

COMOX STRATHCONA WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes from the meeting held on January 30, 2020 in the Comox Valley Regional District Civic Room, located at 770 Harmston Ave, Courtenay, BC, commencing at 10:02 am

PRESENT:

T. Kushner, Director of Public Works/Asst. CAO	City of Courtenay
S. Ashfield, Municipal Engineer	Town of Comox
J. Humphreys, Environmental Services Coordinator	SRD
M. Tatchell, Chief Administrative Officer	Village of Tahsis
M. Rutten, General Manager of Engineering Services	CVRD
A. McGifford, Senior Manager of CSWM Services	CVRD
G. Bau Baiges, Manager of CSWM Projects	CVRD
C. Wile, Manager of External Relations	CVRD
K. Douville, Manager of Financial Planning	CVRD
A. Baldwin Legislative Services Assistant	CVRD

ITEMS:

Minutes

The committee reviewed the minutes of the December 17, 2019 Comox Strathcona Waste Management Advisory Committee meeting and no errors or omissions were noted.

Draft staff report: 2020-2024 Proposed Financial Plan – CSWM Service – Function 391

A. McGifford presented an overview of the above-noted report and PowerPoint presentation. The report incorporates some of the changes suggested at the December 17, 2019 advisory meeting. The increased costs for the security contract at the CVWMC and at the Canex depot will also be included in the report under operational expenses. The staff report will go forward to the February 13th board meeting with a recommendation to endorse the planned 2020 capital procurement methods outlined in Table 1 of the report.

Advisory comments:

In response to a question of when the municipalities can expect to receive their requisition invoices, CVRD staff confirmed that the proposed requisitions (attached as Appendix C to the staff report) are based on the completed assessment values and will be updated once the revised roll has been received. The municipalities will be invoiced once the board has adopted the budget on March 31, 2020.

Draft staff report: Comox Strathcona Waste Management depot update – follow up

A. McGifford provided an overview of the above-noted report and PowerPoint presentation. This report provides additional information requested by the board for the non-Recycle BC depots in the Comox Valley and an update on the status of the Campbell River, Quadra Island and Oyster River depot changes. The closure of the depots has attracted significant interest from the public and their concerns will be addressed in the presentation to the board. The report will be presented to the CSWM Board at the February 13 2020 meeting with a recommendation to close the Courtenay Country Market depot in July 2020 and the Canex facility in July 2021.

Advisory comments:

It was suggested that there may be an increase in illegal dumping and contamination of curbside material as a result of the depot closures. CVRD staff confirmed that there are some resources available to address that through the illegal dumping program and that illegal dumping can also be tracked through the illegal dumping monitoring and reporting program.

S. Ashfield entered the meeting at 10:30 am.

Draft staff report: Regional Organics Compost Project – February 2020

G. Bau Baiges provided an overview of the above-noted report. This report provides an update on the Regional Organics Compost Project and recommends the inclusion of a social procurement option within the Project Request for Proposals documents.

Advisory comments:

CVRD staff confirmed there have been over 800 visitors to the project page and more than 470 surveys completed online. The survey was launched earlier this month and is open until February 10, 2020. Most people are positive about a regional organics facility. CVRD staff are tracking the area of residency of the survey respondents and will keep the municipalities informed to help with communications as they roll out their curbside collection programs. CVRD staff will prepare a report to present the results of the public engagement at the March board meeting.

A. McGifford provided a summary of the outreach that took place on January 8th and 28th with the immediate neighbors that are northeast of the CRWMC site on Argonaut Road. Staff and the CSWM water monitoring consultants met to provide a summary of the annual monitoring reports and answer groundwater quality concerns that they had.

Municipal Service/Project Updates:

The City of Courtenay and Town of Comox provided brief updates on their curbside collection programs.

GENERAL:

The next Comox Strathcona Waste Management Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for February 27, 2020 at 1:30 pm.

TERMINATION:

The meeting terminated at 10:46 am

Recorded by:

Certified correct:

A. Baldwin
Legislative Services Assistant

Andrew McGifford
Senior Manager of CSWM Operations