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Solid Waste & Resource Management Plan – North Advisory Committee (AC)

Meeting #5 Minutes

Friday November 14 2014

11:00am – 3:00 pm

Room 201, Lillooet R.E.C. Centre

930 Main Street, Lillooet BC

AC MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Brad McRae	District of Lillooet, CAO and Director of Public Services
Ed Nichol	Lillooet resident, Encorp depot
Emily Chu	Community Planner with Aboriginal Affairs
Enno Kasischke	Lillooet resident, Mund and Associates Inc
Jodi Pawloski	District of Lillooet, Manager of Public Services
Mickey Macri	Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Director Area B
Norm Verner	Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Alternate Area A
Sue Senger	Lillooet Resident and bear ecologist
Meredith Gee	Squamish-Lillooet Regional District, Environmental Technician

FACILITATOR:

Maura Walker

Maura Walker & Associates Environmental Consultants

Meeting of the SWRMP Advisory Committee (AC) called to order at 11:05 am

INTRODUCTIONS

- Roundtable introductions were done

AGENDA AND MEETING MINUTES

- Agenda introduced, no changes requested.
- Noted that meeting notes from the last meeting will be distributed before the next meeting but will be slim on details due to the transition from Brooke to Meredith

PRESENTATION – MAURA WALKER

- Maura presented reviewed the process to update the SWRMP and where we are in the planning process.
 - We are currently completing Stage 2 of the planning process. To date, the committees have discussed a range of options and now need to determine a shortlist of those options to be considered for the updated plan.
 - Stage 3, which is expected to happen next year, will include community consultation on the draft plan.

SHORTLISTING THE OPTIONS

Maura walked the committee through the technical memorandum that was distributed prior to the meeting which lists the options that were discussed during the previous committee meetings, and includes proposed recommendations for the shortlist. The focus of the presentation and discussion was primarily on those options impacting the northern portion of the SLRD.

DISCUSSION

Discussion on the Shortlist:

- Ed Nichol expressed his on-going concern with the use of the term “zero waste” in the long term vision for solid waste management in the SLRD
- The committee requested a glossary be included in the next report to assist with understanding the short terms used in the memo

Residual waste

- Residual waste management activities in the northern SLRD are expected to remain the same, however there are new provincial landfill guidelines coming that may impact upon the future of the Lillooet landfill.
- The committee agreed upon the options recommended for the shortlist.

Resource Recovery

- The committee agreed upon the options recommended for the shortlist.

Waste diversion through policy approaches

- Variable tipping fees at the landfill can act as a financial incentive for waste producers to source separate recyclable and compostable waste. The SLRD may opt to implement disposal bans if variable tipping fees aren't effective at encouraging source separation.
- Request for more language around what a ban really means practically – worried that illegal dumping would result from bans
- The committee agreed upon the options recommended for the shortlist.

Residential recycling

- District of Lillooet will consider implementing curbside PPP recycling. They need to undertake an assessment before committing to this service, including understanding the potential for funding from MMBC.
- Other recommended actions were agreed upon.

Organics Diversion Strategy

- District of Lillooet to consider implementing curbside organics collection in the future. Assessment could be done as part of looking at curbside recycling.
- Some committee members suggested that there's a need in the community for chipped wood – District of Lillooet owns a chipper and may investigate community chipping days
- Lillooet landfill will be composting yard waste before moving to accepting food waste. Before moving to composting of food waste, a ICI needs assessment is required to determine if this service would be of value.
- Seton trying to close the illegal dump site.
- Seton Band and local residents are supportive of separate recycling. Seton has moved to a red (paper)/ blue (plastics/metal) box system for residents, which receives funding through a contract with MMBC.
- Other recommended organics diversion actions agreed upon.

Multi-family and ICI

- Not much multi-family in northern SLRD, so the focus of these recommendations would be for the ICI sector in Lillooet and the surrounding area
- Discussion about the success of ICI recycling so far – some areas need improvement but direction and incentives for businesses help make this possible, one reason why bans are sometimes important as it's a strong signal to the administration level of a business that change needs to occur.

- Waste minimisation at events with consistent event guidelines are wanted in the northern SLRD as well as the south (whilst taking into account feasibility based on the differences in local facilities and event sizes). Lillooet would be interested in collaborating on consistent event guidelines for the SLRD
- Mandatory space allocations should include the northern SLRD as well.
- Other recommended actions agreed upon.

Promotion and Education

- A committee member suggested that understanding the school system could help workshops/education
- The zero waste workshops could support residents on how to burn responsibly
- The committee agreed upon the options recommended for the shortlist.

Reduction and Reuse

- Free stores and reuse actively encouraged.
- A Rebuild It centre has a lot of support and could potentially be located at the Landfill.
- A fair bit of reuse already happening informally.
- A backyard composting demonstration site at the landfill was proposed (bear smart composting)
- There could be a link to the Whistler Bear Aware website on the SLRD and Lillooet websites
- Local government websites could be used for education by linking to informative videos and articles. For example, a “good, better, best” of food scraps handling.
- A grant application has been submitted for an electric fence-surrounded compost facility at first nation sties.
- Campaigns for reduction and reuse are a good opportunity for collaboration between local governments
- The committee agreed upon the options recommended for the shortlist.

EPR

- Certain products to be banned from disposal – starting with the most obvious/easily implemented stewardship products
- The committee agreed upon the EPR options recommended for the shortlist.

Construction/Demolition (C&D) Waste

- Support private Re-build if it's not possible at the landfill.
- District of Lillooet supports model bylaw
- The committee agreed upon the C&D options recommended for the shortlist.

Land clearing

- There was discussion regarding the potential conflict between wanting to discourage burning of land clearing debris and the need to have woody debris removed for fire protection purposes.
- The land clearing section of the plan needs to reference the need for residents and businesses to be Fire Smart
- Education on open burning is needed
- The proposed actions were recommended with the proviso that any SWMP recommendations do not increase the potential for fire hazard.

Land Use Planning

- Proposed actions agreed upon.

Wildlife/human Conflict Management

- Grease should be added to the list as a bear-attractant.
- A animal-proof commercial garbage container bylaw could be supported by District of Lillooet
- Recommended actions agreed upon.

Illegal Dumping

- Regional illegal dumping strategy needed – have areas that don't already have an illegal dumping bylaw should have it established.
- Bridge River worried about illegal dumping by off-reserve waste generators
- Include Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure and Ministry of Environment under the list of organizations that could be engaged in a collaborative approach to illegal dumping.
- Recommended illegal dumping actions agreed upon.

MEETING WRAP UP

- Next steps - the shortlist will be finalized based on the input received both this meeting and the Northern AC meeting. At the next meeting, the shortlisted options will be presented with information on cost, organization(s) responsible for implementation, and proposed timing of implementation. We will also discuss community consultation.
- Next meeting to be held late winter (proposed to be conference call meeting) with community consultation after that. There was discussion regarding the potential of an in-person meeting and the challenge of travelling to/from the southern SLRD in the winter.

Meeting of the Northern SWRMP Advisory Committee (AC) adjourned at 2:45 PM