

Recovery Works

Building Vancouver While Rebuilding Lives

Overview

Recovery Works is a voluntary partnership between the City of Vancouver and the demolition industry that turns recoverable demolition materials into paid transitional employment for people rebuilding their lives.

How it Works

Participating contractors continue normal demolition operations and place recoverable metals into City-provided Recovery Works bins. The City transports the materials to a Municipal Materials Recovery Centre proposed for the existing City operations yard across from 960 Evans Avenue. The City manages transportation, supervision, safety, PPE, tools, first aid, and workforce development.

Industry Incentives

Possible incentives include expedited permit review where legally available, City-provided recovery bins, reduced hauling logistics, recognition as Recovery Works partners, bid evaluation credits for eligible City procurements, and assistance connecting with WorkBC wage subsidies and trained graduates.

Employment Model

Participants receive safety training and are rewarded through measurable productivity, attendance, milestone bonuses, and certifications. The goal is to create a pathway from recovery into permanent employment.

Public Accountability

Publish quarterly metrics including people employed, hours worked, materials recovered, participants entering permanent jobs, employer satisfaction, program costs, and recovered material revenue.

Campaign Message

Recovery Works. Get Clean. Get Hired. End The Nonsense. It's Time. DTES Redefined by 2030. Great Scott. Greater Vancouver. Make Great Things Happen.