

COMOX STRATHCONA WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes from the meeting held on February 27, 2020 in the Comox Valley Regional District Civic Room, located at 770 Harmston Ave, Courtenay, BC, commencing at 1:32 pm

PRESENT:

S. Russwurm, Corporate Officer	Town of Comox
D. Hadfield, Director of Operations (via teleconference)	City of Campbell River
S. Veselinovic, Manager Hornby Island Recycling (via teleconference)	Hornby Island Recycling
R. Crisfield, Manager of Operations	Village of Cumberland
J. Humphreys, Environmental Services Coordinator	SRD
M. Rutten, General Manager of Engineering Services	CVRD
G. Bau Baiges, Manager of CSWM Projects	CVRD
C. Wile, Manager of External Relations	CVRD
K. Douville, Manager of Financial Planning	CVRD
J. Warren, General Manager of Corporate Services	CVRD
J. Lee, Manager of CSWM Operations (via teleconference)	CVRD
A. Baldwin Legislative Services Assistant	CVRD

ITEMS:

Minutes

The committee reviewed the minutes of the January 30, 2020 Comox Strathcona Waste Management Advisory Committee meeting and no errors or omissions were noted.

Draft staff report: Regional Organics Compost Project – March 2020

G. Bau Baiges provided an overview of the above-noted report, which includes a recommendation for a targeted amendment of the Solid Waste Management Plan to include the location and capacity of the compost facility and transfer station.

R. Crisfield entered the meeting at 1:35 pm.

C. Wile provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the first phase of engagement for the regional organics facility, which included two open houses and an online survey. Staff have also met with the two neighbouring property owners that attended the open houses regarding their concerns. Public engagement is ongoing and will continue as the project progresses.

Advisory Comments: In response to a question regarding the number of concerns from the public, CVRD staff advised that there is strong overall support for the organics facility, but there are two neighbours and one stakeholder group who are strongly opposed to the siting of the facility at Block J for specific reasons as outlined in the presentation. CVRD staff felt it important to acknowledge their concerns and to inform the board of their concerns to ensure transparency.

Draft Staff report: 2020-2024 Recommended Financial Plan – CSWM Service –Function 391

M. Rutten provided an overview of the above-noted report and PowerPoint presentation, which focused on the changes to the recommended financial plan since the November board meeting. The report will go forward to the March 12, 2020 CSWM Board meeting with a recommendation to approve the 2020-2024 financial plan.

Advisory Comments: No concerns or comments were raised.

Draft staff report: Education Initiatives (communications)

C. Wile provided an overview of the above noted report and PowerPoint presentation. This report is to follow up on questions from the directors regarding education and advertising allocations in the budget and provides a breakdown of budget items that relate to community outreach and education initiatives for 2020.

Advisory Comments: In response to a question why there is a gap in education opportunities for students 12 and older, CVRD staff advised the initial focus of the program was to develop a curriculum for grades K – 3 and 4 – 6 as a long term investment to influence a change in behaviour over time. It was acknowledged that the 12 and older age group may be more likely to consume single use products and litter and if developing an intermediate curriculum is identified by the board as a priority, it could be included in a possible review of communications programs in 2020.

Municipal Service/Project Updates:

No municipal updates were provided.

GENERAL:

The next Comox Strathcona Waste Management Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for March 26, 2020 at 1:30 pm.

TERMINATION:

The meeting terminated at 2:05 pm.

Recorded by:

Certified correct:

A. Baldwin
Legislative Services Assistant

Marc Rutten
General Manager of Engineering Services