

## Meeting Minutes

### Solid Waste Advisory Committee

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Tuesday, March 12, 2019

12:30 PM

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

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#### PRESENT:

T. Daliran, J. Hillis, B. Isitt (Chair), K. King, M. Kurschner, E. Latta, T. Maler, A. Meisen, D. Monsour, J. Shaw, R. Tooke, C. Tuggle, S. Wiebe, J. Wolting, S. Young Jr. (Vice Chair), Melissa Nielsen (Tetra Tech), Wilbert Yang (Tetra Tech)

STAFF: A. Bergner, Planner, ERM; A. Chambers, Senior Administrative Secretary, ERM (Recorder); W. Dunn, Program Coordinator, ERM; M. Tromp-Hoover, Supervisor, Communication & Education Development; R. Smith, Senior Manager, Environmental Resource Management (ERM); T. Watkins, Manager, Policy & Planning (ERM)

#### REGRETS:

N. Ariff, D. Laing, A. Lawson, R. Speller, J. Squier, G. Tulloch

The meeting was called to order at 12:35 pm.

R. Smith introduced Director Isitt as the new Solid Waste Advisory Committee Chair.

#### 1. Approval of Agenda

Agenda for the March 12, 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 January 17, 2019 Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting.

**MOVED by A. Meisen, SECONDED by D. Monsour**  
**That the minutes from the January 17, 2019 Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.**  
**CARRIED**

#### 3. Chair's Remarks

B. Isitt welcomed the group and informed them he was a part of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee four years ago and he is looking forward to working with this committee and

working towards an adopted Solid Waste Management Plan.

There is one alternate attending today from UVic, J. Wolting is attending on behalf of N. Ariff.

E. O'Grady (public representative) has resigned for the committee to relocate to the mainland. She advises that she has enjoyed being a part of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee and sends her best wishes to the group. The public representative position will be advertised.

March 2019 marks the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the blue box program. The program started in Victoria, Oak Bay, Saanich and Esquimalt in March 1989 and has since expanded to over 120,000 households in the region. To date the program has diverted 400,000 tonnes of material from the landfill.

**MOVED by D. Monsour, SECONDED by A. Meisen  
That the chair's remarks be adopted.  
CARRIED**

#### **4. Solid Waste Management Planning Process –Status Update**

A. Bergner provided an update on the solid waste management planning process. The Ministry prescribes a four-step planning process. We have reviewed eight Guiding Principles and have four goals that were approved by the Board last year. We are in the process of looking at options which will see a short list produced from the long list. Draft strategies that have been put together, which ultimately form the plan, should be ready for public consultation in the fall of 2019. A draft plan is expected to be ready in mid-2020.

**MOVED by E. Latta, SECONDED by J. Hillis  
That the Solid Waste Management Plan update be adopted.  
CARRIED**

#### **5. Preliminary Solid Waste Management Strategies**

**Staff Report: Preliminary Strategies for the Solid Waste Management Plan:** R. Smith introduced the staff report and the technical memorandum. This report was received for information by the committee.

**Presentation – Preliminary Strategies:** Tetra Tech welcomed the group and informed the group that the preliminary strategies were formed from the committee's feedback on the long-list of options. The goal of today's meeting will be to understand as a group what these strategies mean and to provide feedback on the specific strategies and actions. The summary report of the strategies will be presented in May 2019.

Tetra Tech staff presented the proposed strategies. The following points were raised by SWAC members:

- The cost considerations should include what is currently being funded and whether new resources are needed to move forward.
- Include "Identify the need for solid waste facilities and appropriate zoning" and delete "increase zoning for waste management activities as it suggests a deficiency.
- We need a clear definition of "user pay".

- Use of clear bags for garbage collection seems contrary to single use bag ban initiatives in some municipalities.
- We need more acknowledgement of the role of the private sector in waste management activities and their impact.
- We need clear terminology for Goals and Actions to allow for conversations with the public.
- Reference to construction demolition (including wood diversion) and illegal dumping needs to be added and seems to fit better under the first 3R's.
- Consider less active wording than "maximize" and "optimize" for strategies 12 and 13.
- We need to plan for contingencies to adapt to potential future disruptions and changes.
- Can we expand illegal dumping to public space waste management activities?

**Group Exercise:** The committee split into four groups, two at Reduction and Reuse and two at Recycle.

## 6. Backgrounder on Resource Recovery Projects

Two staff reports *Organics Processing Regional Capacity* and *Landfill Gas Utilization Alternatives* went to the February 27, 2019 meeting of the Parks & Environment Committee and the recommendations were approved. These reports will go to the March 13, 2019 Board meeting. There is a recommendation that these reports be referred back to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee for feedback and input. A request was made to provide a flow sheet for both reports prior to the next meeting to clarify the various waste streams. It was clarified that the referral process is based on providing feedback on the information that the Board has received.

## 7. Next Meetings

The next meeting will be April 9, 2019 and will take place at CRD Headquarters, 625 Fisgard Street in the Boardroom from 12:30pm to 3:00pm.

## 8. Closing Comments

B. Isitt thanked everyone for their engagement. There were no further closing comments.

## 9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05pm.

**MOVED by A. Meisen, SECONDED by D. Monsour  
That the meeting is adjourned.  
CARRIED**