

Meeting Minutes

Solid Waste Advisory Committee

Friday, August 7, 2020

12:30 PM

6th Floor Boardroom

625 Fisgard St.

Victoria, BC V8W 1R7

PRESENT:

M. Coburn, C. Gibson (EP), S. Gose, J. Hillis, L. Jenson (EP), K. King, M. Kurschner, A. Meisen, D. Monsour, J. Oakley (EP), J. Olsen, J. Smith (EP), N. Taylor (Chair), R. Tooke, C. Tuggle (EP), S. Wiebe

Staff: A. Chambers, Senior Administrative Secretary, ERM (Recorder); R. Smith, Senior Manager, Environmental Resource Management (ERM)

Guests: J. Cullington (Judith Cullington & Associates) (EP), Maura Walker

Regrets: E. Latta, J. Shaw, R. Speller, S. Young Jr. (Vice Chair)

EP - Electronic Participation

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

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

2. Approval of Agenda

Agenda for the August 7, 2020 Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting.

**MOVED by A. Meisen, SECONDED by D. Monsour
That the agenda be approved as circulated.
CARRIED**

3. Adoption of Minutes

Minutes from the June 5, 2020 Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting.

**MOVED by R. Tooke, SECONDED by D. Monsour
That the minutes of the June 5, 2020 Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED
OPPOSED: J. Hillis, A. Meisen**

Minutes from the July 3, 2020 Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting.

MOVED by R. Tooke, SECONDED by A. Meisen

That the minutes of the July 3, 2020 Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Chair's Remarks

Applications for the Solid Waste Advisory Committee vacancies closed July 10, 2020 and a total of six applications were received. Staff will review the applications and make recommendations to the Environmental Services Committee for their September meeting.

Thank you to the group for accommodating an August meeting.

5. Solid Waste Management Plan

Motion: N. Taylor: Target Adjustment for the Solid Waste Management Plan

N. Taylor brought forward the below motion and a discussion ensued:

- Maura Walker provided clarification on how both the goals and targets were developed.
- Pros and cons of a more aggressive waste reduction target were discussed, including:
 - Pros: reducing climate and environmental impacts, reducing the need for landfill expansion
 - Cons: potential financial, consultation and timing implications

MOVED by N. Taylor, SECONDED by D. Monsour

That the Solid Waste Advisory Committee recommend that the Environmental Services Committee recommend to the Capital Regional District Board:

That a new target of 2/3 waste reduction by 2030 be approved to guide the development of the new Solid Waste Management Plan, and that Staff undertake work, with feedback from the Solid Waste Advisory Committee, to update the strategies and draft plan as required to meet the new target.

MOVED A. Meisen, SECONDED J.Hillis

That (relative to 2019/2020) be added after ... reduction by 2030 and that the wording to update the draft plan which includes strategies as required replace the original wording to read to update the strategies and draft plan as required.

The question was called on the main motion with amendments

MOVED by A. Meisen, SECONDED by J. Hillis

That the Solid Waste Advisory Committee recommend that the Environmental Services Committee recommend to the Capital Regional District Board:

That a new target of 2/3 waste reduction by 2030 (relative to 2019/2020) be approved to guide the development of the new Solid Waste Management Plan, and that Staff undertake work, with feedback from the Solid Waste Advisory Committee, to update the draft plan which includes strategies as required to meet the new target.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: M. Coburn, K. King, J. Smith

Presentation: Finalizing the Draft Plan: Maura Walker presented on the comments from the roundtable discussion that was had at the July 3, 2020 meeting and proposed additions under the following four headings:

- Municipal Waste Management
- Illegal Dumping
- Household Hazardous Waste
- Finance

The presentation can be found as Appendix A.

MOVED by M. Coburn, SECONDED by K. King

That the additions to the draft plan under the four headings *Municipal Waste Management, Illegal Dumping, Household Hazardous Waste, Finance*, be incorporated into the draft plan including the background information on how the targets were developed.

CARRIED

6. SWAC Self-Assessment/Effectiveness Review

A discussion ensued on what options there are for the committee to undertake a self-evaluation.

MOVED by A. Meisen, D. Monsour

May it be moved that for a forthcoming meeting, consideration be given to ways and means of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee undertaking a self-evaluation and inviting the Chair to put forward proposals and documentation in support of that endeavour.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: M. Coburn, K. King, M. Kurschner, R. Tooke

7. Other Business

There was a general discussion regarding residential recycling/composting/garbage and the need for consistent public communication regarding various regional programs.

8. Next Meeting

The next Solid Waste Advisory Committee is October 2, 2020.

MOVED by M. Coburn, SECONDED by S. Wiebe

That the September 4, 2020 Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting is cancelled and the next meeting will be October 2, 2020.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: S. Gose, A. Meisen, J. Smith

9. Closing Comments

There were no closing comments.

10. Adjournment

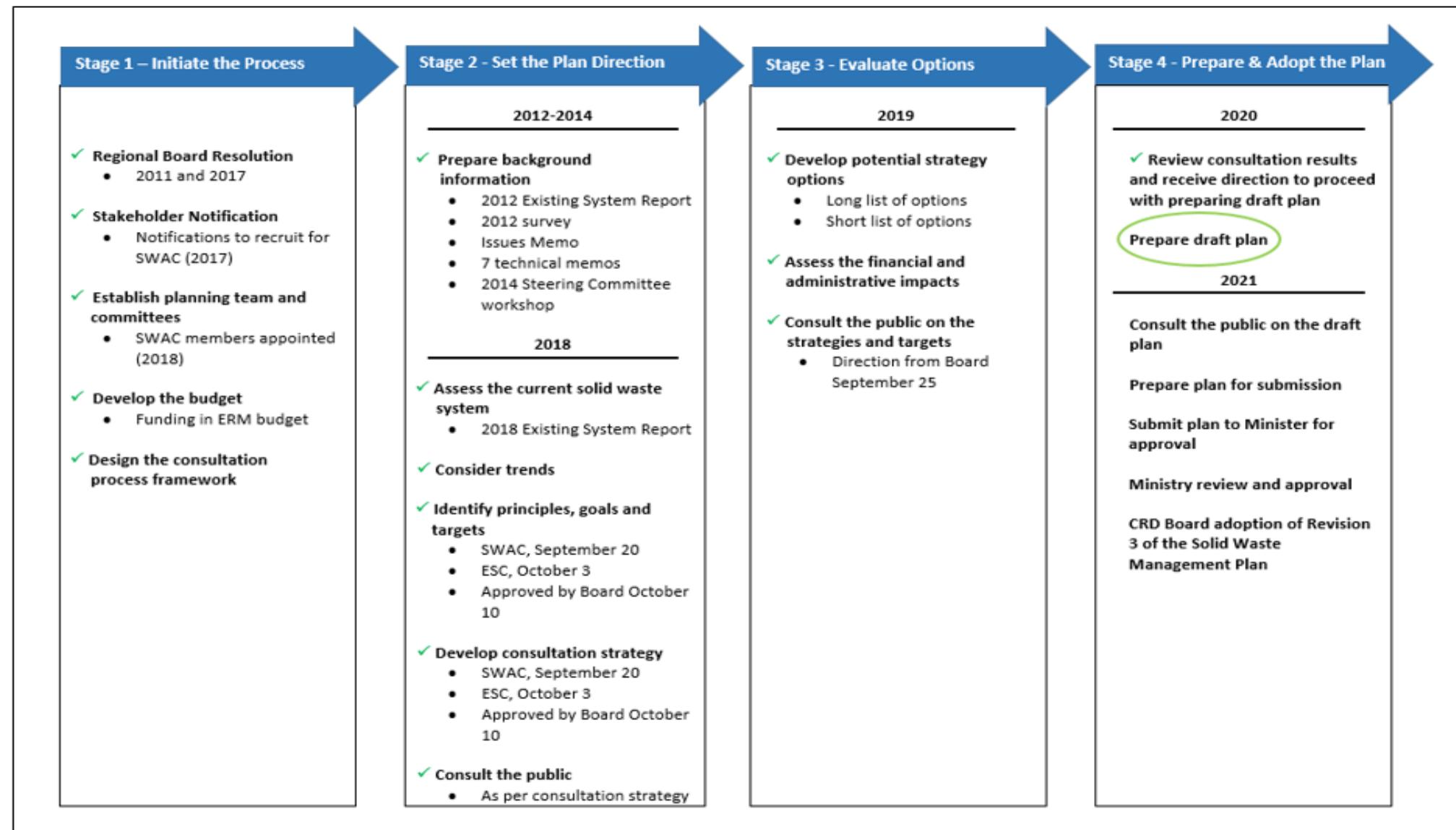
The meeting was adjourned at 15:31 pm.

MOVED by D. Monsour, SECONDED by N. Taylor

That the Solid Waste Advisory Committee be adjourned.

CARRIED

Review of SWMP Planning Process



Finalising the Draft Plan

CRD Solid Waste Management Plan

SWAC Feedback from July Meeting

- Review of input received from roundtable exercise
 - Response to each comment
 - 3 general types of response
 - i. The draft plan incorporates the comment, e.g.,
Mandatory clear bags for all refuse loads is addressed in Action 5E:
Investigate use of clear bags for garbage or recyclables collection to encourage proper recycling of materials...
 - ii. The comment will be addressed as part of implementing the plan, e.g.,
Awareness of general public and understanding regarding where products go and what to do with them.
This information / messaging can be incorporated into the implementation of the actions listed in Strategy #1.
 - iii. The comment warrants an addition/edit to the draft plan

Recommended Plan Additions

- **Municipal waste management:**
 - Expand the description of the role of municipalities to include litter collection, streetscape sanitation, waste collection from public spaces and municipal waste planning (may include the development of Zero Waste plans)
 - Add new section under the Existing System (Section 4) on streetscape waste management saying, “Public space litter and recycling collection is a municipal service, as well as a responsibility of Recycle BC. Streetscape recycling is part of the Recycle BC’s EPR program for packaging and printed papers.”

Recommended Plan Additions

- **Illegal Dumping**

- Add new section under the Existing System (Section 4) describing the CRD's illegal dumping mitigation measures
 - Communication campaigns
 - Funding to non-profit associations to conduct clean-up events in public places
 - Funding for the removal of abandoned boats and marine debris
 - Supports non-profit organizations involved in recycling clothing and used household goods
 - funding towards the disposal and recycling of unusable materials received as donations
 - providing safe disposal of abandoned hazardous materials
 - Maintaining a web page on illegal dumping on the CRD website that provides information on how to reduce illegal dumping and abandonment

Recommended Plan Additions

- **Household Hazardous Waste**
 - Add in a section indicating:
 - That the majority of HHW collection is handled through EPR programs
 - Not all HHW is covered by EPR programs, and as a result, CRD has a HHW depot at Hartland that receives non-EPR HHW. This will remain available as long as there is a need for the service. However, this is a cost to the CRD solid waste service.
 - CRD will continue to encourage the province to expand the list of HHW products covered by EPR.

Recommended Plan Additions

- **Finance:**
 - Include more detailed Revenue / Expense table in the plan

Highlights

- Base Capital \$3-4MM per year (no debt)
- Large capital (no debt)
 - Renewable Natural Gas - \$23.5MM (from reserves in 2020 -22)
 - Organics Processing – anticipated to be procured as a DBFO (no CRD Capital)
 - Hartland 2100 – funded through base Capital Regional District
- CRD Education / Diversion spending
 - Current budget - \$2.5M / year
- Proposed education/diversion spending increase with new SWMP
 - \$350,000 / year

Summary

- Recommended additions fill in information gaps
- No new actions or costs
- No requirement for additional consultation (beyond what is already planned)

Thank you.