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TO: Chair and Directors
Comox Valley Regional District
(Comox Strathcona Waste Management Board)

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FROM: James Warren
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RE: Regional District of Nanaimo - Solid Waste Management Plan consultation

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide a short summary to the board for the Regional District of Nanaimo's (RDN) current Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) update, and to recommend providing a letter of support.

Recommendation from the Chief Administrative Officer:

THAT the Comox Strathcona Waste Management Board provide a letter of support to the Regional District of Nanaimo in support of their Solid Waste Management Plan update, affirming that the regional solid waste boards should have autonomy over their waste management affairs.

Executive Summary

The RDN is consulting on their SWMP, which is expected to be adopted by the RDN Board in the first half of 2018. The Comox Strathcona Waste Management (CSWM) Board of directors have been extended the opportunity to comment on the plan and RDN staff will be coming to present at the April 19, 2018 Board meeting. Stakeholder consultation must be undertaken as part of the process to update the SWMP. These are some highlights of the RDN's SWMP:

Single family

- Increasing education and awareness around the curbside collection. The right waste goes to the right place and reducing contamination of household recycling and green bins;
- More opportunities for disposing of household hazardous waste, including sponsoring or hosting drop-off events; and
- Supporting local businesses and non-profits so they can provide opportunities to help recycle and reuse materials not accepted in the curbside program.

Multi-family

- Requirement to have a system to separate waste into organics, recycling and garbage containers for collection;
- Collection would be done by an RDN licensed hauler. Building managers could make their own arrangements; and
- Licensed haulers would help ensure their multi-family customers have systems in place for separating and collecting organics, recycling and garbage.

Industrial Commercial and Institutional (ICI)

- Mandatory waste source separation - all ICI businesses would be required to have a system to separate their waste into organics, recycling and garbage containers for collection; and
- Must be done with a RDN licensed hauler, ensuring the ICI businesses have the place for separating and collecting organics, recycling and garbage.

Waste management industry

- Businesses that haul waste for profit would be required to obtain a license;
- Licensed hauler would receive a discounted tipping fee applied to waste that is landfilled;
- Disposal levy would apply to all waste shipped by a licensed hauler to a disposal facility whether **in or out** of region;
- Two objectives
 - Encourage tracking the flow of waste through industry
 - Fostering innovation around waste diversion

The current RDN budget for waste management services is approximately \$14 million, achieving a 68 per cent waste diversion in 2017. In order to reach the 90 per cent waste reduction target by 2027, the RDN projects the cost for all programs, in all sectors to be approximately \$16 million.

The RDN SWMP can be accessed through the following link
<https://www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/4006/documents/7983>.

Also, there are some fact sheets located here - <https://www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/swmp/documents>.

The proposed steps that may be taken by the RDN could provide the CSWM service some good information to use if there is a desire to undertake similar programs in the future.

CSWM operations will need to be aware of any possible waste leakage coming from the RDN. The increased focus on keeping recyclables and food waste out of the landfill may provide some RDN residents with motivation to bring waste to neighboring landfills to avoid surcharges for non-compliant loads.

Overall, there should be no significant impact on the CSWM service from staff's perspective.

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