

## COMOX STRATHCONA WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes from the meeting held on March 22, 2018 in the Comox Valley Regional District boardroom, located at 550B Comox Road, Courtenay, BC, commencing at 1:34 pm

### PRESENT:

S. Ashfield, Municipal Engineer	Town of Comox
D. Hadfield, Transportation Manager (via teleconference)	City of Campbell River
J. France, Chief Administrative Officer	Village of Sayward
R. O'Grady, Director of Engineering	City of Courtenay
L. Plourde, Chief Administrative Officer	Village of Gold River
M. Tatchell, Chief Administrative Officer	Village of Tahsis
S. Veselinovic, Hornby Island Recycling (via teleconference)	Hornby Island
M. Rutten, General Manager of Engineering Services	CVRD
A. McGifford, Senior Manager of CSWM Services	CVRD
G. Bau Baiges, Manager of Solid Waste	CVRD
C. Wile, manager of Operational Communications	CVRD
A. Baldwin, Legislative Services Assistant	CVRD

### ITEMS:

#### Minutes

The committee reviewed the minutes of the February 22, 2018 Comox Strathcona Waste Management Advisory Committee meeting and no errors or omissions were noted.

#### Draft Staff Report: Waste to Energy Business Case Assessment – Scope Change #2 results

A. McGifford presented information regarding the final results of the Comox Strathcona Waste Management (CSWM) Waste to Energy (WTE) business case assessment completed by Morrison Hershfield. The committee discussed key points, which included the following:

- The costs associated with the CSWM service include various diversion initiatives. There are fixed costs for several components within the CSWM service, which will remain unchanged even if WTE is implemented. Landfilling only accounts for approximately one third of the service costs;
- The results of the long term cost modeling show that, currently, landfilling remains the most cost effective waste disposal option for the region over a 50 year period when compared to the WTE technologies assessed;
- Suggestion was made to improve the presentation related to the bar graph slides and simplify the information, to provide two slides with increase technology information, compare technology with the status quo and each technology sited in the Comox Valley.
- It was noted that current tax payers would pay for the implementation of WTE technologies that provide an increase in the lives of the landfills; however future tax payers would see a long term benefit with access to a landfill in the future;
- The committee discussed that technologies evolve and improve over time and therefore it would be prudent to include an assessment of alternate waste disposal technologies in conjunction with a full update to the SWMP;
- The province confirmed that they are not planning on changing the 70% diversion rate and that each regional district will need to show that they have maximized the amount of diversion from the 3 Rs (reduce, re-use and recycle) before they start looking at energy recovery and WTE.
- It was suggested that a slide be included in the presentation that identifies some of the risks associated to implementing WTE that were identified within the report;
- It was suggested that a slide be included that outlines the total long term cumulative costs over 30, 40 & 50 years of WTE vs the status quo;
- It was suggested to provide an overview that will address consideration for the revenue received for the recovery of material within the process.

**GENERAL:**

The next Comox Strathcona Waste Management Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for April 5, 2018 at 1:30 pm.

**TERMINATION:**

The meeting terminated at 2:55 pm.

Recorded by:

Certified correct:

***A. Baldwin***

***A. McGifford***

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Legislative Services Assistant

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Andrew McGifford  
Senior Manager CSWM Services