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## Monday landfill service saved – CUPE 1978 overwhelmed by public support



CUPE 1978 president Mauricio Navarrete talks to members of the public lined up to visit the Hartland landfill. He is joined by CRD bylaw officer and CUPE 1978 member Doug Wilde.

VICTORIA – Just before the clock struck noon today, CUPE 1978 members heard the news they'd been hoping for – CRD committee members and elected officials decided against closing the Hartland landfill on Mondays, a move that would have dramatically reduced service to the public, increased line-ups, caused disruption and resulted in the loss of two full-time equivalent jobs and the loss of income for two people.

“We weren’t sure what the committee was thinking when the idea was brought to motion,” says Mauricio Navarrete, president of CUPE 1978, “but we knew that we had to inform the public before the CRD environment committee met today and that we needed public support and help to save Monday service at the landfill.”

CUPE 1978 activists and concerned citizens supported an information picket-line outside the Hartland landfill in the week leading up to today's decision, and urged the public to contact their local politicians to say to them: “Don’t let weekend garbage pile up. Stop the Monday closure of the Hartland landfill.”

Their campaign was also complimented by plenty of media coverage, as well as [radio ads](#) and newspaper ads in local papers including the Victoria Times Colonist.



CUPE 1978 member Kim Manton holds up information leaflet.

“This is great news for our community and great news for our union,” says Navarrete. “This is what standing up for strong communities is all about.”

CUPE 1978 will be placing an ad in the Victoria Times Colonist to thank the public for their support and sending letters of thanks to CRD politicians for making the right decision.

The Hartland Landfill & Recycling Area, every year, serves over 100,000 customers from the Capital Regional District. It is a place where people can dispose of garbage, drop certain types of yard and garden waste and recyclable material and household hazardous waste and controlled waste. It is staffed by 17 landfill workers who live in our community and are members of CUPE 1978.

[Information Leaflet](#)

