be strengthened

3.4 Advertising Strategy

In 2024, OPEIC's marketing strategy prioritized awareness building while also driving consideration among BC residents. With this focus, we leveraged a diverse mix of digital and traditional media channels.

Google Ads: Search, Display & Video

Google Ads played a key role in capturing intent-based audiences. *Search ads* ensured visibility when users actively looked for recycling information, while *Display and Video ads* extended reach, reinforcing messaging across the Google Display Network and YouTube.

Social Media Ads: Meta & Reddit

OPEIC utilized Facebook, Instagram, and Reddit to engage diverse audiences and drive awareness. Meta ads leveraged a mix of feed, story, and reel placements, using engaging visuals and video to reach key demographics and encourage action. Reddit campaigns targeted environmentally conscious communities and DIY enthusiasts, placing ads in relevant subreddits to spark discussion and increase awareness of OPEIC's recycling program.

Streaming Radio: Spotify Ads

Audio and display ads on Spotify allowed OPEIC to reach users during their daily routines, ensuring high recall. Geo-targeted placements in BC reinforced messaging among key audience segments.

Streaming TV: Sportsnet+

OPEIC leveraged Sportsnet's premium platforms to maximize awareness among engaged sports fans. Streaming video ads on Sportsnet+ provided high visibility through non-skippable placements, ensuring strong brand recall. Bonus display ads offered value-added reach, reinforcing messaging across sports content. Additionally, homepage takeovers during the NHL playoffs delivered high-impact full-page placements, driving significant awareness at peak engagement moments.

Connected TV: TSN & Crave

OPEIC leveraged TSN and Crave's premium digital and CTV platforms to maximize reach and engagement. CTV ads on both networks targeted audiences watching sports and entertainment content, ensuring strong brand recall and message retention. A new initiative for 2024, TSN's Pause Ads provided a non-intrusive, high-impact format, appearing when users paused content, increasing visibility without disrupting the viewing experience. Additionally, bonus display ads on TSN reinforced key messaging, further amplifying campaign reach across premium sports content.

Linear TV: Global BC, CBC, and CTV

OPEIC leveraged prime-time:15-second spots on Global BC, CBC, and CTV, ensuring strong visibility among BC residents. News programming was prioritized, as it aligns with high engagement and message retention. Additionally, a 30-second spot aired in the spring and fall across 19 U.S. specialty networks, geo-targeted to BC.

3.5 Campaign Performance

The 2024 campaign delivered strong results, generating **33M impressions, 1.3M video views, and 89K clicks**, reinforcing OPEIC's awareness and consideration objectives across BC.

3.6 Marketing Materials

OPEIC promotional materials, such as rack cards, were distributed to Program stakeholders on request. All stakeholders were able to re-order promotional materials free of charge by emailing or phoning OPEIC. Digital files of Program rack cards and FAQ sheets were also made available online to download free of charge.

3.7 Consumer Awareness

In 2024, a consumer awareness survey was conducted to assess public knowledge of electric outdoor power equipment (EOPE) recycling. The survey aimed to measure awareness among EOPE users, with a target of 70%, doubling the previous 35% goal.

The survey was conducted online by an independent research agency on behalf of the Stewardship Agency of British Columbia (SABC) from August 26 to September 3, 2024. It followed the methodology used in previous studies (2013, 2016, 2018, 2020, 2022), including a split-sampling approach to improve data quality. Each sample was weighted according to Census Canada figures to ensure accurate representation of the general population. The sample sizes and associated margins of error (if these were random samples) were as follows:

- Groups 1 and 2: Approximately 600 respondents each, with a margin of error of $\pm 4.0\%$, 19 times out of 20.
- Group 3: Approximately 1,000 respondents, with a margin of error of $\pm 3.1\%$, 19 times out of 20.

Survey results indicated that 65% of British Columbians were aware that EOPE can be recycled. However, due to an insufficient sample size of EOPE users, awareness of consumers of EOPE could not be directly measured.

While a specific awareness figure for EOPE users is unavailable, an 18% increase in website traffic suggests growing consumer engagement. This rise indicates that more individuals are finding value in our advertisements and clicking on them to learn about the program, confirming that we are increasing reach within the right audience. Additionally, Google

Analytics shows that nearly 100% of website visits were from new users, demonstrating that our outreach efforts are effectively expanding the program's awareness year over year.

4. Collection System and Facilities

OPEIC contracts with the Service Provider to collect EOPE through the Service Provider's network of collection sites. The Service Provider's collection network provides year-round recycling options for consumers seeking to return their broken or unwanted EOPE at no charge. It has been developed in collaboration with existing collection networks, and other EPR programs wherever feasible to enhance program performance and to develop easy-to-access collection sites. It operates in collaboration with third-party business owners who operate independent collection sites, as well as municipalities and retail stores. The collection system is further supported by the use of one-day collection events and direct pick-up from large-volume generators.

The Service Provider does not directly own or manage any collection sites, but contracts with organizations that can provide collection services. Collection sites include any location that accepts "Program Products"² including, but not limited to, private drop-off centers, local government sites, service organizations, and return-to-retail. Regardless of the type of collection site, there is no charge to the consumer to drop off Program Products.

Program Products have historically been categorized into two major groups for the purposes of collections: "Regular" and "Bulky." "Regular" products include products such as chain saws, brush cutters, garden shears, tillers, ice drills and are designed to be carried by the equipment operator either on their back or in their hands and might have accessory wheels. "Bulky" products include ride-on electric lawn tractors.

All Program Products, except for electric lawn tractors, were collected in the same collection container. Electric lawn tractors were collected separately on pallets.

In 2024, our contracted service provider combined the regular and bulky collection streams, with all sites accepting both types of products. As of December 31, 2024, 239³ collection sites accepted regular and bulky products (Program Products). The Program's website provides a depot finder tool where consumers can find the nearest collection site that accepts Program Products.

Of the 239 contracted collection sites, 223 were advertised. Advertised collection sites accept public drop-off of regular and bulky products and are listed on the OPEIC depot locator. Unadvertised sites, which include large-volume generators that may operate in the commercial or institutional (ICI) sector, municipal facilities, and landfills, do not allow public drop-off and

² Program Products are defined in section 4 of the OPEIC Extended Producer Responsibility Program Plan to include electric outdoor power equipment that are battery-powered or electric powered. See the Program Plan or www.opeic.ca for a full list of accepted products.

³ In 2024, 15 sites closed. 13 of these sites were bulky-only sites that did not transition to accepting regular products during the integration of the regular and bulky streams. No gaps were created, in accordance with SABC standards, as a result of these closures. These areas were serviced either by nearby communities or through collection events.

may have limited collection space available. The Service Provider offers direct pick-up of designated OPEIC products as a part of the unadvertised service. Table 1 lists the number of collection sites by regional district.

Table 1: Number of Collection sites by Regional District

Regional District	Regular & Bulky (including Electric Lawn Tractors)
Alberni Clayoquot	3
Bulkley Nechako	10
Capital Regional District	20
Cariboo	3
Central Coast	2
Central Kootenay	3
Central Okanagan	7
Columbia Shuswap	9
Comox Valley	7
Cowichan Valley	8
East Kootenay	5
Fraser Fort George	5
Fraser Valley	11
Kitimat Stikine	7
Kootenay Boundary	2
Metro Vancouver	70
Mt. Waddington	5
Nanaimo Regional District	4
North Coast	5
North Okanagan	5
Northern Rockies	1
Okanagan Similkameen	8
Peace River	5
qathet	2
Squamish Lillooet	6
Strathcona	5
Sunshine Coast	3
Thompson Nicola	18
Totals	239

See Appendix C for a detailed list of all of the collection sites in the Service Provider’s collection network as of December 31, 2024.

4.1 Accessibility

The OPEIC Program provides British Columbians with reasonable access to recycling services for EOPE. The Program Plan sets out the following commitments with regard to accessibility:

- Maintain a minimum 99.5% accessibility rate for Regular products in accordance with the SABC Accessibility Standard.
- Maintain a minimum of 81 collection sites that accept Bulky products.
- For both Regular and Bulky products, provide service to gap⁴ areas that do not have a permanent collection site in a timely manner and a manner appropriate to the context determined by OPEIC. Specifically, OPEIC will commit to holding a minimum of one advertised collection event a year in gap areas for each of Regular and Bulky products, as applicable.⁵
- Report annually on government requests for access to collection services for Bulky products and continue to work with regional districts to address any gaps identified with regard to consumer access to bulky product collections. Advertise these options in affected communities using appropriate channels, as requested.

The Program measures consumer access to permanent collection sites in accordance with the accessibility standard established by the SABC. SABC defines reasonable access as a 30-minute drive or less to a collection site in urban areas with a population of 4,000 or more and a 45-minute drive or less in rural areas with a population of 4,000 or more. The accessibility standard is viewed as the minimum standard, and the Program works to exceed this standard.

Accessibility levels were calculated in 2022 by an independent third party using Geographic Information System (GIS) analysis. The 2022 analysis utilized population data, provincial road networks and dissemination block files obtained from the 2021 Census of Population by Statistic Canada. Several changes occurred within the data set between the last accessibility analysis in 2019 because of the revised census⁶. Changes included an overall growth of BC's population, changes in individual communities populations, modification to BC's Road networks and an increase in the number of census dissemination blocks, all of which impacted the latest accessibility analysis.

The accessibility study conducted in 2022 found that the percentage of British Columbians in communities with populations greater than 4,000 that had access to a permanent collection site within the required driving time was 98%. The previous accessibility conducted in 2019 calculated an accessibility rate of 99.5%. As there was a net increase in contracted collection sites between the 2019 and 2022 accessibility studies, it is likely that the drop-in accessibility rates can, in part, be attributed to the aforementioned changes in the dataset leading to new "gap areas".

⁴ A population center that meets the SABC Accessibility Standard and does not have a permanent collection site for Program Products is considered a "gap area".

⁵ Per Ministry of Environment & Climate Change Strategy, Approval letter to OPEIC Extended Producer Responsibility Program Plan (July 30, 2020).

⁶ The previous accessibility study was conducted in 2019 and used the 2016 Statistics Canada Census Data and road networks.

In 2024, four collection sites were added to the collection network, whilst fifteen⁷ sites closed. All sites that closed were in areas serviced by other collection sites or collection events.

The program will review the accessibility study, the 2021 Statistics Canada Census Data and road networks and other relevant data and endeavor to return the program to an accessibility rate of 99.5% as soon as is practically possible. To address any gap areas, the Program constantly strives to partner and collaborate with existing collection networks where possible and seeks new opportunities to expand accessibility with willing partners. In communities where a permanent collection facility may not exist, the Program will continue to ensure access to recycling services is augmented through one-day collection events.

In 2024, there were two areas that required access to collection services per the SABC accessibility standard that did not have a permanent collection site. Service to these areas was provided through four collection events. See [Appendix C](#) for a list of collection sites that opened and closed in 2024.

OPEIC is required to report annually on government request for bulky access. OPEIC received no requests from local governments in 2024 for the collection of Bulky products. As mentioned above, both the regular and bulky stream combined in 2024, with all collection sites accepting both Program Products.

4.2 Collection Events

The collection system is further supported by the use of one-day collection events. From January 1 to December 31, 2024, 81 collection events were held.

The Program continues to collaborate with the First Nations Recycling Initiative (FNRI) to address service levels in First Nations communities and continues to offer direct pick-up services from large volume generators across the province. OPEIC is an annual supporter of FNRI, which seeks to bridge recycling accessibility gaps for First Nation communities throughout British Columbia and is supported by a team of nine stewardship organizations. Through a combination of in-person collection events and sponsorship of FNRI, OPEIC offered collection opportunities to 30 indigenous communities, at 30 events. These initiatives reached underserved and remote communities such as Heiltsuk First Nation (Central Coast), Ahousaht First Nation (Western Vancouver Island), and the Malahat First Nation (Cowichan Valley). Table 2 lists the number of collection events by regional district.

⁷ Of the 15 sites that closed, 13 were bulky-only sites that did not transition to accepting regular products during the integration of the regular and bulky streams. No gaps were created, in accordance with SABC standards, as a result of these closures. These areas were serviced either by nearby communities or through collection events.

Table 2: Collection events held by Regional District

Regional District	# of Collection Events
Alberni-Clayoquot	1
Bulkley-Nechako	2
Capital Regional	3
Cariboo	4
Central Coast	3
Central Kootenay	7
Central Okanagan	1
Cowichan Valley	1
East Kootenay	2
Fraser Fort George	4
Fraser Valley	5
Kitimat Stikine	3
Kootenay Boundary	2
Metro Vancouver	16
Mount Waddington	1
North Coast	8
North Okanagan	1
Okanagan-Similkameen	1
Peace River	4
Qathet/Powell River	1
Squamish Lillooet	4
Stikine Region	3
Strathcona	2
Thompson Nicola	2
Total	81

Product volumes collected at collection events are included in the overall collection tonnages reported in section [7.2 \(Product Sold and Collected\)](#)

5. Product Environmental Impact Reduction, Reusability and Recyclability

Manufacturers continue to produce products that focus on sustainable environmental impacts while keeping end-of-life processing in mind for recycling or reusability. As the foundation of communities, manufacturers continue to make substantial investments over time to minimize their environmental footprint by increasing energy efficiency, saving, and recycling water, improving product life-cycle assessments and implementing initiatives to reduce pollution and waste. It is noted that the Canadian government held consultations in the fall of 2022 on plastics policies that could require labelling of all plastics sold in the country. The federal government also intends to create a 'plastics registry' that would track plastics content in all consumer products. However, it must be noted that the mandatory registry would conflict with the principles of extended producer responsibility - where producers are responsible for their own entire products, which are returned as a whole for processing.

The Canadian Federal Plastics Registry was established April 20, 2024, to monitor and track plastics from production through end-of-life in Canada. The Registry and electronic notification program will be administered by the Plastics Regulatory Affairs Division within Environment and Climate Change Canada and is intended to support the Canada-wide Strategy on Zero Plastic Waste and Action Plan. Information for resins and plastic products collected under the notice is publicly available. The notice requires Canadian manufacturers, importers, and producers of plastic resins; producers of plastic products; certain waste generators; and service providers who manage plastics or plastic products, to report each year the quantity and type of plastic they place on the Canadian market beginning September 29, 2025.

Companies who export plastic resins and plastic products to Canada do not have an obligation to report under this notice, but they do have an obligation to support the entities that import their products in meeting their reporting obligations. However, producers that (1) place less than 1,000 kg of plastic products or packaging per year on the market; (2) generate less and 1,000 kg of packaging and plastic product waste per year; or (3) manage less than 1,000 kg of plastic products listed in Schedule 1, Parts 3 or 4; are exempt from reporting under this notice.

5.1 Product Design

Product design influences the durability and reliability of products, which has a direct impact on the life of a product and end-of-life management options. Producers optimize product design to reduce the materials used, and the sustainability of products. Specifically, producers conduct analyses on the use of plastics and other materials in the design and manufacture of EOPE; maximizing the use of materials that can be recycled and reused. Producers also work to reduce the environmental impact associated with product packaging waste. For instance, producers are reducing the quantities of PVC used in packaging by substituting alternative

recyclable solutions, such as cardboard. Trends also include the reduction in packaging weight and volume, more efficient use of packaging materials, the use of recycled content and recyclable materials.

Some manufacturers are setting ambitious goals to make their products more sustainable throughout their entire life cycle—from creation to disposal or reuse, with targets such as using a certain percentage of sustainable materials at the start of a product's life, achieving high recyclability at the end, and increasing their remanufacturing revenue.

5.2 Manufacturing Processes

Some producers have set targets and are actively working to decrease their operational emissions, aligning with scientific guidelines, including commitments to cut carbon emissions by 2030. Additionally, they are focusing on reducing air emissions, enhancing energy efficiency, conserving and recycling water, minimizing waste, and delivering safe products and solutions to inspire similar actions across the economy. These include the collection, recycling, and reuse of remnant ferrous and non-ferrous metals that result from the manufacture of components. Other waste materials, including plastic, corrugated and paper materials, can be recovered and recycled during the manufacturing process for productive uses.

The use of recycled plastics in the manufacturing of EOPE is limited because of standards on specific material and performance characteristics required of these products, such as flame retardants, impact resistance, electrical conductivity, or extreme temperature capabilities. In these instances, a specially formulated plastic resin is essential to the product's performance. In Canada and the US, EOPE products are tested and certified to safety standards, such as, Canadian Standards Association (CSA), International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC), and other national standard development organizations, such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL). As part of these certification processes, follow-up on-site visits are conducted that include verification of the actual virgin resin against the original certification. The use of recycled plastics in these instances is not possible because of the variability in its composition and properties. Supply chain initiatives include the use of returnable/reusable packaging for components from suppliers. Suppliers are encouraged to locate support operations in close proximity to manufacturing operations, thereby reducing transportation-related energy use in the delivery of components. Producers seek to reduce water consumption in water-dependent manufacturing processes through improved process efficiencies. Initiatives include the treatment and reuse of process water to reduce total needs.

Some Producers are generating energy on-site to power their operations, using methods such as wind turbines, geothermal heating, and groundwater systems.

5.3 Reuse and Repair

The reuse market for EOPE is very well developed. Valuable EOPE products that are not at the end of their functional life are not expected to be dropped off at collection sites or collection

events because they have residual value. The market facilitates the repair and reuse of EOPE products through a variety of channels, including re-selling websites (e.g., Craigslist and garage sales), charitable organizations (e.g., Salvation Army or local product dealerships) and trade-ins on new product purchases. The Program recognizes that there is a robust and effective reuse system already in place outside the parameters of the Program and hence will focus on the collection and recycling of end-of-life EOPE.

Some Producers provide reconditioned electric outdoor power equipment for sale, as well as offering repair parts and services via a user-friendly website directly accessible to consumers.

5.4 Consumer Behaviour

Producers have observed a growing consumer preference for battery-powered and electric outdoor power equipment over other power sources. This shift could be driven by an increase in environmental awareness. In response to this trend, some participants are continuing to expand their electric product offerings, even into Construction and Forestry divisions.

5.5 Recycle/Recovery

The OPEIC Program strives to ensure that all materials collected are managed using the highest option on the pollution prevention hierarchy as set out under subsections 5(3) (d-g) of the Regulation, where economically feasible and viable. Through the partnership with the Service Provider, the material is sent to processors who are contracted with the Service Provider directly.

6. Pollution Prevention Hierarchy and Product/Component Management

OPEIC strives to manage collected materials in accordance with the pollution prevention hierarchy set out under Section 8(2)(d) of the Recycling Regulation. These end-of-life products are shipped to processors that break them down into component parts to be recycled and/or recovered.

In 2024, all Program Products, collected through the Service Provider's collection network, were processed by the Service Provider's contracted processors. In 2024, the Service Provider contracted with three processors to process collected materials. All three processors are certified under the R2 certification program. Under this certification, they are required to conform to the Recycler Qualification Office (RQO) Electronic Recycling Standard (ERS), the industry standard for like-products (e.g., electrical, electronics and battery-operated.) The ERS defines the minimum requirements for handling end-of-life electronics and contains mandatory environmental, occupational health and safety, and material handling requirements. The downstream material flows are audited annually by the RQO, an independent third-party auditor, and are based on information from the RQO-approved materials and processor documents.

6.1 Bulky Product Management

In 2024, all Bulky (i.e. electric lawn tractors) and Regular products were collected in the same stream. As part of the Ministry's Approval Letter (July 30, 2020), OPEIC is required to utilize collection sites, and services that ensure batteries in Bulky products are properly managed and handled in accordance with all applicable legal requirements by July 1, 2021. OPEIC has reported out on this in previous annual reports, but since both streams are now combined and lawn tractors are no longer managed independently, separate reporting on this is no longer necessary.

6.2 Battery Management

As noted, the Program accepts all batteries recycled with Program Products. In accordance with the requirements set out in the ERS, the Service Provider's primary processors remove batteries from Program Products and send them to an approved downstream processor where base materials are extracted and commodified.

Table 3 below provides a description of the downstream process for each commodity type, accounting for all Program Products in 2024. Materials are reported by commodity only and not by product type or component. Due to the complexity of the disassembly process, it is difficult for commodities to be completely segregated for measurement purposes.

Table 3: Downstream Processes by Material Commodity in 2024

Material Commodity	Reuse	Recycle	Recovery	Landfill	Downstream Process⁸
Ferrous Steel		X			Production, Processing, Non-processing
Plastics		X			Processing
Aluminum		X			Production, Processing, Non-processing
Wire and Cables and String Lights		X			Refining, Non-Processing
Copper		X			Processing, Refining
Glass		X			Production, Processing, Non-Processing
Circuit Boards		X			Refining
Refuse⁹				X	Other Final disposition
Rechargeable Batteries		X			Processing, and Non - Processing
Paper Based Materials		X			Processing

⁸ Downstream Processes are based on the descriptions provided by the Recycler Qualification Office (RQO) and EPSC Electronic Recycling Standard verified Processors detailing the end disposition of product managed.

⁹ According to one of the processors reports, a small portion of glass is included in the Refuse category and not specifically weighed.

7. Products Sold and Collected and Recovery Rate

7.1 Product Reported Sold

OPEIC participants reported 258,156 units of EOPE were sold in BC during the fiscal reporting year from December 1, 2023, to November 30, 2024.¹⁰ (See Table 4 for a breakdown of units sold by product category.)

Table 4: Total Units of Electric Outdoor Power Equipment Sold in BC in the 2024 Fiscal Reporting Year

EOPE Category	Total Units Sold
Handheld EOPE	174,714
Walk-behind EOPE	44,547
Free-Standing EOPE	38,456
Lawn Tractors	439
Total	258,156

Given the nature of our products as durable goods with long life spans and seasonality usage, calculating a recovery rate is not feasible. Recovery rate is not an appropriate metric for products with long lifespans because the amount sold into the market in a year is not directly related to the amount collected in the same year. OPEIC’s 2020 Program Plan was approved based on reporting on a suite of measures as outlined below.

7.2 Product Collected

OPEIC’s Program Plan sets out the following reporting commitments:

- The estimated weight of Regular Products collected.
- The estimated weight of Regular products collected by regional district;
- The estimated weight of Regular products collected per capita by regional district;
- Number of units of bulky items collected; and
- The estimated total units collected.

However, with the improvements in how the program collects and manages Bulky products, it is now possible to estimate the total weight of all Program Product collected. Consequently,

¹⁰ In 2017, OPEIC changed its accounting policy for the recognition of revenue from Environmental Handling Fees (EHFs). In previous periods, OPEIC had recognized revenues from EHFs in the period that the related program materials were sold by the member. As of 2017, OPEIC decided to recognize revenue from EHFs at the end of the month following the reporting period that the program materials were sold by the member. Management believes that the new policy is preferable because it better reflects the requirements of OPEIC’s membership agreements, which defines the members’ obligations under the various programs. Accordingly, in order to align non-financial reporting of units sold with OPEIC’s financial revenues, the units sold reported for 2024 reflect units sold between December 2023 and November 2024.

the Program is enhancing the reporting commitments set out in the Program Plan by reporting the following for 2024:

- The estimated weight of Program Products collected
- The estimated weight of Program Products collected by regional district;
- The estimated weight of Program Products collected per capita by regional district; and
- The estimated total units collected.

In 2024, OPEIC continued to partner with Product Care Association's Light Fixtures Program and our contracted Service Provider, by co-mingling residential Light Fixtures and Small Appliances in the Service Provider's collection bags at contracted collected sites. These are examples of how stewardship programs working together to create efficiencies at the collection site level, reduce consumer confusion, and provide "one-stop shops" for residents.

To estimate OPEIC's net collection tonnage of Program Products collected in 2024, the Service Provider's processors submitted monthly sampling reports of collection material processed, indicating the portion of materials that were EOPE versus the proportion of Small Appliances and Residential Light Fixtures. The program also records the total weight of collection material collected through bill of ladings (BoL's). The proportion of material that was found to be EOPE by weight in the sampling report was applied to the total weight of the collection tonnage reported from BoL's during each month.

To estimate the total number of units of EOPE collected, the Service Provider's processor conducted a piece count sampling (on an annual average of 10%) of the collection containers received at the processing facility each month. This sampling process will entail identifying and documenting the quantity and weight of products contained within each collection container. The processors submit monthly sampling reports of the collection material processed, indicating the number of units of EOPE that were found in the sample each month. It would be cost-prohibitive for the processor, collection site or Service Provider to count and categorize every unit of material received across the collection network. To estimate the total number of units of EOPE collected in 2024, the number of units found in each sample was extrapolated using the proportion of bags sampled with respect to the total number of bags received per month by each processor. This 10% sampling rate proves to be adequate as it allows extrapolation to consistently represent the volume of EOPE being collected.

The processors of electronic waste, like other waste processors use weight in Kgs and tonnes in their everyday business, rather than unit piece count. Counting and categorizing every unit collected would be very disruptive to their business practices and extremely cost-inefficient. As the total number of units collected by the program during 2024 is unknown and the estimated total number of units of EOPE collected is based only on the sampling data available,

the estimated units of EOPE collected during 2024 is subject to a significant degree of uncertainty. Comparatively, the estimated weight of EOPE collected during 2024 is determined using the verified total weight of co-mingled program materials collected during 2024 and the proportion of total weight determined to be EOPE during the sampling process, and while the weight collected as reported is an estimate, it is subject to a lower degree of uncertainty.

In the 2020 Program Plan, OPEIC committed to set appropriate metrics and collection targets for regular and bulky products after the third full reporting year, however, the program has found since then that defining appropriate metrics or even targets for electric outdoor power equipment, or any other consumer products, is presented by challenges and would not consistently provide a full comprehensive representation of program performance for EOPE, considering factors such as the lifespan of EOPE, seasonal weather patterns, market influences on sales, and the ability to repair, reuse, and resell equipment. Exploration of such metrics will continue to be evaluated and consequently provided when such metric becomes available.

An estimated 240 tonnes and 49,455 units of EOPE were collected in 2024, based on reports from the Service Provider's contracted consolidation facilities. See [Appendix B](#) for a breakdown of the estimated weight of Program Products collected by regional district and per capita by regional district in 2024.

As of 2024, the contracted service provider discontinued the use of self-reported, unit-based tracking forms for electric lawn tractors. These bulky forms, previously submitted by collection sites, have been removed from the tracking process due to their inherent limitations and the uncertainty associated with unverified data. Moving forward, electric lawn tractor collections will no longer be tracked through these forms, instead, information will be obtained directly from the processors.

7.3 Scrap Metal Sampling

In the program plan, the program commits to conducting sampling at scrap metal facilities to determine the amount of EOPE managed by the private scrap metal recycling industry in BC. With the transition to collecting all Regular and Bulky program products through a single stream within the Service Provider's network, and the data on weights and units this provides, there is no longer a need to conduct sampling studies with the private scrap metal recycling industry. Therefore, the Program did not undertake scrap metal sampling in 2024.

7.4 Waste Composition Audits

Every year, waste composition audits are conducted by select local and regional governments with the participation of SABC members, including OPEIC. The purpose of the audits is to identify whether Program Products are entering landfills. In its program plan, OPEIC commits to participate in all waste composition studies undertaken by SABC and report on the number of audits conducted, their location, the kilograms of Program Product identified per audit per capita, as well as the total weight of all batteries under 5kg found in each audit. In 2024, SABC

members participated in waste audit studies in the following jurisdictions: Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD), District of Squamish (DoS), Squamish-Lillooet Regional District (SLRD), City of Surrey (CoS), and Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD). The findings of the audit are detailed in Table 5.

Table 5: Waste Composition Audit Findings

Regional District	Program Product Identified Per Capita (Kg)	Per Capita Disposal (kg/year/capita)
CVRD	0.1	0.3
DoS	0	0.2
SLRD	0	0.1
CoS	0	0.17% ¹¹
TNRD	NA ¹²	0.16% ¹³

¹¹ Per capita disposal (kg/year/capita) for batteries was not available for the CoS and TNRD waste audits. Weighted average composition is presented for these waste audits instead.

¹² An accurate estimate of the tonnage of waste produced in the TNRD audit was not available at the time. As a result, the per capita disposal rate has not been presented.

¹³ See footnote 13

8. Summary of Revenues and Expenditures

A summary of Program revenues and expenditures is provided in OPEIC’s audited financial statements found in [Appendix D](#).

The Program is funded through environmental handling fees (EHFs), which are remitted to OPEIC by Program participants based on unit sales of new EOPE in or into British Columbia. EHF rates are set by OPEIC in consultation with the industry and retailers. In some cases, retailers recover the EHFs from the consumer as a separate fee. Program revenues are applied to the management cost of the Program, including education, outreach, and administration. Table 6 provides the EHFs applied to sales in 2024.

Table 6: OPEIC Environmental Handling Fees (EHFs)

Product Category	2024 EHFs Per Unit
Handheld EOPE	\$2.00
Walk-behind EOPE	\$8.00
Free-standing EOPE	\$4.50
Lawn Tractors	\$16.00

9. Plan Performance

OPEIC assesses the performance of the Program with both qualitative and quantitative measures in response to the performance targets and commitments outlined in the approved Program Plan. Table 7 summarizes the Program’s performance against its targets and commitments as set out in the Program Plan.

Table 7: Program Commitment and Targets

Program Area	Target/Commitment	2024 Performance	Strategies for Improvement
Consumer Awareness	Percent of residential consumers of EOPE that are aware that EOPE can be recycled. Target of 35% in 2022 and 70% in 2024.	65% ¹⁴ (2024).	In 2025, we will aim to allocate additional budget to digital channels focused on optimizing conversion ¹⁵ , with the goal of increasing awareness, consideration, and reach—including remote communities.
	Residential consumer awareness survey - conducted every two (2) years from 2020.	A survey was conducted in 2024. Next survey is scheduled for 2026.	
	Report annually on the number of program website visits.	98,736 sessions from 81,311 unique visitors	
	Report annually on the number of RCBC Recyclepedia website visits and hotline calls.	2,165 phone, email, and smartphone app inquiries.	
Collection Sites	Report annually by collection site type (Regular and/or Bulky Products), and provide a list of sites with	Total number of sites -239 (includes regular and bulky as both streams combined).	

¹⁴ The survey sample size was insufficient to report *consumer awareness*; therefore, *general awareness* is reported. We can assume higher awareness levels among EOPE users due to targeted interest-based campaigns.

¹⁵ A conversion is when someone takes a desired action—in our case clicking on "find a location" after viewing what products are accepted.

Program Area	Target/Commitment	2024 Performance	Strategies for Improvement
	locations and identify changes from the previous year.	See Appendix C for a list of all sites with locations and network changes.	
	Report annually the number of contracted regular and bulky collection sites by regional district.	See Table 1.	
	Report annually the number of collection events by regional district.	See Table 2.	
Collections	Estimated weight of Regular and Bulky products collected.	240 tonnes.	
	Estimated weight of Regular and Bulky products collected by regional district.	See Appendix B.	
	Estimated weight of Regular and Bulky products collected per capita by regional district.	See Appendix B.	
	Estimated total units of Program Product collected	49,455.	
	Number of electric lawn tractors collected	0 ¹⁶ .	This separate reporting is no longer required following the combination of both the Regular and Bulky streams.

¹⁶ With the removal of bulky item forms from collection sites through our Service Provider, the return of lawn tractors is now being tracked directly by the processors. In 2024, zero lawn tractors were reported as returned. This may accurately reflect actual return rates, which can be attributed to several factors, including the longer lifespan and higher value of lawn tractors, lower sales volumes compared to higher volume products such as trimmers.

Program Area	Target/Commitment	2024 Performance	Strategies for Improvement
Waste Composition Audits	Participation in all waste composition studies committed to by SABC.	OPEIC participated SABC waste composition studies. See 7.4 Waste Composition Audits .	
	Number and location of waste audits conducted – Report Annually.	Five waste composition audits took place in the following jurisdictions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cowichan Valley Regional District • District of Squamish • Squamish-Lillooet Regional District • City of Surrey and • Thompson-Nicola Regional District. 	
	Kilograms per capita of Program Product identified during waste audits – Report Annually.	See Table 6.	
	Total weight of batteries found per waste audit conducted.	See Table 6.	
Accessibility	Maintain an accessibility rate of 99.5% for Regular Products.	98% (2022 study) Participated in three collection events in Creston, and 1	As per our approved Program Plan, the program will strive to achieve a 99.5% accessibility rate by

Program Area	Target/Commitment	2024 Performance	Strategies for Improvement
		<p>event in Sooke, both “gap” areas, to provide service to those communities.</p> <p>See Section 4.</p>	<p>enhancing the collection network, engaging in collection events, and facilitating direct pick-up opportunities.</p>
	<p>Maintain the number of bulky collection sites as of December 31, 2019 (81).</p>	<p>As of December 31, 2024, the Service Provider had 239 collection sites that accepted both Regular and Bulky Products (Program Products).</p>	
	<p>Report out annually on government requests for bulky access and continue to work with regional districts to address any gaps identified with regard to consumer access to bulky product collections. Advertise these options in affected communities using appropriate channels as requested.</p>	<p>There were no requests for bulky access from regional districts in 2024.</p> <p>As both streams are now combined, all sites are accepting Bulky Products.</p>	
Management of Environmental Impacts	<p>End fate management of materials.</p>	<p>See section 6. Pollution Prevention Hierarchy and Product / Component Management.</p>	
	<p>End fate management of batteries.</p>	<p>See section 6. Pollution Prevention Hierarchy and Product / Component Management.</p>	

Program Area	Target/Commitment	2024 Performance	Strategies for Improvement
	Changes to Environmental Standards for processors of Regular Products.	See section 6. Pollution Prevention Hierarchy and Product / Component Management.	No changes.

Appendix A: Public Education Strategies

Website

Accepted products page



About OPEIC

In British Columbia, OPEIC accepts all electric outdoor power equipment for recycling at select depots, recycling centers, thrift stores, municipality facilities, and community events. There are more than 200 free recycling locations across the province that allow you to recycle a wide range of products, including lawn mowers, hedge trimmers, chain saws, pressure washers and garden sprayers. Use our recycling locator to find your nearest location. [Watch our video.](#)

For recycling gas-powered outdoor power equipment, find the scrap metal facility nearest you by contacting the Recycling Council of British Columbia by visiting rcbc.ca, calling 604-RECYCLE or hotline@rcbc.ca.

What can be recycled?

Two streams of products are collected at OPEIC's collection locations: "Regular" and "Bulky". Lawn Tractors are the only items considered Bulky items. All other items, including chain saws, trimmers, stick edgers, lawn mowers, snow blowers, pressure washers with wheels, and cultivators are considered Regular items. The majority of Bulky item collection locations overlap with Regular product collection locations. Visit the [Find a Recycling Depot](#) page to find your nearest recycling depot.

The OPEIC program accepts all corded and battery-powered electric outdoor power equipment. Outdoor power equipment that relies on a fuel-powered engine is NOT included in the program. The categories and specific products are listed below. If you have an item of Electric Outdoor Power Equipment that is not listed below, please [contact us](#).

ACCEPTED PRODUCTS

Hand-Held Electric Outdoor Power Equipment



Cutters, Loppers & Shears

You can recycle electric brush cutters, brush loppers and garden shears

[Find a Location](#) →



Sprayers & Foggers

You can recycle electric garden sprayers and insect foggers

[Find a Location](#) →



Drills & Diggers

You can recycle electric ice drills and post hole diggers

[Find a Location](#) →



Blowers / Vacuums

You can recycle electric lawn blowers/vacuums

[Find a Location](#) →



Chain Saws

You can recycle electric chainsaws



Pole Saws

You can recycle electric pole chainsaws, pole saws and pole pruning saws



Edgers & Trimmers

You can recycle electric stick edgers, trimmers (grass, hedge etc.) and split boom equipment



Tillers & Cultivators

You can recycle electric tillers and cultivators

Recycling locator

The image shows a website banner for OPEI Canada's recycling locator. The banner features a background image of a child lying on the grass with a dog, and a recycling bin in a park setting. The OPEI Canada logo is in the top left. Navigation links include "Find a Recycling Depot", "About Us", "BC Recycling", "BC Participants", "Standards", and "Programs & Initiatives". The main heading is "Find a Recycling Depot" with the subtext "Use our interactive map to find locations where you can recycle your Electric Outdoor Power Equipment".

Below the banner is a map of British Columbia with green pins indicating recycling depot locations. A search overlay is visible on the right side of the map.

Find a Drop-Off Location

Select your city or Enter postal code

Accepts Bulky/Oversized Items

70 Mile House Eco-Depot
[3061 North Bonaparte Road, 70 Mile House, BC, V0K 2K2](#)
Hours: mon 8-4, Tues Winter closed summer 8-4, wed 8-4, thurs fri closed, sat sun 8-4

Abbotsford Bottle Depot
[33236 Walsh Avenue, Abbotsford, BC, V2S 2A3](#)
Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am-6pm, Sat 8:30-5pm and Sun 10am-4pm

15 " Video Ads

Used for Linear TV (*Global BC, CBC, CTV & US TV Spill*), Connected TV (*TSN & Crave*), Google (*Display & Video*), Streaming (*Spotify*) and social media (*Facebook, Instagram, and Reddit*)

[Click to watch](#)



Recycle your electric outdoor power equipment for free with the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute of Canada.

With over 220 locations across BC, we make it easy to recycle...



...your old electric outdoor power equipment. OPEIC. Powering good


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Recycle Power Equipment in BC | Find a Drop-Off Location in BC

Over 200 locations across BC to drop off your electric outdoor power equipment for free. BC's electric outdoor power equipment recycling program is free...



[Accepted Products](#)
[Find a Recycling Depot](#)
[About Us](#)

Ad · www.opec.ca/

Recycle Your Broken Lawn Mower | More Than 200 Recycling Depots


Not sure what to do with old lawn mowers, hedge trimmers, chain saws and pressure washers? Over 200 locations across BC to drop off your electric outdoor power equipment for free. Many Products Accepted. Eco...

[Accepted Products](#)
[Find a Recycling Depot](#)
[About Us](#)

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Recycle Your Old Leaf Blower | Recycling Locations Across BC

Recycle your old Leaf Blowers, lawn mowers and other electric outdoor power equipment. OPEIC recycles electric outdoor power equipment in B...




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[About Us](#)

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Recycle Your Power Washer | More than 200 Recycling Depots

Over 200 locations across BC to drop off your electric outdoor power equipment for free. OPEIC recycles electric outdoor power equipment in BC. Find a location...



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Static banners

Used for TSN & Google Display network (News websites, apps, and YouTube)

Recycle your electric pressure washer

Find out where →



Recycle your electric grass trimmer

Find out where →





Recycle your electric leaf blower

Find out where →



Recycle your electric outdoor power equipment

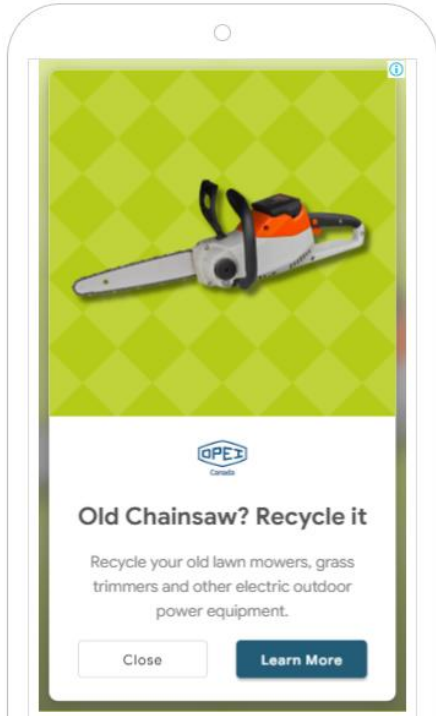
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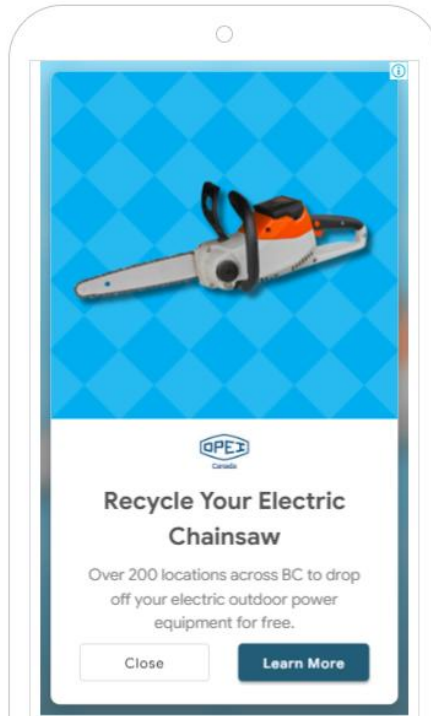
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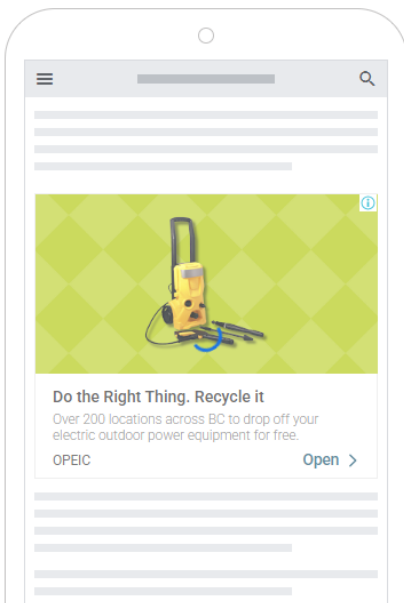
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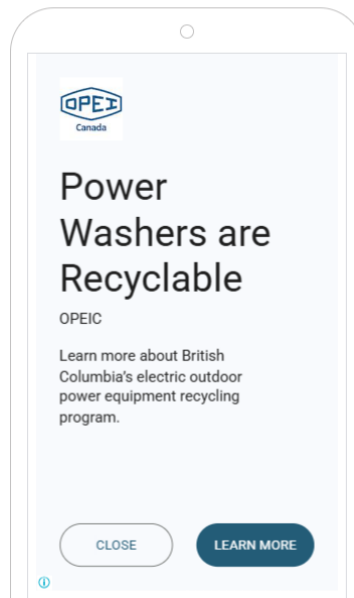
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Dynamic & Carrousel ads


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Recycle your old lawnmowers, hedge trimmers & more! 🌱🔋 Find a recycling location near you in BC. Let's keep our environment green and clean!

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TSN Homepage Takeover

The screenshot shows the TSN website homepage with a blue and white diamond-patterned background. At the top, there is a navigation bar with sports categories: NHL, CFL, NBA, MLB, FI, NFL, GOLF, MORE, LIVE, TSN+, VIDEO, LISTEN, THE SHIFT, BETTING, and BARDOWN. Below the navigation bar, a large OPEI Canada advertisement is displayed. The ad features the OPEI logo and the text "Recycle your old electric outdoor power equipment for free!" with a button for "OPEI.CA". A yellow power tool is shown next to the text. Below the main ad, there is a video player showing a man speaking at a press conference, with the text "Keefe, Leafs players to meet media today on TSN.ca, management to speak Thursday". To the right of the video player, there is a smaller ad for "Recycle your electric pressure washer" with a "Find out where" button. At the bottom of the page, there is a "TRENDING VIDEO" section with several video thumbnails.

TSN Pause Ads

The screenshot shows a video player interface. The video content is a sports commentary segment with the title "Why Stephen A. is expecting the Knicks to go up 2-0". The video is paused, and a large play button is in the center. On either side of the play button are circular icons with the number "10". In the bottom right corner of the video frame, there is an OPEI advertisement with the text "Recycle Electric Outdoor Power Equipment" and the website "opeic.ca". Below the video frame, there is a banner for "CHECK OUT 'THE STEPHEN A. SMITH SHOW'" with the text "Catch the show on YouTube on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays" and "Listen wherever you get your podcasts". The video player controls at the bottom show a volume icon, a progress bar at "01:38 / 02:02", a settings gear icon, a full screen icon, and a share icon.

Appendix B: Estimated Weight of EOPE Collected by Each Regional District and Per Capita ¹⁷

Regional District	Estimated weight of EOPE Collected (Kg)	Estimated weight of EOPE collected per capita (Kg)
Alberni Clayoquot	1,112	0.04
Bulkley Nechako	807	0.02
Capital Regional District	24,812	0.06
Cariboo	2,167	0.03
Central Coast	176	0.05
Central Kootenay	2,563	0.04
Central Okanagan	17,908	0.09
Columbia Shuswap	2,562	0.05
Comox Valley	8,400	0.13
Cowichan Valley	5,556	0.07
East Kootenay	1,498	0.02
Fraser Fort George	3,407	0.04
Fraser Valley	13,914	0.05
Kitimat Stikine	2,114	0.06
Kootenay Boundary	2,775	0.09
Metro Vancouver	108,071	0.04
Mt. Waddington	930	0.08
Nanaimo Regional District	10,715	0.07
North Coast	898	0.05
North Okanagan	5,645	0.07
Northern Rockies	54	0.01
Okanagan Similkameen	4,402	0.05
Peace River	2,192	0.03
quathet	660	0.03
Squamish Lillooet	2,711	0.06
Strathcona	3,133	0.07
Sunshine Coast	3,173	0.11
Thompson Nicola	7,899	0.06
Total	240,253¹⁸	

¹⁷ Source: Statistics Canada, Demographic Analysis Section, BC Stats, Ministry of Citizens' Services, Government of British Columbia, Feb 2021.

¹⁸ Totals may not add up precisely due to rounding.

Appendix C: Number and Location of Contracted Collection Sites

The list of collection sites below represents the collection sites in the Service Provider’s collection network as of December 31, 2024. Year-over-year changes are detailed in this list.

#	Collection Facility	City	Regional District	Changes
1	Salvation Army - New Westminster Thrift Store #S-95	New Westminster	Metro Vancouver	
2	Salvation Army - North Vancouver Thrift Store #S-94	North Vancouver	Metro Vancouver	
3	Salvation Army - Mount Pleasant Thrift Store #S-93	Vancouver	Metro Vancouver	
4	Salvation Army - Langford Thrift Store (NA) #S-37	Langford	Capital Regional District	
5	Salvation Army - Cedar Hill Thrift Store #S-34	Victoria	Capital Regional District	
6	Salvation Army - Saanich Thrift Store (NA) #S-33	Victoria	Capital Regional District	
7	Salvation Army - Hillside Thrift Store (NA) #S-32	Victoria	Capital Regional District	
8	Salvation Army - View Royal Thrift Store #S-31	Victoria	Capital Regional District	
9	Salvation Army - Mill Bay Thrift Store #S-30	Mill Bay	Cowichan Valley	
10	Salvation Army - Brentwood Thrift Store (NA) #S-29	Brentwood Bay	Capital Regional District	

11	Salvation Army - Surrey Scottsdale Thrift Store #S-110	Surrey	Metro Vancouver	
12	Salvation Army - Capilano Thrift Store #S-109	North Vancouver	Metro Vancouver	
13	Salvation Army - Kerrisdale Thrift Store (NA) #S-108	Vancouver	Metro Vancouver	
14	Salvation Army - North Burnaby (Hastings) Thrift Store (NA) #S-107	Burnaby	Metro Vancouver	
15	Salvation Army - Granville Thrift Store (NA) #S-106	Vancouver	Metro Vancouver	
16	Salvation Army - West Van Thrift Store (NA) #S-105	West Vancouver	Metro Vancouver	
17	Salvation Army - White Rock Thrift Store (NA) #S-103	White Rock	Metro Vancouver	
18	Salvation Army - Port Coquitlam Thrift Store #S-102	Port Coquitlam	Metro Vancouver	
19	Salvation Army - West Broadway Thrift Store (NA) #S-100	Vancouver	Metro Vancouver	
20	Gabriola Island Recycling Organization (GIRO) #368	Gabriola Island	Nanaimo Regional District	New - Jun 21, 2024
21	Zeballos Recycling Depot #367	Zeballos	Comox Valley	New - Apr 15, 2024
22	Tahsis Recycling Depot #366	Tahsis	Comox Valley	New - Apr 15, 2024
23	Mcmillan Return-it Depot #365	BC	Fraser Valley	New - Apr 13, 2024
24	Smithers/Telkwa Transfer Station #364	Smithers	Bulkley Nechako	
25	Vanderhoof Transfer Station #363	Vanderhoof	Bulkley Nechako	
26	Burns Lake Transfer Station #362	Burns Lake	Bulkley Nechako	
27	Asset Investment Recovery - Prince George - #361	Prince George	Fraser Fort George	

28	Sherwoods Auto #360	Port Alberni	Alberni Clayoquot	
29	HH Recycling Ltd. #359	Hudson's Hope	Peace River	
30	Blue Bin Recycling & Disposal (BBRD) - #358	Witset	Bulkley Nechako	
31	Islands Solid Waste Landfill - Masset Recycle Depot #357	Masset	North Coast	
32	Boston Flats Eco-Depot #356	Cache Creek	Thompson Nicola	
33	Central Surrey Recycling and Waste Centre #355	Surrey	Metro Vancouver	
34	NVSS Bottle Depot #354	Vanderhoof	Bulkley Nechako	
35	Happy Stan's Recycling Services Ltd. #353	Port Coquitlam	Metro Vancouver	
36	Campbell River ReStore #352	Campbell River	Strathcona	
37	Comox Valley ReStore #351	Courtenay	Comox Valley	
38	LoLo Return-It Express #350	North Vancouver	Metro Vancouver	
39	Burnaby Eco Centre #349	Burnaby	Metro Vancouver	
40	Sparwood Transfer Station #348	Sparwood	East Kootenay	
41	Elkford Transfer Station #347	Elkford	East Kootenay	
42	Kimberley Transfer Station #346	Kimberley	East Kootenay	
43	Duncan Transfer Station #241	Duncan	Cowichan Valley	
44	Cortes Island Waste Management Centre #240	Cortes Island	Strathcona	
45	Barnhartvale Landfill #239	Kamloops	Thompson Nicola	
46	Quatsino Recycling Depot #238	Quatsino	Mt. Waddington	
47	Woss Recycling Depot #237	Woss	Mt. Waddington	
48	Malcolm Island Recycling Depot #236	Sointula	Mt. Waddington	
49	Mount Pleasant Return- It #235	Vancouver	Metro Vancouver	

50	Fort St. James Transfer Station #234	Fort St. James	Bulkley Nechako	
51	FSJ Bottle Drop #232	Fort St. John	Peace River	
52	Salmo Valumart & Bottle Depot #231	Salmo	Central Kootenay	
53	Salish Soils Ltd. #230	Sechelt	Sunshine Coast	
54	Denman Island Bottle Depot #229	Denman Island	Comox Valley	
55	Meziadin Landfill #228	Meziadin	Kitimat Stikine	
56	Iskut Landfill (NA) D#227	Iskut	Kitimat Stikine	
57	Stewart Landfill #226	Stewart	Kitimat Stikine	
58	North Road Bottle Depot Ltd. #225	Coquitlam	Metro Vancouver	
59	Comox Valley Waste Management Centre #223	Cumberland	Comox Valley	
60	Campbell River Waste Management Centre #222	Campbell River	Strathcona	
61	Tsal'ah Eco Depot #221	Shalalth	Squamish Lillooet	
62	Valemount Recycling Center #220	Valemount	Fraser Fort George	
63	Golden Landfill #219	Golden	Columbia Shuswap	
64	Skimikin Transfer Station #218	Tappen	Columbia Shuswap	
65	Sicamous Landfill #217	Sicamous	Columbia Shuswap	
66	Malakwa Transfer Station #216	Malakwa	Columbia Shuswap	
67	Glenemma Transfer Station #215	Salmon Arm	Columbia Shuswap	
68	Falkland Transfer Station #214	Falkland	Columbia Shuswap	
69	Poco Return It #213	Port Coquitlam	Metro Vancouver	
70	Kitwanga Transfer Station #212	Kitwanga	Kitimat Stikine	
71	Scott 72 Bottle & Return-It Depot #210	Surrey	Metro Vancouver	
72	Lax Kw'alaams Band (Waste Transfer Station) #209	Lax Kw'alaams	North Coast	
73	Recycle-It Resource Recovery #206	Fort St. John	Peace River	

74	North Shore Recycling and Waste Centre #205	North Vancouver	Metro Vancouver	
75	United Boulevard Recycling and Waste Centre #204	Coquitlam	Metro Vancouver	
76	Green Recycling in Pender Society (GRIPS) #203	Madeira Park	Sunshine Coast	
77	Salvation Army - Ryan Road Thrift Store #202	Comox	Comox Valley	
78	East Hastings Bottle Depot #201	Burnaby	Metro Vancouver	
79	White Rock Return-It Depot #199	Surrey	Metro Vancouver	
80	Salt Spring Garbage #198	Saltspring Island	Capital Regional District	
81	Brentwood Auto & Metal Recyclers #197	Saanichton	Capital Regional District	
82	Northern Recycling Inc. #196	Quesnel	Cariboo	
83	3rd Ave. Recycle Depot #195	Port Alberni	Alberni Clayoquot	
84	Columbia Bottle Depot - Kent #194	Kelowna	Central Okanagan	
85	Kensington Return it Depot #193	Burnaby	Metro Vancouver	
86	Jenill Bottle Depot #192	Surrey	Metro Vancouver	
87	Burns Lake Return-It Recycling Depot#191	Burns Lake	Bulkley Nechako	
88	Thorsen Creek Waste and Recycling Centre #190	Bella Coola	Central Coast	
89	Island Return-it South Cowichan #189	Cobble Hill	Cowichan Valley	
90	Enderby Return-It Recycling Depot Ltd. #188	Enderby	North Okanagan	
91	Hazelton Bottle Depot #187	New Hazelton	Kitimat Stikine	

92	Metrotown Return-It #186	Burnaby	Metro Vancouver	
93	Resource Recovery Centre Recycling Depot #185	Powell River	qathet	
94	70 Mile House Eco-Depot #184	70 Mile House	Thompson Nicola	
95	South Thompson Eco-Depot #183	Pritchard	Thompson Nicola	
96	Lytton Eco-Depot #182	Lytton	Thompson Nicola	
97	Lower Nicola Eco-Depot #181	Merritt	Thompson Nicola	
98	Louis Creek Eco-Depot #180	Louis Creek	Thompson Nicola	
99	Logan Lake Eco-Depot #179	Logan Lake	Thompson Nicola	
100	Heffley Creek Eco-Depot #178	Heffley Creek	Thompson Nicola	
101	Clinton Eco-Depot #177	Clinton	Thompson Nicola	
102	Clearwater Eco-Depot #176	Clearwater	Thompson Nicola	
103	Blue River Eco-Depot #175	Blue River	Thompson Nicola	
104	Islands Solid Waste Landfill - Queen Charlotte (Daajing Giids Recycle Depot) #174	Queen Charlotte Village	North Coast	
105	Maple Ridge Bottle Depot #173	Maple Ridge	Metro Vancouver	
106	Guildford Bottle Depot #172	Surrey	Metro Vancouver	
107	Princeton Return-It Depot #171	Princeton	Okanagan Similkameen	
108	Vancouver West Bottle Depot #169	Vancouver	Metro Vancouver	
109	Edmonds Return-it Depot #168	Burnaby	Metro Vancouver	
110	Regional Recycling Cloverdale (Cloverdale Bottle Depot Ltd.) #167	Surrey	Metro Vancouver	
111	Haney Bottle Depot #165	Maple Ridge	Metro Vancouver	
112	Islands Solid Waste Landfill - Port Clements #164	Port Clements	North Coast	

113	Queensborough Landing Return-it #163	New Westminster	Metro Vancouver	
114	Hart Return-It Depot #162	Prince George	Fraser Fort George	
115	Castlegar Return-It Depot #161	Castlegar	Central Kootenay	
116	Galiano Island Recycling Resources (GIRR) #160	Galiano Island	Capital Regional District	
117	North Shuswap Bottle Depot #159	Chase	Thompson Nicola	
118	Lillooet Landfill & Recycling Centre #157	Lillooet	Squamish Lillooet	
119	Surrey Central Return-It #155	Surrey	Metro Vancouver	
120	Abbotsford Bottle Depot Ltd. #154	Abbotsford	Fraser Valley	
121	Gold Trail Recycling Ltd. #153	100 Mile House	Cariboo	
122	Port Hardy Return It Centre #152	Port Hardy	Mt. Waddington	
123	Bridgeview Bottle Depot #151	Surrey	Metro Vancouver	
124	Winfield Return It Centre #150	Lake Country	Central Okanagan	
125	Pender Island Recycling Depot #148	Pender island	Capital Regional District	
126	Pemberton Recycling Centre #147	Pemberton	Squamish Lillooet	
127	Dunford Transfer Station #146	Langford	Capital Regional District	
128	Mayne Island Recycling #145	Mayne Island	Capital Regional District	
129	Tsawwassen Return-It #144	Delta	Metro Vancouver	
130	T2 Recycling #143	Oliver	Okanagan Similkameen	
131	Houston Bottle Depot #142	Houston	Bulkley Nechako	
132	Bella Bella Eco-Depot #141	Bella Bella	Central Coast	
133	Newton Bottle Depot #140	Surrey	Metro Vancouver	
134	Salvation Army - Prince George #139	Prince George	Fraser Fort George	

135	Urban Impact Recycling Ltd. #138	New Westminster	Metro Vancouver	
136	Panorama Return-It #137	Surrey	Metro Vancouver	
137	Regional Recycling North (Hayes) #136	Nanaimo	Nanaimo Regional District	
138	Powell St. Return-It Depot #135	Vancouver	Metro Vancouver	
139	General Grants Sahali #134	Kamloops	Thompson Nicola	
140	Clearbrook Return-It Depot #133	Abbotsford	Fraser Valley	
141	Bings Creek Recycling Centre #132	Duncan	Cowichan Valley	
142	Peerless Road Recycling Centre #131	Ladysmith	Cowichan Valley	
143	Meade Creek Recycling Centre #130	Lake Cowichan	Cowichan Valley	
144	Chasers Bottle Depot Ltd. #129	Vernon	North Okanagan	
145	Sapperton Return-It Depot #128	New Westminster	Metro Vancouver	
146	Gold River Waste Management Center #127	Gold River	Strathcona	
147	Go Green #126	Vancouver	Metro Vancouver	
148	Kitchener Bottle Depot Ltd. #125	Burnaby	Metro Vancouver	
149	Willowbrook Recycling Inc. #124	Langley	Metro Vancouver	
150	Richmond Recycle Depot #123	Richmond	Metro Vancouver	
151	Mission Recycling Depot #122	Mission	Fraser Valley	
152	Abbotsford Mission Recycling Depot #121	Abbotsford	Fraser Valley	
153	Mission Flats Landfill #120	Kamloops	Thompson Nicola	
154	Salt Spring Island Recycling Depot #118	Saltspring Island	Capital Regional District	
155	Wide Sky Disposal #116	Fort Nelson	Northern Rockies	
156	Planet Earth Recycling Ltd. #115	West Kelowna	Central Okanagan	
157	Asset Investment Recovery - Surrey #114	Surrey	Metro Vancouver	

158	Bulkley Valley Bottle Depot #113	Smithers	Bulkley Nechako	
159	Sidney Bottle Depot Ltd #111	Sidney	Capital Regional District	
160	Island Return-it Duncan #110	Duncan	Cowichan Valley	
161	Salvation Army - Vancouver Distribution And Recycling Centre #97	Langley	Metro Vancouver	
162	Mica Ventures Inc. (Williams Lake) #91	Williams Lake	Cariboo	
163	Regional Recycling Whistler (0871499 B.C. Ltd) #90	Whistler	Squamish Lillooet	
164	Regional Recycling Abbotsford (572274 British Columbia. Ltd.) #89	Abbotsford	Fraser Valley	
165	Regional Recycling Burnaby (0739024 B.C. Ltd.) #88	Burnaby	Metro Vancouver	
166	Regional Recycling Vancouver (682393 B.C. Ltd.) #87	Vancouver	Metro Vancouver	
167	Regional Recycling Richmond (552420 British Columbia Ltd.) #86	Richmond	Metro Vancouver	
168	Keremeos Landfill #85	Keremeos	Okanagan Similkameen	
169	Oliver Landfill #84	Oliver	Okanagan Similkameen	
170	Okanagan Falls Landfill #83	Okanagan Falls	Okanagan Similkameen	
171	Campbell Mountain Landfill (CML) #82	Penticton	Okanagan Similkameen	
172	Whistler Community Services #81	Whistler	Squamish Lillooet	
173	Westshore Bottle Depot #80	Esquimalt	Capital Regional District	

174	Walnut Grove Bottle Depot #79	Langley	Metro Vancouver	
175	Venture Training Vernon #78	Vernon	North Okanagan	
176	Vancouver Central Bottle Depot #77	Vancouver	Metro Vancouver	
177	Ucluelet Bottle Depot #76	Ucluelet	Alberni Clayoquot	
178	Terrace Return-It #75	Terrace	Kitimat Stikine	
179	Regional Recycling Depot Prince Rupert #74	Prince Rupert	North Coast	
180	Scott Road Bottle Depot Ltd. #73	a	Metro Vancouver	
181	Scotch Creek Bottle Depot #72	Scotch Creek	Columbia Shuswap	
182	Sardis Bottle Depot Ltd. #71	Chilliwack	Fraser Valley	
183	Sunset Coast Distributors Ltd. #70	Powell River	qathet	
184	South Van Bottle Depot #69	Vancouver	Metro Vancouver	
185	Pitt Meadows Return-it Depot Ltd #68	Pitt Meadows	Metro Vancouver	
186	Q & J Enterprises Ltd. DBA OK Bottle Depot. #67	Richmond	Metro Vancouver	
187	Osoyoos Bottle Depot #66	Osoyoos	Okanagan Similkameen	
188	North Vancouver Bottle & Return-It Depot #65	North Vancouver	Metro Vancouver	
189	North Shore Bottle Depot #64	North Vancouver	Metro Vancouver	
190	Regional Recycling South (Old Victoria) #63	Nanaimo	Nanaimo Regional District	
191	Nelson Leafs Recycling Center #61	Nelson	Central Kootenay	
192	Mission Bottle Depot #60	Mission	Fraser Valley	
193	Lorne Street Bottle Depot #59	Kamloops	Thompson Nicola	
194	Lougheed Return-It Depot #58	Coquitlam	Metro Vancouver	

195	Kitimat Understanding the Environment (KUTE) #57	Kitimat	Kitimat Stikine	
196	Junction Bottle Depot #56	Ladysmith	Cowichan Valley	
197	Interior Freight & Bottle Depot #55	Vernon	North Okanagan	
198	Hartland Landfill #54	Victoria	Capital Regional District	
199	Hope Bottle Depot #53	Hope	Fraser Valley	
200	Grand Forks Bottle Depot #52	Grand Forks	Kootenay Boundary	
201	General Grants North Shore #51	Kamloops	Thompson Nicola	
202	Merritt Return-It Depot #50	Merritt	Thompson Nicola	
203	Langley Bottle Depot #49	Langley	Metro Vancouver	
204	Fraser Valley Bottle Depot #48	Langley	Metro Vancouver	
205	Fleetwood Bottle Depot #47	Surrey	Metro Vancouver	
206	Chilliwack Bottle Depot #46	Chilliwack	Fraser Valley	
207	GFL - Squamish #44	Squamish	Squamish Lillooet	
208	Island Return It Campbell River #43	Campbell River	Strathcona	
209	Revelstoke Bottle Depot #42	Revelstoke	Columbia Shuswap	
210	Bill's Bottle Depot #40	Salmon Arm	Columbia Shuswap	
211	Armsby Holding Ltd. #39	Armstrong	North Okanagan	
212	Agassiz Bottle Depot #38	Agassiz	Fraser Valley	
213	Salvation Army - Victoria Distribution And Recycling Centre #35	Victoria	Capital Regional District	
214	Trail Bottle Depot #27	Trail	Kootenay Boundary	
215	Ironwood Bottle Depot #26	Richmond	Metro Vancouver	
216	Coquitlam Return-It Depot #25	Coquitlam	Metro Vancouver	
217	Semiahmoo Bottle Depot #24	Surrey	Metro Vancouver	
218	Han's Alderway Services Ltd. #23	Aldergrove	Metro Vancouver	

219	Parksville Bottle & Recycling Depot Ltd. #22	Parksville	Nanaimo Regional District	
220	Bottle Depot (Saanich) #21	Saanich	Capital Regional District	
221	Bottle Depot (Queens) #20	Victoria	Capital Regional District	
222	Gibsons Recycling Depot #19	Gibsons	Sunshine Coast	
223	PG Recycling & Return-It Centre #18	Prince George	Fraser Fort George	
224	Boucherie Bottle Depot #17	West Kelowna	Central Okanagan	
225	Fernie Bottle Depot #16	Fernie	East Kootenay	
226	Cranbrook Bottle Depot #15	Cranbrook	East Kootenay	
227	Columbia Bottle Depot - Dease #14	Kelowna	Central Okanagan	
228	Columbia Bottle Depot - St. Paul #13	Kelowna	Central Okanagan	
229	Chetwynd Recycling & Bottle Depot #12	Chetwynd	Peace River	
230	Lee's Bottle Depot #10	Burnaby	Metro Vancouver	
231	Ladner Bottle Depot Co. Ltd. #9	Delta	Metro Vancouver	
232	7 Mile Landfill and Recycling Centre #8	Port McNeill	Mt. Waddington	
233	Maple Ridge Recycling Depot #7	Maple Ridge	Metro Vancouver	
234	Asset Investment Recovery - Victoria #6	Victoria	Capital Regional District	
235	Courtenay Return-It Depot #5	Courtenay	Comox Valley	
236	J&C Bottle Depot #4	Penticton	Okanagan Similkameen	
237	Kelowna Recycling #3	Kelowna	Central Okanagan	
238	D.C. Campbell Recycling Ltd. #2	Dawson Creek	Peace River	
239	Fraser Lake Bottle Depot #1	Fraser Lake	Bulkley Nechako	

Appendix D: Audited Financial Statements

OUTDOOR POWER EQUIPMENT INSTITUTE OF CANADA

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

31 DECEMBER 2024

OUTDOOR POWER EQUIPMENT INSTITUTE OF CANADA

Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2024

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members,
Outdoor Power Equipment Institute of Canada

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Outdoor Power Equipment Institute of Canada ("OPEIC"), which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2024 and the statements of changes in net assets, operations and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of OPEIC as at 31 December 2024 and its results of operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of OPEIC in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises information, other than the financial statements, our auditors' report thereon and the independent reasonable assurance report, in OPEIC's Annual Report.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not and will not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT - Continued

We obtained the Annual Report prior to the date of this auditors' report. If, based on the work we have performed on this other information, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact in this auditors' report. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing OPEIC's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate OPEIC or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing OPEIC's financial reporting process.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- ♦ Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- ♦ Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of OPEIC's internal control.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT - Continued

- ◆ Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- ◆ Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on OPEIC's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditors' report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditors' report. However, future events or conditions may cause OPEIC to cease to continue as a going concern.
- ◆ Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Rolfe Benson LLP

CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS

Vancouver, Canada
26 June 2025

OUTDOOR POWER EQUIPMENT INSTITUTE OF CANADA
Statement of Financial Position
31 December 2024

	2024	2023
Assets		
Current		
Cash	\$ 1,772,587	\$ 1,879,827
Term deposit (Note 4)	228,969	217,486
Accounts receivable	46,715	65,668
Prepaid expenses	6,616	6,547
	2,054,887	2,169,528
Intangible asset (Note 6)	17,935	25,109
Reserve (Note 5)	696,494	661,564
	\$ 2,769,316	\$ 2,856,201

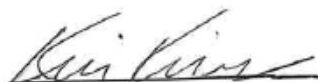
Liabilities

Current		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (Note 7)	\$ 128,417	\$ 120,481
GST payable	3,106	7,011
	131,523	127,492

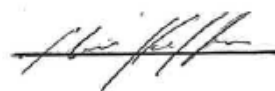
Net Assets

Unrestricted	1,923,364	2,042,036
Internally restricted reserve (Note 5)	696,494	661,564
Invested in intangible asset	17,935	25,109
	2,637,793	2,728,709
	\$ 2,769,316	\$ 2,856,201

APPROVED BY THE DIRECTORS:



Director



Director

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

OUTDOOR POWER EQUIPMENT INSTITUTE OF CANADA
Statement of Changes in Net Assets
For the year ended 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted	Internally Restricted Reserve	Invested in Intangible Asset	Total 2024	Total 2023
Balance - beginning of year	\$ 2,042,036	\$ 661,564	\$ 25,109	\$ 2,728,709	\$ 2,723,386
(Deficiency) excess of revenues over expenses for the year	(83,742)	-	(7,174)	(90,916)	5,323
Transfer to reserve (Note 5)	(34,930)	34,930	-	-	-
Balance - end of year	\$ 1,923,364	\$ 696,494	\$ 17,935	\$ 2,637,793	\$ 2,728,709

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

OUTDOOR POWER EQUIPMENT INSTITUTE OF CANADA
Statement of Operations
For the year ended 31 December 2024

	2024	2023
Revenues	\$ 884,088	\$ 925,138
Expenses		
Program administration (Notes 6 and 7)	455,956	426,001
Collection, transportation and processing	398,759	297,023
Communications and events	219,671	270,080
	1,074,386	993,104
Deficiency of revenues over expenses from operations	(190,298)	(67,966)
Other income		
Interest income	99,382	73,289
	99,382	73,289
(Deficiency) excess of revenues over expenses for the year	\$ (90,916)	\$ 5,323

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

OUTDOOR POWER EQUIPMENT INSTITUTE OF CANADA**Statement of Cash Flows****For the year ended 31 December 2024**

	2024	2023
Cash provided by (used in):		
Operating activities		
(Deficiency) excess of revenues over expenses for the year	\$ (90,916)	\$ 5,323
Item not involving cash		
Amortization of intangible asset	7,174	7,174
	<u>(83,742)</u>	12,497
Changes in non-cash working capital balances		
Accounts receivable	18,953	(24,187)
Prepaid expenses	(69)	(500)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	7,936	(8,838)
GST payable	(3,905)	19,486
	<u>(60,827)</u>	(1,542)
Investing activities		
Transfer to reserve	(34,930)	(21,754)
Purchase of term deposits	(11,483)	(7,151)
	<u>(46,413)</u>	(28,905)
Net decrease in cash	(107,240)	(30,447)
Cash - beginning of year	<u>1,879,827</u>	<u>1,910,274</u>
Cash - end of year	<u>\$ 1,772,587</u>	<u>\$ 1,879,827</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

OUTDOOR POWER EQUIPMENT INSTITUTE OF CANADA
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 December 2024

1. Incorporation and nature of operations

Outdoor Power Equipment Institute of Canada ("OPEIC") was incorporated under the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act on 15 February 2012 and commenced operations on 1 July 2012. OPEIC is a not-for-profit organization and it is not subject to income taxes providing certain requirements are met. OPEIC currently operates a stewardship program in the Province of British Columbia to assist the outdoor power equipment industry in discharging its obligation to establish end of life product collection and recycling programs under the British Columbia Recycling Regulations.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations. The significant accounting policies are detailed as follows:

(a) Revenue recognition

Environmental Handling Fees (EHFs) are received from registered members that participate in OPEIC's programs. OPEIC recognizes these fees as revenue when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured. EHF revenues are recognized as individual members report and remit them as required by OPEIC's membership agreement which is by the end of the month following the reporting period that the designated program materials were sold by the member.

Members are obligated to remit EHFs for all products sold from the earlier of the programs' start date or the date when the member started selling obligated products. If, for any reason, a member omits reporting and remitting EHFs associated with sold program products, OPEIC will recognize those EHFs as revenue when the amounts are determinable by OPEIC.

Interest revenue is recognized on an accrual basis.

(b) Cash and cash equivalents

OPEIC's policy is to disclose bank balances under cash and cash equivalents, including bank overdrafts with balances that fluctuate frequently from being positive to overdrawn and term deposits with a maturity period of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

OUTDOOR POWER EQUIPMENT INSTITUTE OF CANADA
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2. Summary of significant accounting policies - Continued

(c) Financial instruments

(i) Measurement of financial instruments

OPEIC initially measures its financial assets and liabilities at fair value and subsequently measures all of its financial assets and financial liabilities at amortized cost.

Financial assets measured at amortized cost include cash, term deposits, accounts receivable and the reserve.

Financial liabilities measured at amortized cost include accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

(ii) Impairment

Financial assets measured at cost are tested for impairment when there are indicators of impairment. The amount of the write-down is recognized in the statement of operations. The previously recognized impairment loss may be reversed to the extent of the improvement, directly or by adjusting the allowance account, provided it is no greater than the amount that would have been reported at the date of the reversal had the impairment not been recognized previously. The amount of the reversal is recognized in the statement of operations.

(iii) Transaction costs

OPEIC recognizes its transaction costs in the statement of operations in the period incurred. However, financial instruments that will not be subsequently measured at fair value are adjusted by the transaction costs that are directly attributable to their origination, issuance or assumption.

(d) Intangible asset

The intangible asset is recorded at cost. OPEIC provides for amortization using the following method at a rate designed to amortize the cost of the intangible asset over its estimated useful life. The annual amortization rate is as follows:

ERP software

5 years straight line

OUTDOOR POWER EQUIPMENT INSTITUTE OF CANADA
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2. Summary of significant accounting policies - Continued

(e) Impairment of long-lived assets

OPEIC tests long-lived assets for impairment when events or changes in circumstances indicate that their carrying value may not be recovered. When an intangible asset no longer contributes to the services provided by OPEIC its carrying amount is written down to its residual value. No impairment losses were determined by management to be necessary for the year.

(f) Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amount of revenues and expenses during the reported period. Accounts subject to estimates include accrued liabilities, revenue recognized for EHF's receivable and amortization of intangible assets. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

(g) Foreign exchange

Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are recorded in Canadian dollars at the exchange rate prevailing at the time of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are converted to Canadian dollars at the exchange rate prevailing at year end. Exchange gains and losses are recorded in the statement of operations for the year.

3. Financial instruments

OPEIC is exposed to various risks through its financial instruments. The following analysis provides a measure of OPEIC's risk exposure and concentrations at the statement of financial position date, 31 December 2024.

(a) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation. OPEIC's main credit risks relate to its cash, term deposits and accounts receivable. Cash and term deposits are in place with major financial institutions. Concentrations of credit risk with respect to accounts receivable are limited due to the large number of members. OPEIC has evaluation and monitoring processes in place and writes off accounts when they are determined to be uncollectible. There has been no change to this risk exposure from the prior year.

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(b) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that an entity will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities. OPEIC is exposed to this risk mainly in respect of its accounts payable and accrued liabilities. OPEIC maintains adequate cash to meet obligations as they become due. There has been no change to this risk exposure from the prior year.

(c) Market risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. Market risk comprises three types of risk: currency risk, interest rate risk and other price risk. OPEIC is exposed to currency and interest rate risk.

(d) Currency risk

Currency risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates. Consequently, some assets and liabilities are exposed to foreign exchange fluctuations. OPEIC does not utilize any derivative instruments to mitigate this currency risk. There has been no change to this risk exposure from the prior year.

(e) Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. OPEIC is exposed to interest rate risk on its fixed interest rate financial instruments. Fixed-rate instruments subject OPEIC to fair value risk. There has been no change to this risk exposure from the prior year.

4. Term deposits

OPEIC holds term deposits which bear interest at 4.74% per annum (2023 - 5.28%) and mature on 1 April 2025.

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5. Reserve

In a previous year, the Board of Directors passed a resolution to establish the reserve fund. The purpose of the reserve fund is to ensure financial stability in case of unforeseen events such as:

- Fluctuations in costs;
- The risk that OPEIC will be wound-up by the decision of the participants or as a consequence of regulatory change;
- Claims against OPEIC, its Board of Directors, or staff in excess of OPEIC's insurance coverage; and
- To cover the cost of unanticipated or extraordinary items.

Transfers to the reserve fund are made upon resolutions passed by the Board of Directors. Total contributions to the reserve fund are not to exceed two years' worth of expenses.

The reserve fund consists of an investment in a term deposit and is independently managed. All income earned on the investment is initially reported in the unrestricted fund and then transferred to the reserve fund. During the year, \$34,930 (2023 - \$21,754) was transferred from unrestricted net assets to the reserve fund, representing the investment income earned on the term deposit.

6. Intangible asset

	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	2024 Net	2023 Net
ERP Software	\$ 35,870	\$ 17,935	\$ 17,935	\$ 25,109

Included in program administration expenses is \$7,174 (2023 - \$7,174) of amortization expense.

7. Related party transactions

OPEIC is related to Outdoor Power Equipment Institute (OPEI), an organization incorporated in the United States, through a common Board of Directors.

During the year, program administration services of \$113,838 (2023 - \$95,234) were provided by OPEI to OPEIC.

These transactions are in the normal course of operations and have been valued in these financial statements at the exchange amount which is the amount of consideration established and agreed to by the related parties.

Included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities is \$8,241 (2023 - \$8,493) due to OPEI for program administration services. This amount is unsecured, non-interest bearing and is subject to normal trade payable payment terms.

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8. Common control

By virtue of a common Board of Directors, OPEIC and OPEI are under common control.

OPEI has not been consolidated in OPEIC's financial statements. OPEI's year end is 31 August and its financial statements are prepared in accordance with US generally accepted accounting principles FASB ASU 2016-14, Presentation of Financial Statements for Not-for-Profit Entities. The financial summary as at 31 August 2024 and for the year then ended are based on the audited financial statements. All amounts are presented in US dollars.

OPEI

	<u>31 August 2024</u>	<u>31 August 2023</u>
Financial Position		
Total assets	\$ 23,435,104	\$ 21,399,457
Total liabilities	12,107,020	11,629,928
Total net assets	11,328,084	9,769,529
	\$ 23,435,104	\$ 21,399,457
Results of Operations		
Total revenues	\$ 11,920,546	\$ 9,975,791
Total expenses	10,361,991	8,513,006
Excess of revenue over expenses	\$ 1,558,555	\$ 1,462,785
Cash Flows		
Cash flows from Operating activities	\$ 2,369,354	\$ 2,466,482
Cash flows from Investing activities	(436,747)	(122,826)
Increase in cash	\$ 1,932,607	\$ 2,343,656

Appendix E: Third Party Assurance

**OUTDOOR POWER EQUIPMENT
INSTITUTE OF CANADA**

**INDEPENDENT REASONABLE
ASSURANCE REPORT**

31 DECEMBER 2024

INDEPENDENT REASONABLE ASSURANCE REPORT

To the Directors of
Outdoor Power Equipment Institute of Canada,

Assurance Level and Selected Information

We have been engaged by Outdoor Power Equipment Institute of Canada (“OPEIC”) to perform a reasonable assurance engagement in respect of the following information (the “Selected Information”), detailed in Appendix 1, and also included within OPEIC’s Annual Report for the Outdoor Power Equipment Recycling Program to the British Columbia Ministry of Environment and Parks for the year ended 31 December 2024:

- Section 4 - Collection System and Facilities and Appendix C - the location of collection facilities, and any changes in the number and location of collection facilities from the previous report in accordance with Section 8(2)(b) of BC Regulation 449/2004 (the “Recycling Regulation”);
- Section 6 - Pollution Prevention Hierarchy and Product/Component Management - the description of how the recovered product was managed in accordance with the pollution prevention hierarchy under Section 8(2)(d) of the Recycling Regulation;
- Section 7 - Product Collected - the description of how total amounts of the producer’s product collected has been calculated in accordance with Section 8(2)(e) of the Recycling Regulation; and
- Section 9 - Plan Performance – the description of performance for the year in relation to targets in the approved stewardship plan under Section 8(2)(b), (d) and (e) of the Recycling Regulation.

Our reasonable assurance engagement does not constitute a legal determination on OPEIC's compliance with Sections 8(2)(b), (d) and (e) of the Recycling Regulation.

Responsibilities

Preparation and fair presentation of the Selected Information in accordance with the evaluation criteria as listed in Appendix 1 is the responsibility of OPEIC’s management. Management is also responsible for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the Selected Information such that it is free from material misstatement. Furthermore, management is responsible for preparation of suitable evaluation criteria in accordance with the Recycling Regulation Guidance - Third Party Assurance for Non-Financial Information in Annual Reports – 2024 Reporting Year dated November 2024 as specified by the Director under section 8(2)(h) of the Recycling Regulation of the Province of British Columbia.

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Selected Information based on the procedures we have performed and the evidence we have obtained.

Evaluation Criteria

The evaluation criteria presented in Appendix 1 are an integral part of the Selected Information and address the relevance, completeness, reliability, neutrality and understandability of the Selected Information.

Applicable Quality Control Requirements

We apply the Canadian Standards on Quality Management and, accordingly, maintain a comprehensive system of quality control, including documented policies and procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

Scope of the Reasonable Assurance Engagement

We carried out our reasonable assurance engagement in accordance with the International Standard on Assurance Engagements 3000 (ISAE 3000) published by the International Federation of Accountants. This Standard requires that we comply with independence requirements and plan and perform the engagement to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Selected Information is free of material misstatement.

A reasonable assurance engagement includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures within the Selected Information. The procedures selected depend on our judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement in the Selected Information due to omissions, misrepresentations and errors. In making those risk assessments, we consider internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the Selected Information in order to design assurance procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing a conclusion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. A reasonable assurance engagement also includes assessing the evaluation criteria used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the Selected Information. The main elements of our work were:

- Gain an understanding of the data collection, monitoring and reporting processes through inquiries of management;
- Testing the processes, documents and records on a sample basis;
- Re-calculating quantitative data on a sample basis as it pertains to the Selected Information; and
- Evaluating the presentation of the Selected Information in the Annual Report.

We believe that the evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our conclusion.

Inherent Limitations

Non-financial performance information is subject to more inherent limitations than financial information, given the characteristics of the Selected Information and the methods used for determining and calculating such information. Qualitative interpretations of relevance, materiality and the accuracy of data are subject to individual assumptions and judgments. Furthermore, the nature and methods used to determine such information, as well as the evaluation criteria and the precision thereof, may change over time. It is important to read our report in the context of evaluation criteria.

Conclusion

In our opinion, the Selected Information within OPEIC’s Annual Report for the Outdoor Power Equipment Recycling Program for the year ended 31 December 2024 presents fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with the evaluation criteria listed in Appendix 1:

- The location of collection facilities, and any changes in the number and location of collection facilities from the previous report in accordance with Section 8(2)(b) of the Recycling Regulation;
- The description of how the recovered product was managed in accordance with the pollution prevention hierarchy under Section 8(2)(d) of the Recycling Regulation;
- The description of how total amounts of the producer’s product collected has been calculated in accordance with Section 8(2)(e) of the Recycling Program; and
- The description of performance for the year in relation to targets in the approved stewardship plan under Section 8(2)(b), (d) and (e) of the Recycling Regulation.

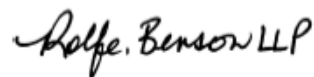
Emphases of Matter

Without qualifying our opinion, the following should be noted regarding the information in the Annual Report:

1. The estimated total units of Electronic Outdoor Power Equipment (“EOPE”) collected in 2024 as reported in Section 7.2 – Product Collected is calculated using only the sampling data available from the processors as the total count of units collected is unavailable. As such, the information presented is subject to a significant degree of uncertainty.
2. OPEIC does not present a recovery rate in the Annual Report. As such, the total amount of producer’s product sold as presented on Table 4 – Total Units of Electric Outdoor Power Equipment Sold in BC in 2024 Fiscal Reporting Year of the Annual Report has not been included in the Selected Information.

Other Matter

Our report has been prepared solely for the purposes of management’s stewardship under the Recycling Regulation and is not intended to be and should not be used for any other purpose. Our duties in relation to this report are owed solely to OPEIC, and accordingly, we do not accept any responsibility for loss occasioned to any other party acting or refraining from acting based on this report.



CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS

Vancouver, Canada
26 June 2025

Appendix 1

Evaluation Criteria

Collection facilities

Specific disclosures in the annual stewardship report from Section 4 - Collection System and Facilities for which evaluation criteria were developed	
Disclosure per Annual Report	Reference
Total number of collection facilities in 2024 – 239	Table 1: Number of Collection sites by Regional District
Change in number of collection facilities in 2024 – 4 opened, 15 closed	Appendix C: Number and Location of Contracted Collection Sites
“In 2024, four collection sites were added to the collection network, whilst fifteen sites closed.”	

The following evaluation criteria were applied to the assessment of the location of collection facilities, and any changes in the number and location of collection facilities from the previous report in accordance with Section 8(2)(b) of the Recycling Regulation:

- “Collection facilities” are depots that have a signed contract with OPEIC for the collection of program materials during the reporting period 1 January – 31 December 2024, a physical location that is available to collect program material, and the staff of the facility has an adequate understanding of the program.
- OPEIC maintains a listing of all collection facilities for the program, including the location of the collection facility, the total of which agrees to the number of collection facilities as disclosed in the Annual Report.
- The change in number of collection facilities is calculated by comparing the current number of collection facilities, a sum of all the collection facilities that have a signed contract within a given reporting year and those that closed within the same reporting year, to the number of collection facilities reported in the prior reporting year.

Pollution Prevention Hierarchy

Specific disclosures in the annual stewardship report from Section 6 - Pollution Prevention Hierarchy and Product/Component Management for which evaluation criteria were developed	
Disclosure per Annual Report	Reference
“In 2024, all Program Products, collected through the Service Provider’s collection network, were processed by the Service Provider’s contracted processors. In 2024, the Service Provider contracted with three processors to process collected materials. All three processors are certified under the R2 certification program.”	
“In 2024, all bulky (i.e. electric lawn tractors) and regular products were collected in the same stream.”	
“Table 3 provides a description of the downstream process for each commodity type, accounting for all Program Products processed in 2024.”	
“Downstream Processes are based on the descriptions provided by the Recycler Qualification Office (RQO) and EPSC Electronic Recycling Standard verified Processors detailing the end disposition of product managed.”	

Material: Ferrous Steel

Downstream process: Production, processing, non-processing
End fate: Recycle

Material: Plastics

Downstream process: Processing
End fate: Recycle

Material: Aluminum

Downstream process: Production, processing, non-processing
End fate: Recycle

Material: Wire and Cables and String Lights

Downstream process: Refining, non-processing
End fate: Recycle

Material: Copper

Downstream process: Processing, refining
End fate: Recycle

Material: Glass

Downstream process: Production, processing, non-processing
End fate: Recycle

Material: Circuit Boards

Downstream process: Refining
End fate: Recycle

Material: Refuse

Downstream process: Other final disposition
End fate: Landfill

Material: Rechargeable Batteries

Downstream process: Processing, non-processing
End fate: Recycle

Material: Paper Based Materials

Downstream process: Processing
End fate: Recycle

Table 3: Downstream Processes by Material Commodity in 2024

The following evaluation criteria were applied to the assessment of how the recovered product is managed in accordance with the pollution prevention hierarchy in accordance with Section 8(2)(d) of the Recycling Regulation:

- OPEIC defines two streams of products included in the OPEIC Program:
 - Regular Products are defined as products such as chain saws, brush cutters, garden shears, tillers, ice drills and are designed to be carried by the equipment operator either on their back or in their hands and might have accessory wheels.
 - Bulky Products are defined as electric lawn tractors.
- The information on product management for regular and bulky products is based on the information in the downstream material flow documents as approved by the Recycler Qualification Office (“RQO”) and information included in the annual reports as provided by the primary processors.

Product collected

Specific disclosures in the annual stewardship report from Section 7 - Products Sold and Collected for which evaluation criteria were developed
Disclosure per Annual Report
<p>“To estimate OPEIC’s net collection tonnage of Program Products collected in 2024, the Service Provider’s processors submitted monthly sampling reports of collection material processed, indicating the portion of materials that were EOPE versus the proportion of Small Appliances and Residential Light Fixtures. The program also records the total weight of collection material collected through bill of ladings (BoL’s). The proportion of material that was found to be EOPE by weight in the sampling report was applied to the total weight of the collection tonnage reported from BoL’s during each month.”</p>
<p>“To estimate the total number of units of EOPE collected, the Service Provider’s processor conducted a piece count sampling (on an annual average of 10%) of the collection containers received at the processing facility each month. This sampling process will entail identifying and documenting the quantity and weight of products contained within each collection container. The processors submit monthly sampling reports of the collection material processed, indicating the number of units of EOPE that were found in the sample each month. It would be cost-prohibitive for the processor, collection site or Service Provider to count and categorize every unit of material received across the collection network. To estimate the total number of units of EOPE collected in 2024, the number of units found in each sample was extrapolated using the proportion of bags sampled with respect to the total number of bags received per month by each processor.”</p>
<p>“The processors of electronic waste, like other waste processors, use weight in Kgs and tonnes in their everyday business, rather than unit piece count. Counting and categorizing every unit collected would be very disruptive to their business practices and extremely cost-inefficient. As the total count of units collected by the program during 2024 is unknown and the estimated total number of units of EOPE collected is based only on the sampling data available, the estimated units of EOPE collected during 2024 is subject to a significant degree of uncertainty.”</p>
<p>“Comparatively, the estimated weight of EOPE collected during 2024 is determined using the verified total weight of co-mingled program materials collected during 2024 and the proportion of total weight determined to be EOPE during the sampling process, and while the weight collected as reported is an estimate, it is subject to a lower degree of uncertainty.”</p>
<p>“An estimated 240 tonnes and 49,455 units of EOPE were collected in 2024, based on reports from the Service Provider’s contracted consolidation facilities.”</p>

The following evaluation criteria were applied to the assessment of the description of how total amounts of the producer's product collected has been calculated in accordance with Section 8(2)(e) of the Recycling Regulation:

Product Collected:

- Regular products and bulky products are co-mingled with other end of life electronic materials during collection.
- Each shipment of co-mingled product collected is supported by documentation provided by the processors which indicates the total weight collected.
- The processors perform periodic sampling activities to determine the estimated percentage of program materials belonging to the program. The weights of regular and bulky products related to the program are calculated by multiplying the total weight of co-mingled materials by the estimated percentage of OPEIC products.
- The processors periodic sampling activities also identify the number of co-mingled and program specific units contained in each sample. The total number of co-mingled and program specific units collected during the year are unknown. The estimated number of program units collected during the year is calculated by dividing the number of program units identified in the sampling process by the percentage of bags sampled by the processors (bags sampled divided by total bags received).

Performance targets

Specific disclosures in the annual stewardship report from Section 9 - Plan Performance for which evaluation criteria were developed

No targets relating to Section 8(2)(b), (d) and (e) of the Recycling Regulation were presented in the 2024 Annual Report.

The following evaluation criteria were applied to the assessment of the description of performance for the year in relation to targets in the approved stewardship plan under Section 8(2)(b), (d) and (e) of the Recycling Regulation:

- All stewardship plan targets relating to Section 8(2)(b), (d) and (e) of the Recycling Regulation have been identified and disclosed in the Annual Report.



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