

## DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

### MINUTES OF THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT SELECT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2015 AT 1:30 PM IN THE RDN COMMITTEE ROOM

#### Present:

Director A. McPherson	Chairperson
Director H. Houle	Electoral Area 'B'
Director M. Young	Electoral Area 'C'
Director B. McKay	City of Nanaimo
Director J. Kipp	City of Nanaimo
Alternate	
Councillor B. Avis	Town Of Qualicum Beach

#### Also in Attendance:

D. Pearce	A/Gen. Mgr., Transportation & Solid Waste Services, RDN
L. Gardner	Manager of Solid Waste, RDN
S. Horsburgh	Senior Solid Waste Planner, RDN
P. Thorkelsson	CAO, RDN
R. Graves	Recording Secretary, RDN
Director B. Rogers	Electoral Area 'E'

#### Regrets:

Director T. Westbroek	Town of Qualicum Beach
Director J. Stanhope	Electoral Area 'G'
Director B. Yoachim	City of Nanaimo

#### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:33pm by the Chairperson.

#### MINUTES

#### CORRESPONDENCE

#### REPORTS

##### Review of Stage One.

S. Horsburgh gave a presentation to provide the committee with an update of the current Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP). S. Horsburgh reviewed some of the key policy drivers which include "Zero Waste" diversion targets, ensuring that the landfill is designed and operated to maximize environmental protection, banning waste materials from disposal in the landfill, organics diversion strategy, waste stream management licensing and user pay. Discussion ensued with respect to Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR), MMBC and NOW organics.

##### Approval of Consultation and Communications Plan - Survey.

L. Gardner updated the Committee of the SWMP consultation objectives. This included ensuring the plan is collaborative and reflects a broad range of perspectives, opportunities to educate the public about the SWMP and gather input future options for managing waste and meet the Ministry of the Environment consultation expectations.

The SWMP includes the public consultation objectives and includes opportunities to educate the public about the SWMP and the role of the public and technical advisory committee(s), stakeholder consultation, municipal consultation and First Nations consultation. Currently we are at the information

stage and later in the Plan we will engage the public in more dialogue.

### **Review of Solid Waste Issues and Work Plan.**

S. Horsburgh reviewed the Issues and Work Plan handout. This plan is a condensed version which outlines the information that we are going to be bringing forward to our Advisory Committee and will guide them to develop and understand what the issues are and give the sense of what we are currently doing to address each issue.

This table identifies emerging issues that came from a variety of meetings that were held to date. A Solid Waste Haulers and Recyclers meeting held September 2013, a Solid Waste Planning workshop held for RDN Board members in May 2014, a Zero Waste community day workshop held in October 2014 and, two meetings of the Regional Solid Waste Advisory Committee held in October and December 2014.

S. Horsburgh reviewed the Work Plan with topic areas that are based on the Stage 1 report. The Work Plan is being developed and an Issues Memorandum will be going forward to the Board.

### **Future Waste Generation Projections.**

L. Gardner gave an overview of the presentation with topics that included why waste projection is important, provincial and local forecasting of waste generation and limitations.

Some factors that will play a role in future waste generation and the type of service that may be considered will include:

- Regional Growth – aging population, increased densification in some areas
- Industry Product Stewardship programs – rate of successful diversion
- Waste Export – where is the waste in our region being disposed of
- Consumerism – are individual buying habits staying the same or are individuals buying more or less.

The RDN has a mature waste management system and has all of the elements to promote higher levels of diversion.

[3:40pm Director McKay left the meeting.]

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Director Kipp requested bringing forward a resolution to start the process of reviewing post future closure of the Landfill.

P. Thorkelsson requested that Committee support AVICC initiative to create a working group to review Vancouver Island/Sunshine Coast solid waste issues.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED Director Houle that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

### **NEXT MEETING**

TBA.

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CHAIRPERSON