VICTORIA, BC — Consultation kicks off on which of three kitchen scraps and garbage collection models Victoria households prefer, with two open houses this week and a mail-in survey arriving next week.

Input from Victoria households is sought on three collection models, each varying based on cost, frequency of collection, location of tote (backyard/curbside) and greenhouse gas emissions. The new kitchen scraps and garbage collection program will include new trucks, a mechanically lifted tote system and each household will receive new standardized totes.

Surveys will be mailed out next week and are due back to the City by Thursday, December 15. The City of Victoria will implement the collection option that is most preferred by the community, starting in January 2013.

The City of Victoria collects garbage from over 14,000 households each week. Currently, 1.5 tractor trailers of residential garbage from Victoria are taken to the Hartland Landfill each day. This adds up to 4,800 tonnes of garbage going to the landfill each year.

In 2013, the kitchen scrap and garbage program will reduce the amount of material going to the landfill in Victoria by 30 per cent, diverting as much as 1,500 tonnes of organics from the Hartland Landfill on an annual basis.

OPEN HOUSES:

- Cook Street Village Activity Centre
  1-308 Cook Street
  Thursday, November 24, 5-8 p.m.

- Public Square at Fisgard and Government
  Saturday, November 26, 1-4 p.m.

To watch a video about the new kitchen scraps and garbage collection program and for more information visit: www.victoria.ca/greenbin

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