



NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL SYMBIOSIS PROGRAM

Business Opportunities Workshop
Westin Bear Mountain Resort, Victoria, BC
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Was it any good?

Thanks to everyone who filled in a feedback form to let us know your opinion of the event. Out of a possible 5 points, you scored us...

Running of the workshop: 4.8/5

Learning and Knowledge Transfer: 4.7/5

Degree of Innovation: 4.7/5

Networking Opportunities: 4.6/5

Meeting Expectations: 4.6/5

Summary Report

On October 23, on the first day of the Coast Waste Management Association Annual Conference & Trade Show, 19 attendees representing 13 different businesses and organizations participated in the first Vancouver Island circular economy-based, business opportunities workshop, part of Canada's National Industrial Symbiosis Program (NISP®). The special facilitation approach used at this event enabled participants to elaborate on their respective waste and resource management challenges, which were in turn shared with all participants. The result: **53 distinct resources** were discussed by the workshop participants, and **20 potential matches** were captured. The NISP® Canada team would like to thank all the participants and volunteers who made this event a success and Coast Waste Management Association who provided the venue and other support for the event.

Who was there?

ACRD, BC Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, BrainStation, CellPro Repair Solutions, Kitimat Understanding the Environment, Mandovi Inc, Nanaimo Recycling Exchange, Recycling Council of British Columbia, Renewi Canada, Spokane County, Surfrider Vancouver Island, University of Victoria, Vanport Sterilizers



What did they say?

"It's amazing to have support like this. Hopefully, we can altogether create a new business atmosphere & consumer perception to practice sustainable lifestyle and living."

E. Han, Kavl Technology

"Very good idea, good to expand your understanding of circular economy."

C. Tran, Renewi Canada

"I think this is a great resource. It is exciting to see what has been accomplished."

E. Cloakey, Kitimat Understanding the Environment

"Fantastic job, simple concept that connects humans and works." L. Boyle, Circular Citizen

What's next?

- **Check your matches** for accuracy and completeness in your customized workshop report.
- **Stay in touch!** The NISP® Canada team hopes to be able to build on this initial Vancouver Island workshop and expand in the region.
- **Progress discussions** with the NISP® Canada team and co-attendees.
- **Contact the NISP® Canada team** for support in progressing identified synergies.