

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

Meeting #7 Minutes
Tuesday January 26, 2016
11:00-12:30
Board Room, SLRD offices
1350 Aster St, Pemberton BC

AC MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Alan LeBlanc	Stable Enterprises Ltd.
Andrew Tucker	Resort Municipality of Whistler, Engineering Technologist
Calvin Jameson	Lil'Wat Nation, Public Works Superintendent
Cindy Watson	Vancouver Coastal Health
Dora Gunn	District of Squamish, Sustainability Coordinator
Jaye-Jay Berggren	Sea to Sky Soils Composting
Janis Netzel	SLRD UES Director
Lisa Pedrini	Village of Pemberton, Planner
Marc Sole	SLRD UES Coordinator
Margaret Lampman	District of Lillooet, Mayor
Pat Taylor	Carney's Waste Systems
Randi Kruse	Kruse Consulting
Russell Mack	SLRD Area C representative

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

AGENDA

- Agenda introduced, no changes requested.

PRESENTATION – MARC SOLE

- Marc presented an outline on the community consultation phase of the SWRMP update.
 - We have completed Stage 3 and are currently at the end of the 3 stage update process.
 - Stage 3 is the community consultation phase which concluded in the fall of 2015 with the completion of the public survey and municipal council presentations.
- Marc reviewed the updates to the SWRMP Stage 3 Report and explained some of the rationale behind the additions and changes.
- Pat Taylor (Carney's Waste Systems) requested that reference to Carney's Waste Systems accepting garbage at their facility in Squamish on page 16 be removed as this information is incorrect.
- Lisa Pedrini (VoP) requested that sections of the report referencing initiatives that would involve a member municipality be clarified to specify the relevant municipality. Specifically, that table 7-1 on page 22 mention the Village of Pemberton as a responsible party for the Re-Build-It Centre in Pemberton.
- Dora Gunn (DoS) requested that reference to commercial waste generators being able participate in the residential curbside collection service in Squamish on a voluntary basis on page 29 be removed as this information is incorrect.
- Dora Gunn (DoS) requested that reference to the Squamish Landfill reaching capacity in four years on page 35 be changed to indicate the landfill will reach capacity in 2018.

DISCUSSION

A discussion was initiated on the issue of waste to energy (WTE), or the thermal treatment of municipal solid waste, in relation to the motions passed by the RMOW and DoS requesting that the plan remove WTE from consideration when planning for future disposal options in or out of the SLRD.

- Dora Gunn (DoS) explained the rationale behind the DoS's Council passing a motion in support of removing WTE from future disposal options; indicating that the move was in line with accepted zero waste definitions and made on a principled basis.
- Marc Sole (SLRD) explained the Ministry of Environment's intention to update the Guide for Preparation of Regional Solid Waste Management Plans to enable easier changes to SWMPs after they have been adopted. This would include being able to change/remove the WTE paragraph in the SWRMP should a new MSW thermal treatment technology be feasible in the SLRD and supported by all member municipalities and communities.
- Randi Kruse (Kruse Consulting) indicated that it was preferable to ensure that the plan set a high standard, which would include removing WTE from future disposal options in or out of the SLRD. Most members of AC agreed with this sentiment.
- Several members of the AC voiced their concern on the potential for the WTE ban to limit the options for waste disposal in the region.

VOTING

Two votes were held by the AC during the meeting. The first on whether or not to accept the paragraph in Section 15.1 of the Final Draft removing WTE from future disposal options in or out of the SLRD, the second on sending the Final Draft to the SLRD Board for final adoption.

- The vote on including a WTE ban in the SWRMP passed unanimously with 11 in favour and none opposed.
- The vote on sending the Final Draft of the SWRMP to the SLRD Board for final adoption passed unanimously with 11 in favour and none opposed.

Meeting of the combined SWRMP Advisory Committee (AC) adjourned at 12:45 PM