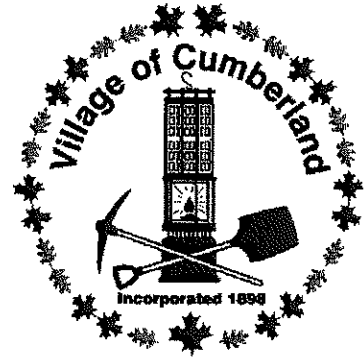


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File No. 0400-61

By email: twarnes@comoxvalleyrd.ca

Bob Wells, Chair
Comox Valley Regional District
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Dear Bob,

Thank you for your letter of March 14, 2019 and the opportunity to provide feedback on the siting of an organics composting facility at the Comox Valley Waste Management Centre. Before addressing the location of the facility, Cumberland Council wishes to make it clear that the Village fully supports the continuation and expansion of the curbside organics collection service in both the Comox Valley and the Strathcona Regional District. The pilot program in Cumberland has proven to be a success and I believe that residents value the service, and support the removal of organic materials from the waste stream.

In regards to the location of the organics processing facility, Council supports the location of the facility in the City of Campbell River. Council previously provided support for the CVRD's successful application to the Small Communities Fund of the New Building Canada Program in 2016, which identified the proposed future regional organics composting facility site in Campbell River. The City of Campbell River has expressed an interest in hosting the facility, and the Village of Cumberland believes that having a solid waste facility in the Strathcona Regional District is important, as this is a regional service. The Village of Cumberland is already host to the Comox Strathcona Waste Management Centre, which will be receiving the majority of the region's solid waste. As well, the potential negative impact on Cumberland if it were to host the regional organics facility adjacent to a large residential community has the potential to cause an array of issues and ongoing complaints for the service.

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The Village looks forward to receiving updates on the progress of the development of the regional composting facility in order to ensure the continuation and expansion of the service from the pilot program. I trust that this feedback helps move this project forward.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'LBaird', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Leslie Baird
Mayor

- c. Russell Dyson, Chief Administrative Officer, CVRD
Marc Rutten, General Manager of Engineering Services, CVRD