

Meeting Minutes Solid Waste Advisory Committee

Thursday, January 17, 2019

12:30 PM

6th Floor Boardroom
625 Fisgard St.
Victoria, BC V8W 1R7

PRESENT:

N. Ariff, D. Blackwell (Chair), T. Daliran, J. Hillis, K. King, M. Kurschner, D. Laing, E. Latta, T. Maler, A. Meisen, D. Monsour, J. Squier, R. Speller, R. Tooke, G. Tulloch, S. Wiebe, S. Young Jr. (Vice Chair), Melissa Nielsen (Tetra Tech), Wilbert Yang (Tetra Tech), K. Hamilton

STAFF: R. Smith, Senior Manager, Environmental Resource Management (ERM); A. Bergner, Planner, ERM; W. Dunn, Program Coordinator, ERM; E. Kelch, First Nations Engagement Assistant, First Nations Relations; M. Tromp-Hoover, Supervisor, Communication & Education Development; C. Robins, Manager, Solid Waste Operations, A. Chambers, Senior Administrative Secretary, ERM (Recorder)

REGRETS:

A. Lawson, E. O'Grady, J. Shaw, C. Tuggle,

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 pm.

1. Approval of Agenda

Agenda for the January 17, 2019 Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting.

**MOVED by D. Monsour, SECONDED by K. King
That the agenda be approved and circulated
CARRIED**

2. Adoption of Minutes

Minutes from the November 15, 2018 Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting.

A member of the committee provided the following comments on the minutes and attached slides:

- Include corresponding years and tonnages when stating waste composition percentages.
- Per capita waste generation should take into account population growth and the CRD's future urban structure and economy.
- The Circular Economy slide (No. 27) in the presentation does not address such issues as energy emissions and inputs and lists limited options for disposal. It would be great to have a better visual to represent the Circular Economy.
- More information on recycling processing in the CRD and compost markets would be appreciated.

- Information on what happens to net revenues in surplus years would be useful. (Answer: The funds are transferred into a sustainability reserve fund.)

Staff and consultants indicated that they would take these points into consideration.

**MOVED by G. Tulloch, SECONDED by S. Young Jr.
That the minutes from the November 15, 2018 Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.**

CARRIED

3. Chair's Remarks

D. Blackwell welcomed the group to the first Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting of 2019 and noted that the CRD's Blue Box Program celebrates its 30th anniversary this year.

D. Blackwell informed the group that she has a new role as Vice Chair of the CRD Board. She is not on the newly formed Parks & Environment Committee (PEC) which serves as the steering committee for the Solid Waste Management Plan. PEC will hold its first meeting on January 23 at which time they will appoint a new chair. D. Blackwell advised that she has really enjoyed her time as chair on the Solid Waste Advisory Committee and that we have learned a lot as a group.

4. Solid Waste Management Planning Process –Status Update/Work Plan

A. Bergner provided an update on the solid waste management planning process. We are currently at Stage Three. We started work on the long list of options in November 2018.

There was a request for a detailed work plan outline for 2019. A. Bergner presented a slide outlining the 2019 work plan.

The committee is currently working with the consultant to develop a short list of options. A summary report is expected to be ready for the April SWAC meeting.

We expect to take the short list of options to the Parks & Environment Committee in June 2019 with recommendations to the CRD Board for July 2019. The CRD Board has the final decision making authority in our region. We expect to hold a Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting in July or August to inform the group of feedback and comments.

We plan to go to public consultation in early fall and hope that SWAC members will be involved in this process as they are representatives of the community who have provided input. In November, we will have a report on the consultation results which we will review and forward to the Parks & Environment Committee and then to the CRD Board.

Director Blackwell had to leave the meeting early, and Vice Chair S. Young took over as chair.

5. Update on Related Solid Waste Initiatives

A committee member had inquired about municipal solid waste initiatives in the region. R. Smith updated the group on related solid waste initiatives:

Municipal: Municipalities have the authority to regulate businesses (unlike regional districts). Some municipalities are currently looking at regulating single use items and are developing their own zero waste strategies. The Solid Waste Management Plan is region-wide and provides overall direction on solid waste management in the region. The SWMP will need to be endorsed by all municipalities and will support or complement municipal initiatives.

Federal: The Government of Canada recently signed the Oceans Plastics Charter, a G7 Agreement that includes commitments to recycle and reuse at least 55% of plastic packaging by 2030 and 100% by 2040. It also states goals of 100% reusable and recyclable plastics by 2030 and increasing recycled content by at least 50% in plastic products where applicable by 2030. These new national standards help guide respective jurisdictions and industry and will inform the Solid Waste Management Plan process.

Provincial: The provincial government regulates Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) under the BC Recycling Regulation. The Province is currently going conducting an EPR service gap analysis which will help identify what products (e.g. mattresses, textiles, and construction & demolition waste) should be included as future EPR programs. This could have the potential of diverting a number of materials from the waste stream

Regional: The CRD Board has given their approval to explore a potential organics processing facility either in or near the region and to determine the preferred landfill gas utilization technology to optimize recovering this resource. Both projects would form part of the overall solid waste management system and may have implications on the solid waste financial model.

A member requested links to the initiatives to see how they relate to the work on the SWMP.

It was agreed that more information on these initiatives will be circulated to the group.

6. Long List of Waste Management Options

Staff Report: A. Bergner presented the *Long List of Waste Management Options* staff report which provided an introduction to the technical memo that was sent out to committee. The memo is work in progress.

**MOVED by N. Ariff, SECONDED by D. Laing
That the Long List of Waste Management Options staff report be received for information.
CARRIED**

Presentation/Topic Introductions: M. Nielson and W. Yang introduced themselves to the group. They presented an evaluation matrix that will be used to further evaluate these strategies that will be put together in this meeting and over the next several weeks. The evaluation criteria were based on the goals and guiding principles which were approved by the CRD Board in October 2018.

Roundtable Discussion (Worksheets): M. Nielson introduced the roundtable discussion and worksheet exercise. The consultants briefly introduced thirteen solid waste topics and SWAC members provided input on each topic. Their feedback was recorded on flipcharts. Members expressed interest in a further discussion about the definition of Circular Economy. It was also suggested to include references to research and technology advances in the new SWMP.

Members were encouraged to submit further input on the worksheets by January 25

7. Next Meetings

The next meeting will be February 21, 2019 and will take place at CRD Headquarters, 625 Fisgard Street in the Boardroom from 12:30pm to 3:00pm.

8. Closing Comments

There were no closing comments.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10pm.