



# SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Meeting Commenced: 10:32am

## MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Rod Inglis, John Tidbury, Leighton Wishart, Bonnie Danyk, Len Tobin, Greg Fox, Lianne Granger, Derek Koel

## MEMBERS ABSENT:

- Michelle Hunt, Pete Nelson-Smith, Janice Evans, Darby Gildersleeve, Richard Opala, Ruby Mannila, Diana Dick

## FACILITATORS:

- Maura Walker, MWA Environmental Consultants Ltd.

## STAFF:

- Patrick Donaghy, Manager of Operations, Greg Fletcher, Administrator, Nadine Weldon, Recording Secretary

**Note:** The Power Point Slides presented at the meeting are attached for reference.

**Motion:** “To Approve the Agenda as presented.”

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**Acknowledgement:** Meeting being held in traditional territory of the Kwak’wala speaking peoples

1. WELCOME and INTRODUCTIONS
2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

**Motion:** “To Approve the Minutes of November 7, 2019 as presented”

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3. Where We Are In The Planning Process
  - a. Review of phases
    - Review of the planning phases
  - b. Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase – Waste Minimization
    - Discussion of goals for current meeting

#### 4. Prioritization Exercise – goals decided for committee:

- a. Education
- b. Low contamination
- c. Including ICI (commercial) packaging and papers in the recycling
- d. Increase education and communication
- e. Tackling climate change through solid waste systems
- f. Illegal dumping
- g. Improve recycling in apartments and condos
- h. Improve recycling in remote areas

#### 5. Consultation Process

##### a. Review of proposal - Phases

- 4 main areas of engagement:

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- General Public
- First Nations
- Stakeholders (Industry and business organizations)

a. *Discussion regarding sending out questionnaire to North Island Businesses via the local Chambers of Commerce, suggestion of using Thoughtstream Survey tool or via the RDMW webpage. Discussion to be brought forward to next meeting*

#### 6. Waste Minimization Options

##### a. Review of Key opportunities:

- *Discussion regarding potential for capital grants*

- Organic Waste:

- Food Waste Reduction: Education & Accountability to end users
- Organic waste collection: Demand is there, but cost to consumer is concern, are new vehicles required, gone from 1 truck to 3 – does this increase the carbon footprint more than what the waste generates or running trucks running half empty? Bear proof containers? Cost analysis must be done. Central area- Bear proof and must have a site manager to ensure compliance. *Look at maximizing current infrastructure. Discussion regarding curbside or central location of organic waste collection would work for the Regional District – would require a cost analysis for both which would include manpower, equipment and carbon footprint*
- Food waste processing: *Discussion regarding feasibility of turning food waste into fertilizer, either to be used at landfill or for retail. Determined that retail is not viable due to contamination issues.*

- Demolition Waste
  - *Incentive used by Port Moody, initial costs in building permit, with refund if contractor provides proof of proper disposal. Discussion held if this model or components of would work for the Regional District. It was confirmed currently Fox's Disposal acts a facilitator for both 7 Mile and contractor's with specific totes that can be separated and recycled. Incentive is that the tipping fee is reduced by up to 50% if products are managed correctly.*
  - *It was determined that education would be the highest priority regarding demolition waste for the Regional District.*
- Education & Outreach
  - Ongoing engagement is critical, ways to ensure everyone is included.
    - a. School program's targeting children
    - b. Online media, including apps: program that would include all the communities, cost effective and user friendly. Possible notification that people could sign up for?
    - c. Hard copy via newsletters in utility billings, tax billings.
    - d. Personal contact including attending community events
- Residential Recycling:
  - *Multi-family housing needs to be revisited to ensure that there would incentive for the owner/manager to create a recycling depot that could be managed to ensure low level of contamination and encourage use by residents.*
  - *As part of the residential recycling, zoning Multi-family units as commercial and increasing could be zoned as commercial, but falls to the hauler to police this*
  - Multi-family issues- how to bring them in?
    - a. Possibility of having a set number of hours and to man it. There would have to be an incentive for the apartment owner/manager, i.e. Tipping fees would be less if the recycling was separated and done correctly.
    - b. Mini Depot in each building that is locked up and can be checked by the company picking up. Must be manned.
- ICI Recycling:
  - At 2019 UBCM a letter signed by a large number of RD's signed a letter asking for MNBC to bring in ICI recycling.
  - Petition to Minister and retail sector
- Hard to Recycle Items:
  - Current program in the RD, low priority
- Reduction & Reuse
  - Issue with repairing current products
  - Making people aware that repairs are possible, either in person or via media (YouTube, online etc.)
- EPR OPTIONS
  - At this time, not a high priority to lobby.
- CIRCULAR ECONOMY
  - Is this a viable option
  - May discuss at future meeting

7. Next Steps/Wrap Up
8. Next Meeting: February 13, 2020: Webinar
9. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 1:36 pm

Motion: "To Adjourn the Meeting at 1:36 pm."

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Chairperson