

## Mayne Island Recycling Society – 2021 AGM Manager's Report

In 2021 the Covid protocols became the norm for the depot, with the majority of people wearing masks and accepting the three-car limit. Most everyone also agrees that the current system of using large totes rather than small blue boxes is easier. While we bale paper and cardboard as we receive it on Fridays and Saturdays, Rick and I continue to come in on Thursday for a couple of hours to bale the mixed containers.

In the fall, Eric, Rick and I had our forklift tickets re-certified. There was a fire inspection and appropriate adjustments were made. We also had a visit from Recycle B.C. and received a good rating.

The forklift and truck had some minor work done on them and are running well. We had signs made by Alea for the truck doors with the depot name and website.

Some thirty bales of non-container plastic, such as lawn chairs, were sent to Merlin on the Mainland via Home Hardware. This took two trips. Likely we will send another dozen bales this year.

At the request of our landlords, we did further clean-up down below. This included glass and metal and fencing. I also took some trees down that were infringing upon the driveway.

Likely due to the growing population, I averaged one trip per week into Cascades, up from about three trips per month in previous years. The bottle returns have also increased, a trend that should continue now that we are taking milk and milk substitutes in the return program.