

APPENDIX A -- LETTERS FROM B.C. MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT

January 24, 1989

Capital Regional District
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ATTENTION: Mr. W.M. Jordon
Executive Director

Gentlemen:

The Capital Regional District Solid Waste Management Plan Report dated November, 1987, and subsequent supporting information dated June 27, 1988, have now been reviewed. This letter is to confirm that the Plan is approved in accordance with Section 16 of the Waste Management Act with the exception, that further commitments are required regarding solid waste disposal on Saltspring Island. The Regional District should now proceed with arrangements for the design and construction of the works proposed.

Approval of this Plan provides authority to the Capital Regional District to discharge wastes in accordance with the provisions of the Plan. The implementation and administration of your Waste Management Plan will require resolution and/or approval of a number of details involving engineering, operational, monitoring and certain administrative elements. Finalization of these aspects shall be subject to the approval of the Regional Waste Manager, Mr. G.E. Oldham, P. Eng.

Although I am approving this Plan, I wish to draw to the Regional Board's attention some conditions of the approval and matters of which the Regional District should be aware in proceeding with the Plan implementation.

1. The sampling and monitoring program presently being carried out by the Capital Regional District (based on the Gartner Lee Limited Hydrological Monitoring Report dated November 12, 1987) shall continue and shall form part of the operating plan for the landfill. The intent of the program is to assess any impact from the landfill on groundwater and surface waters in the area. The program shall be modified as required to address the future expansion of the landfill area into Phase II.

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2. A significant issue arising from the review of the Plan Report was the question of budgeted costs not including certain capital works which may ultimately be necessary. The Capital Regional District has agreed to mitigate for fisheries and water management losses and has made a firm commitment in the Plan to control leachate and gas, without estimating detailed costs for the wide variety of works that may be involved. While I commend the District for making these necessary commitments, I feel obliged to remind the Board that the detailed costs of these potential undertakings are not known at this time. Accordingly, the Board should be prepared to deal with these matters when they arise.
3. Proposed measures to reclaim/rehabilitate the Phase I and II landfill areas, and the associated end-use plans, shall be submitted to the Regional Waste Manager for approval at least one year in advance of their planned closures.
4. The Plan concludes that the residents of Galiano and Saturna Islands have indicated a preference to continue operating their own landfills without Capital Regional District involvement. Accordingly, these landfills will remain outside the authority of your Waste Management Plan and will operate under their existing Waste Management Permits, PR-5559 and PR-2083, respectively. If either or both islands find that they can no longer continue landfilling for any reason at the existing or at alternate landfill sites, and are subsequently included within the Waste Management Plan boundary, an amendment to the Plan would be required.
5. Similarly, the selected course of action for Jordan River and Port Renfrew is continued landfilling at their local logging company landfills, authorized by Waste Management Permits PR-3788 and PR-2321, respectively. Changes in these operations might also require an amendment to the Waste Management Plan.
6. There are a number of concerns about the existing landfill site on Blackburn Road, Saltspring Island that support its closure and the provision of alternative disposal facilities elsewhere. The Plan has concluded that as an alternative, a transfer station with disposal to the Hartland landfill would be the best solution as an acceptable landfill site on Saltspring Island cannot be found. In response to Chairman Susan Brice's letter

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of August 16, 1988, on behalf of the Board, requesting that the Capital Regional District's name be removed from the Waste Management Permit PR-1839, I can advise that I am not prepared to do so at this time. Further, in view of the environmental concerns about the site, it is my desire to cancel the permit as soon as alternative arrangements can be established. Proposed measures to reclaim/rehabilitate the present site shall be submitted to the Regional Waste Manager for approval by March 31, 1990. After site rehabilitation a request can be made to the Regional Waste Manager to cancel Waste Management Permit PR-1839. We await your Board's commitment with respect to solid waste disposal for Saltspring Island.

The non-discharge facilities and material recovery programs proposed by the Waste Management Plan will not require specific approval before implementation. However, the program plans and developmental details on the recycling, composting and materials recovery concepts should be submitted and/or discussed with the Regional Waste staff of my Ministry on a continuing basis. In addition, annual reports and five-year reviews to monitor and assess the plan's development and operation should be submitted for reference to the Regional Waste Manager.

I am encouraged by your initiative in undertaking the Waste Management Planning process. As the plan proceeds to implementation and full operation, there may be a need to specify additional conditions or requirements and/or allow public involvement to support the plan concept and its practical execution. My staff and I look forward to further close co-operation in the implementation of this project.

Yours sincerely,



Bruce Strachan
Minister

cc: The Galiano Club (Re: PR-5559)
Saturna Island Community Club (Re: PR-2083)
Mr. Norman Twa (Re: PR-1839)
Western Forest Products Ltd., Jordan River (Re: PR-3788)
B.C. Forest Products Ltd., Port Renfrew (Re: PR-2321)



January 14, 1993

Frank Leonard, Chair and Directors
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Dear Frank Leonard and Directors:

Thank you for your letter of October 20, 1992, requesting the development of an Order-in-Council to suspend Capital Regional District (CRD) By-laws 980 and 1404, in order to implement your solid waste management plan.

I have reviewed the report, entitled "Capital Regional District Solid Waste Management Plan, Revision 1" dated June 1991. I will approve this document as an interim plan for the CRD.

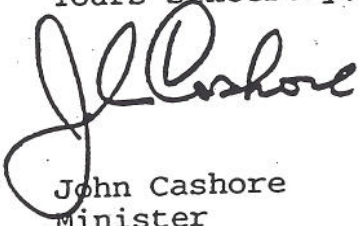
I require that an amendment to your solid waste management plan be prepared to include the peripheral areas of the regional district, such as Saltspring and Saturna Islands. The amendment of the plan should also address issues arising from recent legislation changes (Bill 29). This revision must be submitted for approval on or before December 31, 1995, as required by legislation.

I have requested ministry staff to prepare the necessary documentation to take forth a request for an Order-in-Council to suspend the CRD By-laws 980 and 1404. If you require information on how this task is proceeding, please contact David Brown, Manager, Municipal Waste Reduction Branch, at 387-9986.

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Thank you for your continued commitment to meet the 50 percent reduction in municipal solid waste. I am looking forward to working with you in implementing your progressive solid waste management plan.

Yours sincerely,



John Cashore
Minister

cc: Honourable Robin Blencoe
Honourable Elizabeth Cull
Honourable Andrew Petter
Honourable Moe Sihota
Gretchen Brewin, MLA
Rick Kasper, MLA
David Brown