

First Nations Consultation Executive Summary

The Capital Regional District (CRD) is developing a new Solid Waste Management Plan—the plan that guides how the region will manage solid waste in the coming years. Solid waste includes recyclables, compostable material and garbage from homes, businesses, institutions, and construction and demolition sites. In keeping with the CRD’s commitment to Reconciliation and the provincial government’s expectations regarding working with First Nations, we wish to share our record of engagement with First Nations regarding the CRD’s Solid Waste Management Plan.

In summary, while there was a lot of engagement in 2019 with local area First Nations regarding solid waste management in general. The CRD was proactive in seeking funding to support solid waste management education initiatives in two communities and hired an Indigenous intern to do further outreach around this topic. There was good momentum created at the community level around this work and the CRD will maintain those connections to keep it going. There is a high level of interest in waste reduction, recycling and management of Hartland Landfill and there are more conversations that need to take place to with First Nations in relation to the Solid Waste Management Plan.

Below is a summary of activities that took place in 2019 in regards to solid waste management. This is only the first round of engagement, and further engagement will still be taking place to seek First Nations input as the plan is developed.

Activity	First Nation	Response
Solid Waste Management Education Event	Hosted by WJOLELP attended by other WŚÁNEĆ Nations	Over 75 people attended. 200 blue bins, blue bags and info sheets were given to community members.
Hired First Nations Solid Waste Outreach Intern	Several First Nations in the capital region	Positive Interest from engaged communities.
Solid Waste Management Education Event	Songhees and Esquimalt	Over 60 people attended the event. Waste stations set up in both administration offices.
Emails to First Nations Administrators	All in capital region	Follow up meetings with WŚÁNEĆ Administrators and Lekwungen Liaisons.
Face to face meetings with WŚÁNEĆ Administrators	WŚÁNEĆ Nations	Interest in taking issue to Chief and Council and community. Common theme of seeking education opportunities for members. Follow up still happening to discuss details.
In person meetings with Lekwungen Liaisons	Songhees and Esquimalt	Interest in continuing to build relationships. Offer to attend community meeting. Suggestion for targeted online engagement to community.
Formal letters to all Nations	All First Nations in capital region	No responses yet, still intending follow up on the letters.
Invitation to Solid Waste Advisory Committee	WŚÁNEĆ Leadership Council	Participation by WŚÁNEĆ representation on the Solid Waste Advisory Committee.