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Solid Waste & Resource Management Plan - Advisory Committee (AC)

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 22, 2014

1:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Pemberton Community Centre – Room B,
7390 Cottonwood Street, Pemberton, BC

AC MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Brian VanStratten	Regional Recycling, Whistler BC (South AC)
Brooke Carere	SLRD, Environmental & Utilities Services, Technician
Cheryl Skribe	Whistler Community Services Society, Re-use it Store (South AC)
Cindy Watson	Vancouver Coastal Health, Squamish (South AC)
Ed Nichol	Country Store/Encorp Bottle Depot, Lillooet BC (North AC)
Enno Kasischke	Engineering Consultant, Lillooet BC (North AC)
Graham Hayward	Lil'wat Nation Land, Resources and Public Infrastructure (South AC)
James Abram	Village of Pemberton, Bylaw Services (South AC)
James Hallisey	RMOW Environmental (South AC)
Janis Netzel	SLRD, Director of Utilities & Environmental Services
Jaye-Jay Berggren	Sea to Sky Soils, Pemberton BC (South AC)
Linda Kelly Smith	Squamish Climate Action Network Member (South AC)
Marg Lampman	SLRD Board member, Lillooet BC (North AC)
Norm Verner	Area A Alternate, Community Representative (North AC)
Owen Carney	Carney's Waste Systems (South AC)
Randi Kruse	Kruse Consulting, Whistler BC (South AC)
Rod MacLeod	District of Squamish, Director of Engineering (South AC)
Shannon White	Product Care, Community Representative, Squamish (South AC)
Steve Hohner	District of Lillooet, Director of Public Works (North AC)

ABSENT AC MEMBERS:

Ashley Smith	Environmental Protection Officer, Ministry of the Environment (South AC)
Carol Danyluk	Environmental Protection Officer, Ministry of the Environment (North AC)
Michal Kaburda	Community Representative, Whistler BC (South AC)
Moe Freitag	SLRD Board, Area D Elected Official (South AC)
Sue Senger	Registered Biologist, Community Representative, Lillooet BC (North AC)

FACILITATORS:

Maura Walker	Maura Walker & Associates
Sue Maxwell	Ecoinspire Environmental Consultant

Meeting of the SWRMP Advisory Committee (AC) called to order at 1:05 PM

INTRODUCTIONS

Round table introductions were done. Quick review the agenda and information materials (previously emailed to participants).

PRESENTATION – MAURA WALKER & SUE MAXWELL

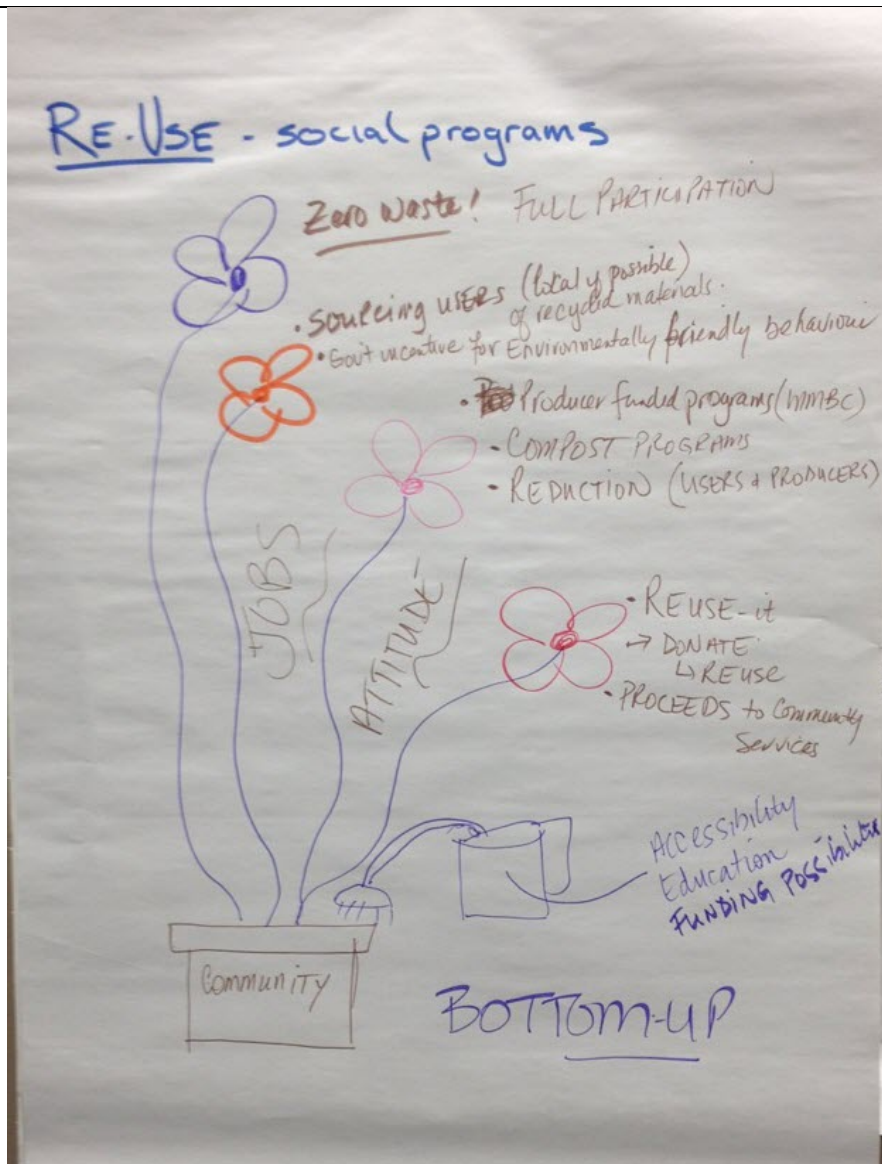
Solid Waste Management Planning 101

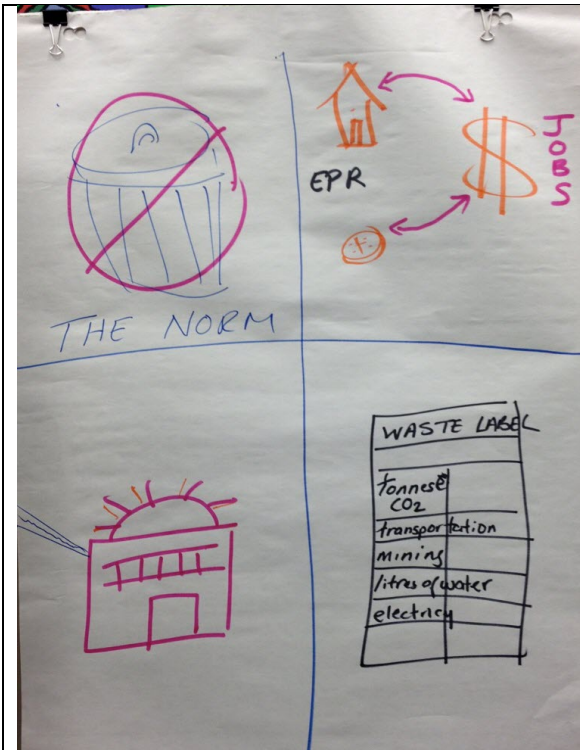
Consultants presented a power point presentation that provided the committee members with the 'why' and the 'how' of updating the solid waste management plan.

GROUP EXERCISE

Visioning Our Solid Waste Management Future

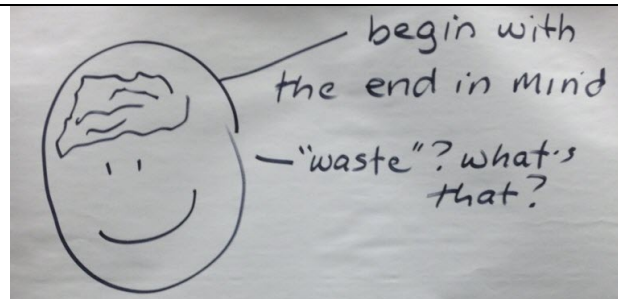
A small group exercise was conducted where each group discussed and drew their version of the ideal waste management future in the SLRD on a flipchart (see below for photos of the flipcharts). Each smaller group reported back by presenting their vision.

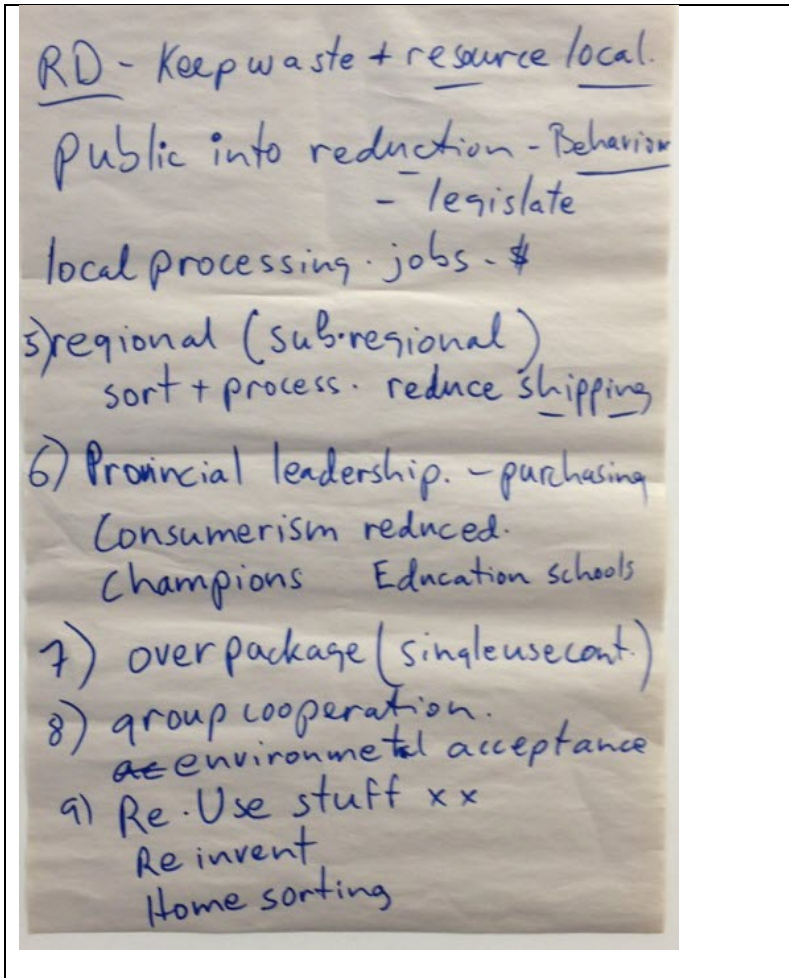




- Reducing Packaging + push Cost onto Manufacturing
- Cost effective + Convenient
- ALL Consumers Recycle
- Consumers invest in the 3 R's Concept
- Landfill Leachate quality is improved, captured & treated
- Organics out of the waste stream.

new products - ϕ waste
incentives - compostable
- personal
- industry
- consumer.





PRESENTATION – SUE MAXWELL

Current Waste Management System (Draft Stage 1 Report)

Sue Maxwell presented the highlights of the Stage 1 report. AC members provided feedback and were asked to submit a list of comments to the SLRD for consideration. Comments included:

- The waste composition data reflects the composition of waste at a specific point in time and is only a snapshot of what can be in the waste that is sent to landfill.
- Figure 6 has data that goes only to 2010. Whistler has data available up to 2012.

A submission deadline for additional comments on the Stage 1 report of Friday February 7th was given to AC members via email.

GROUP EXERCISE

Issues and Opportunities

This group exercise was intended to have the advisory committee develop a list of what they see as solid waste management challenges and opportunities to be addressed through this planning process, and identify which issues are the most important to the committee members. The exercise

did not get completed due to lack of time. As a result, Maura, Sue and Brooke agreed to gather the advisory committee's list of solid waste management challenges and opportunities via an online survey. Input already provided at the meeting was incorporated into the online survey options.

On Tuesday February 4th, 2014 the survey was delivered via email to all Advisory Members with a deadline to complete the survey by Monday, February 24th 2014. A copy of the survey questions attached below.

DISCUSSION

The following items were raised at the meeting:

- Curbside recycling for Lillooet
 - needs to be addressed in detail as it would greatly increase diversion rates by improving convenience. Resident travel time back and forth to the Lillooet Landfill to recycle items needs to be considered when evaluating options.
- What are the full costs of waste and recycling?
 - Life cycle assessment for all waste may assist users and governments in making better decisions;
 - The time and cost associated with compiling such information is beyond the scope of this project.
- Enhanced communications
 - need to move from education and towards awareness
 - Awareness does not always translate in to action
 - Need to re-think how to achieve behavior change
 - Better understanding of actual user perceptions of services will assist in creating target messaging.
- Engagement of Regional First Nations
 - Participation and feedback is paramount for SWRMP update
 - Contact Regional First Nation committees and councils
 - Explore opportunity to hold meetings with or presentations to First Nations at the Squamish Lil'Wat Cultural Centre.

MEETING WRAP UP

Future Meetings

The below meeting scheduled was discussed and agreed upon in principle. Meeting dates are to be confirmed using a Doodle Poll to determine the most appropriate date.

Subject Areas Covered	Southern Advisory Committee Meetings	Northern Advisory Committee Meetings
Solid Waste Management Plan process	1 (January 22)	
Existing System (Stage 1 report)		
Goal Setting		
Issues Identification		
Diversion	2 (Mar 5)	2 (June 19)
Disposal	3 (May 14)	
Other SWMP Components (DLC, Bear Aware, etc.)	4 (June 18)	

Preferred Options and Costs	5 (Sept 10)	3 (Sept 11)
Finalize Components for Draft Plan		
Public Consultation Program		
Results of Consultation	6/4 (teleconference) (Oct or Nov – date t.b.d.)	

Meeting of the SWRMP Advisory Committee (AC) adjourned at 3:41 PM

TECHNICAL FOCUS AREA AND CONSIDERATIONS - ONLINE SURVEY

A survey for the development of the SLRD Solid Waste & Resource Management Plan

Technical Focus Area

Please choose UP TO 5 (FIVE) of the top technical areas to focus on for the development of the SLRD Solid Waste and Resource Management Plan (SWRMP).

NOTE:

- No ranking will be applied. Each selected option will simply indicate the preferred direction for the SW RMP.

Organic waste diversion
More education and awareness
Moving from awareness to action (behaviour change)
Determine the SLRD perspective on waste to energy
Improving on existing reuse, recycling and composting activities
Creating new recycling opportunities (e.g. asphalt shingle recycling)
Options that focus on reduce and reuse
Investigate feasibility of transport of waste via rail to one regional facility
Full cost of accounting of waste/recycling
Improving recycling from multi-family residential sector
Long term disposal capacity and security
Improving existing facilities and infrastructure
Improving access to and outreach of 3Rs to rural / remote areas
Integrating and working with First Nations communities
Services and support for businesses
Services and support for tourist accommodations
Construction, demolition and renovation waste management
Extended producer responsibility programs

TECHNICAL FOCUS AREA AND CONSIDERATIONS ONLINE SURVEY (cont'd)

Considerations

Please choose **UP TO 3 (THREE)** of your priority considerations for the development to the SLRD Solid Waste & Resource Management Plan.

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Affordable and realistic
Allow for/encourage collaboration (government, business, non-profits, first nations)
Proven track record
Creates local jobs/supports the local economy
Easy and convenient
Minimize transportation requirements
Engages and empowers the public
Protection of human health and the environment
Greenhouse gas emissions reductions
Integration with other programs and plans (e.g. liquid waste, biosolids)

Additional Comments and/or Questions?