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

Meeting #4 Minutes

Wednesday, June 18, 2014

12:30 PM – 2:30 PM

Board Room, SLRD Office

1350 Aster Street, Pemberton BC

AC MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Brooke Carere	SLRD, Environmental & Utilities Services, Environmental Technician
Janis Netzel	SLRD, Director of Utilities & Environmental Services
James Abram	Village of Pemberton, Bylaw Services, LG rep. Pemberton
James Hallisey	RMOW Environmental Services, LG Rep, Whistler
Jaye-Jay Berggren	Sea to Sky Soils Composting, Industry Rep., Pemberton
Michal Kaburda	Community Representative, Whistler
Owen Carney	Carney's Waste Systems, Industry Representative, Squamish
Randi Kruse	Kruse Consulting, Business Representative, Whistler

MEMBERS ON THE PHONE:

Cindy Watson	Vancouver Coastal Health, Squamish
Rod MacLeod	District of Squamish, Director of Engineering
Shannon White	Community Representative, Squamish
Paul Wick	Squamish Nation, Chief Administration Officer, Squamish

ABSENT AC MEMBERS:

Brian VanStratten	Regional Recycling, Whistler
Cheryl Skribe	WCCS, Re-use it Store, NGO Rep., Whistler BC
David O'Malley	Environmental Protection Officer, Ministry of the Environment
Graham Hayward	Lil'wat Nation; Land, Resources and Public Infrastructure, Mt. Currie
Linda Kelly Smith	Squamish Climate Action Network Member, NGO Rep. Squamish
Moe Freitag	SLRD Board, Area D Elected Official Furry Creek/Britannia Beach)

FACILITATOR:

Maura Walker	Maura Walker & Associates on behalf of Morrison Hershfield
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Meeting of the SWRMP Advisory Committee (AC) called to order at 12:33 PM

INTRODUCTIONS

Round table introductions were done with name tags and a quick introduction of participants on the phone.

AGENDA AND MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL

Motion for additions to agenda edits to meeting minutes:

The Agenda and meeting minutes were approved as presented

CARRIED

PRESENTATION – MAURA WALKER

Other Waste Management Options

Consultant presented a power point presentation that provided the committee members with an overview on other aspects of waste management that didn't fall under "diversion" or "residual waste management", including construction, demolition waste and land clearing, waste stream management and flow control, land use planning, wildlife/human conflict management and illegal dumping.

DISCUSSION

The following items is a synopsis of the discussion on Technical Memorandum # 3:

Discussion of Technical Memo #3

Construction and Demolition (C&D) Waste

- There may be an EPR program for C&D by 2017
- Large renovation projects could be required to have permits
- Federal funding for heritage buildings – retrofit, don't demolish
- Sea to Sky Soils has long-term expansion plans

Land Clearing

- Rod suggested bans at landfill of wood and "dirty wood" and bans of burning at a construction site (be a regional ban)
- Regional District (RD) to consider banning land clearing waste where facilities exist, not burning due to air quality,
- Consider higher tipping fees to discourage tipping.
- Hard to stop burning of land clearing waste when forestry waste is allowed to be burned
- RD should consider consistent approach to burning and land clearing waste as there are inconsistent rules throughout the region currently
- Small brush collected at curbside in Squamish
- Whistler has rescinded their bylaw prohibiting the burning of yard waste and woody debris due to concerns regarding fire safety

Waste stream management licensing and flow control

- Because of easy access to waste export option, there is the potential for waste export that undermines regional solid waste goals and services (such as composting facilities)
- If a "control" bylaw is desired, it would need to be included in the solid waste management plan (the authority requires the Minister's approval)
- Licensing shouldn't be used to fix land use conflicts created by poor land use planning/zoning,
- In RDN and CVRD, the licensing bylaw takes one staff person to manage

Motion to ask Mr. Kaburda to leave the meeting due to his inability to stay within the scope of the meeting agenda and committee. – Seconded by J. Abrams, R. McLeod, P. Wick; and supported unanimously, with the exception of Mr. Kaburda.

Waste stream management licensing continued

- Codes of practice, hauler licencing, facility licensing are all options
- The question is whether there is a need to regulate flow or facilities in the SLRD now or in the future.

- Is a soil removal bylaw necessary? – clean fill, contaminated. It's not part of the scope of the solid waste management plan but it is an issue that is important and should be discussed further with the local governments directly
- Would be good for the SLRD to know what the flow of waste is; i.e. some form of reporting structure – what goes down the highway. Carney's and Sea to Sky Soils agree. Should try to measure but agree that it is probably not a significant issue at this time (import or export of waste)

Land use planning

- There's an increasing need to site facilities for waste diversion and EPR purposes – we will need a place for these facilities. Often difficult to site within existing zoning.
- Options are: have dedicated zoning; zoning bylaws that define where recycling facilities can go; – OCP should include solid waste facilities (existing and planned), get planning department on board.

Illegal dumping

- Spring clean-ups help
- Small pockets of illegal dumping throughout the region
- Create an enforcement tool?
- Publicity program - target potential audiences (e.g. seasonal staff)
- Figure out why illegal dumping is happening

MEETING WRAP UP

Future Meetings

Next meeting date to be decided.

Meeting of the SWRMP Advisory Committee (AC) adjourned at 2:32 PM