



Project Update

Comox Strathcona Waste Management
Regional Organics Facility

March 9th letter from CREC

- On March 9th several directors received a letter from the Campbell River Environmental Committee with questions related to fire and environment
- Staff are working to provide CREC with a fulsome response. The following key points will be included:
 - The ALC approved footprint will be sufficient to safely operate the facility;
 - Firefighting infrastructure (Hydrants, sprinklers, etc) will be determined as part of the design, and in consultation with the City of Campbell River;
 - The Design Builder will work with the City to meet the requirements of development and building permits, including fire suppression and firefighting requirements;
 - The RFP scope clearly states that the facility must comply with BC Fire Code and other relevant codes
 - An EIS is not required based on the initial capacity of finished compost, however we do plan to conduct an EIS prior to commencement of construction.

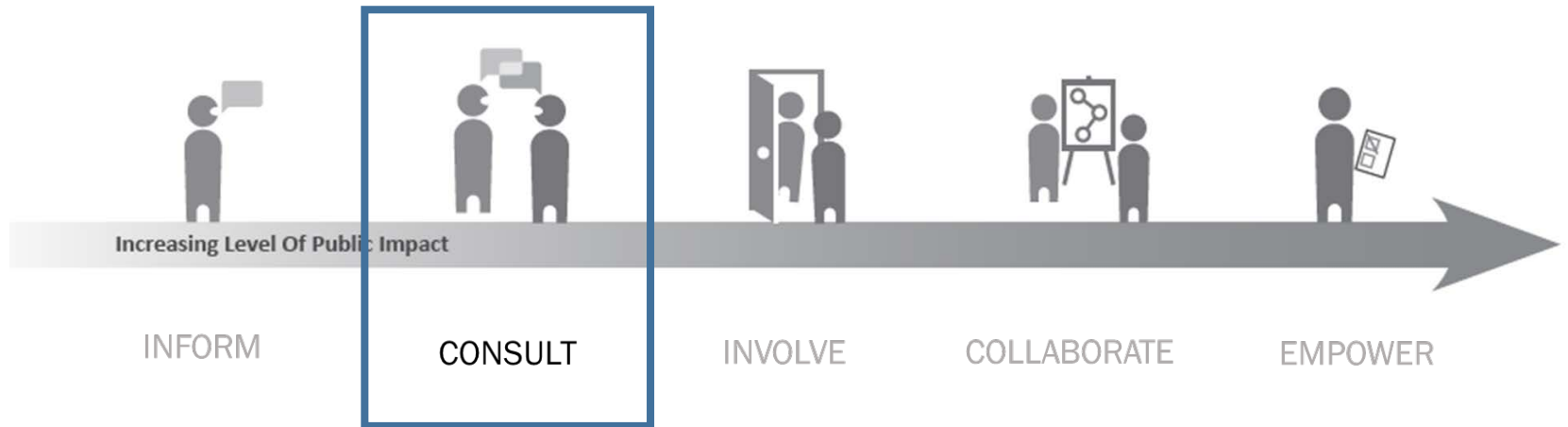


What We Heard

Phase 1 Engagement Summary Report

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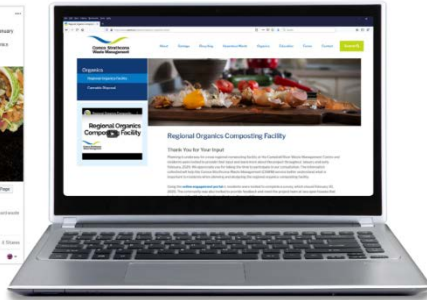
Public Engagement Goals



Consultation Opportunities



Online engagement



Open Houses

- January 30 and February 5
- Maritime Heritage Museum in Campbell River
- 45 people attended



Online

- January 9 to February 10
- 1,000 visitors, 600 seeking more information about the project
- Online survey - 549 respondents

Summary of Public Feedback

Online and Open House



Current Landfill Waste

- Survey respondents very supportive of program
- Top concerns: groundwater, odour and pests
- Strong desire for following best practices and mitigating impacts to neighbours
- Campbell River respondents most concerned about impact to neighbours
- 2 neighbours and CREC opposed to location
- Eagerness for more details about curbside collection
- Interest expressed for rural residents and multi-family building participation

Open House Feedback from Neighbours



- Two properties opposed to siting facility at Block J
- Site constraints
- Uncertainty about future expansion
- Lack of due process
- Grant application amendment
- Other:
 - Dust, air pollutants, noise, traffic, odour, pests and safety of groundwater

Open House Feedback from Stakeholders



- Recycle BC, Strathcona Regional District, Coast Waste Management Association attended open houses with positive feedback
- Campbell River Environmental Committee concerns:
 - Dust and air contaminants
 - Groundwater contamination
 - Compliance with odour laws and regulations
 - Tree removal
 - Organic farm status

Next Steps

- Report provided to proponents to inform the facility design.
- Report back to participants
- Follow-up with municipal staff
- Consider feedback for next phase of engagement – Fall 2020





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Competitive selection process

Three firms have been selected based on their experience in design, construction, and commissioning for similar facilities as well as their demonstrated understanding of the Project:

- Bird Construction Group Ltd.
- GFL Environmental Inc.
- Maple Reinders Constructors Ltd.



Recommendation

THAT following advice from the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, the Comox Strathcona Waste Management Board initiate a targeted amendment of the Solid Waste Management Plan for the Comox Strathcona Waste Management service, to include the location and capacity of the compost facility at Block J in Campbell River and transfer station at the Comox Valley Waste Management Centre.