



## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Thursday, June 13, 2024  
TO BE HELD  
IN THE BOARDROOM OF THE  
SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT OFFICES  
AT 1975 FIELD ROAD, SECHELT, B.C.

### AGENDA

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**CALL TO ORDER**      9:30 a.m.

#### AGENDA

1. Adoption of Agenda Pages 1-2

#### PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

#### REPORTS

2. Water Supply Update Verbal  
*General Manager, Infrastructure Services*  
**(Voting – A, B, D, E, F, Sechelt)**
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*Strategic Planning Coordinator*  
**(Voting – A, B, D, E, F, Sechelt)**
4. Sechelt Landfill Licence of Occupation Replacement Annex B  
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**(Voting – All Directors)**
5. Request for Proposal 2461305 Heat Pump Replacement – Contract Award Annex C  
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*Manager Facility Services*  
**(Voting – B, D, E, F, Sechelt, sNGD, Gibsons)**
6. Gibsons and District Fire Protection Commission Minutes of May 2, 2024 Annex D  
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**(Voting – E, F, Gibsons)**
7. Solid Waste Public Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC) Minutes of April 17, 2024 Annex E  
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**(Voting – All Directors)**

## COMMUNICATIONS

8. Rod Moorcroft, Elphinstone Community Association, dated May 21, 2024  
Regarding Request for Area E Smoke Control Bylaw  
(Voting – All Directors)

Annex F  
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## NEW BUSINESS

### IN CAMERA

That the public be excluded from attendance at the meeting in accordance with Section 90 (1) (k) and (m) of the *Community Charter* – “negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service...”, and “a matter that, under another enactment, is such that the public may be excluded from the meeting.”

## ADJOURNMENT

## SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT STAFF REPORT

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**TO:** Committee of the Whole – June 13, 2024

**AUTHOR:** Remko Rosenboom, General Manager, Infrastructure Services  
Sierra Rempel, Strategic Planning Coordinator

**SUBJECT: IMPLICATIONS OF EXTENDING EXEMPTION TO STAGE 4 WATER CONSERVATION REGULATIONS FOR COMMERCIAL FOOD-GROWING FARMS**

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### RECOMMENDATION

**THAT the report titled Implications of Extending Exemption to Stage 4 Water Conservation Regulations for Commercial Food-growing Farms be received for information.**

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### BACKGROUND

In 2023, the Board adopted a resolution to allow for a two-year (2023-2024) complete exemption from Stage 4 for Commercial Farms for watering food crops.

At the May 11, 2023, Board meeting, the Board adopted the following definition for Commercial Farms: “Commercial farm” means land that is classified as farmland for taxation purposes under the British Columbia Assessment Act.

At the April 25, 2024, Board meeting, in discussion of *Notice of Motion re: Commercial Food-Growing Farms Exemption from Stage 4 Water Restrictions (Dir Gabias)*, the Board adopted the following resolution:

Stage 4 Exemption      **It was moved and seconded**

124/24                      THAT that the motion regarding current Stage 4 exemptions for commercial food-growing farms be referred to a future Committee of the Whole meeting before the end of Quarter 2 2024, as follows:

*WHEREAS a two-year (2023 & 2024) exemption from Stage 4 restrictions for commercial food-growing farms was granted in 2023 in order to offer temporary relief while a more permanent solution for commercial farm water use was developed;*

*AND WHEREAS a more permanent solution has yet to be developed;*

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the current Stage 4 exemptions for commercial food-growing farms be extended to 2028, or until agricultural water and land use policies are developed and adopted.*

AND THAT staff are directed to gather information consisting of a high-level overview of farm level water use from 2023 during which time farmers were operating under an exemption.

The purpose of this report is to provide the requested information. Note that this report provides data and analysis for Commercial Farms on the Chapman Water System only.

**DISCUSSION**

As per Bylaw 422, a Commercial Farm is defined throughout this report as a property classified as a farm for taxation purposes under the *BC Assessment Authority Act*.

*Methodology*

As not all properties are metered on the Chapman Water System, staff have made many estimates in providing this data. In summer of 2023, 46 farms met this definition, however, only 36 were metered (all Commercial Farms are now metered). The below chart represents estimated water used by the 36 metered Commercial Farms during Stage 4 (September 8-27). Water meter data is only collected monthly, and average daily amounts were calculated using September data, then multiplied by 19 based on the number of days in Stage 4.

Total Estimated Community Consumption means the estimated amount of water recorded at all water meters on the Chapman Water System. This amount is estimated as not all properties are metered.

**Table 1: Water use for 36 metered Commercial Farm properties on the Chapman Water System, based on average Litres per day from September meter reads:**

Estimated daily use during September Stage 4 (Litres/day)			Total use during September Stage 4 (Litres)	
Totaled Average Metered Commercial Farm Consumption	Totaled Average Estimated Community Consumption	Total Percentage of Community Water used by Commercial Farms	Total Metered Commercial Farm Consumption	Total Estimated Community Consumption
69,329	7,546,951	1%	1,317,256	143,392,069

**Table 2: Estimated water used per property on the Chapman Water System, per day during September Stage 4 in 2023:**

Estimated Average Residential Consumption During Stage 4 (Litres/Day)	Estimated daily use during Stage 4 (Litres/day)		Total use during Stage 4 (Litres)		
	Average Metered Commercial Farm Consumption	Totaled Average Metered Commercial Farm Consumption	Total Metered Commercial Farm Consumption	Total Estimated Community Consumption	Total Percentage of Community Water used by Commercial Farms
597	1,926	69,329	1,317,256	143,392,069	1%

*Important Data Considerations*

- 36 out of 46 Commercial Farms (Class 9) were metered in 2023, which represented only 78% of Commercial Farms providing an incomplete data set.
- Water meters are read monthly, not at changes to Stages, it is not possible to determine exact use per Stage.
- Daily Stage 4 water use across the 36 metered Commercial Farms varies. In September 2023, the highest single property daily water consumption was 11,571 litres per day, and the lowest was 100 litres per day.
- We can never be certain that the water used at Commercial Farms during Stage 4 was for watering food crops. Staff are aware that many of these properties have multiple uses that are not restricted by Stage 4, such as vacation rentals, spas and retreats, livestock watering, and other commercial or residential uses. Therefore, the water use amounts above may not be influenced by Stage 4 restrictions or exemptions. The only data the SCRD has is how much water a property has used, not what they are using it for.
- BC Assessment Classification changes each year. For example, 10 properties that were Class 9 in 2023 are no longer Class 9 in 2024. Four properties were newly classified as Class 9 in 2024. This means this data can fluctuate greatly year-to-year. Once universally metered, data resolution will greatly increase each year for better understanding of water use.
- Properties of any size can apply for Class 9 classification. For example, there is a 0.18-acre Commercial Farm on the Chapman Water System.
- Once all water meters are installed within the District of Sechelt and all Commercial Farms are metered, the water use will be recorded on a monthly basis. If all Commercial Farms were equipped with more advanced water meters, the SCRD and the farmers themselves could monitor the daily and hourly water use on the farm. Installing such meters is currently not planned for.
- The data set analyzed is for one year, weakening forecasting potential. Greater forecasting will be possible once several years of data is available.

*Potential Implications of Long-Term Exemptions*

**Stage 4 variabilities:** Stage 4, if required, fluctuates in both its length and time of year. In 2023, Stage 4 was 19 days and occurred at the end of September where water use at Commercial Farms was lower (perhaps due to the end of growing seasons). If Stage 4 had occurred earlier in 2023, for example July, water use from the above 36 metered farms would have more than doubled, if not tripled. This means that if Stage 4 was called in July 2023, Commercial Farm water use would be closer to 5% of the total Chapman Water System production, rather than the 1% indicated in Table 1, drastically increasing the draw-down of Chapman Lake during Stage 4.

**Table 3: Estimated daily Commercial Farm water use impacts in various scenarios:**

Number of Commercial Farms	Average Daily Stage 4 Water Use (Litres/day)			Percent of Total Community Stage 4 Water Use		
	July	August	September	July	August	September
<b>40</b>	345,000	205,000	100,000	4.6%	2.7%	1.3%
<b>50</b>	430,000	250,000	125,000	5.7%	3.4%	1.7%
<b>100</b>	870,000	510,000	250,000	11.5%	6.7%	3.3%

**Community support:** At this point in time, staff do not know if an extended exemption from Stage 4 Water Conservation Regulations for Commercial Farms has broad public support. If support is lacking, it could result in reduced support for water conservation by other businesses, home gardeners, and residents.

**Previously Provided Policy Considerations:** Staff provided a report titled Farms and Sunshine Coast Regional District Water Use, presented at the April 27, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting, which listed the following considerations for policy development related to water use by Commercial Farms:

**Farming potential:** In 2020, the Province completed an “Agriculture Water Demand Model” to estimate agricultural water demand using climate change scenarios. The model projected that if the current farm area and food crops remain the same, farms will require an additional 67% more water by 2053. The report estimated irrigated lands were about 122 acres at the time of the study, with the potential for almost 1,500 acres to be farmed and irrigated. If all 1,500 acres were farmed, this could increase irrigated acreage by 1,120% compared to current agricultural water demand. The properties in this study were both inside and outside of the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR). While a relatively small number of properties are currently farmed compared to the total ALR, the SCRCD currently has no restrictions for new farms or agricultural growth in the region.

**Climate change:** Water supply and drought conditions can impact all water sources, and farms must plan for drought conditions and make the most efficient use of water supplies. Farmers have asked for assurance, and this is not something the SCRCD can offer for any water users requiring high volumes of water for their business based on how the impacts of climate change have impacted SCRCD water systems in recent years. Resilience of our farming community means adapting and preparing for a future of increased temperatures, evapotranspiration, drought, and costs of water supply and infrastructure. Climate change is predicted to result in a significant increase to agricultural water demand and providing access to treated drinking water for farm irrigation through exemptions could have escalating impacts on SCRCD water systems over time.

**Prohibition Against Assistance to Business:** Careful consideration is needed about which properties a farm definition would apply to, as the Board should be aware of the prohibition against assistance to business as per the *Local Government Act*, particularly if there is a narrower definition of the bylaw term “Farm”.

*Defining Food Security*

One of the rationales given for the request to provide an extended exemption to Stage 4 Regulations is that local farmers are providing an essential contribution to food security on the Sunshine Coast. The 2014 SCRD Agriculture Plan estimates the contribution of food consumed by the community produced by local farms at 1-3% and there is not a delineation between commercial, hobby or personal use. As the data is outdated and the SCRD does not have a “policy” definition for food security, determining or measuring the public benefit or benefit to commercial operators is challenging from a water utility perspective.

The Board recently directed staff to develop a 2025 Budget Proposal for the development of a policy on agricultural water use. If a policy is developed, it would inform aspects of the Official Community Plan and the Water Master Plans which are under development. These plans will provide clarity on the public benefits of local agricultural activities and potential SCRD policy objectives for farms and their water use on the Sunshine Coast.

**STRATEGIC PLAN AND RELATED POLICIES**

This staff report is aligned with the Board’s Service Delivery Focus Area of Water Stewardship: Continue to secure reliable and diverse water sources across the Sunshine Coast and support efficient water use while fostering responsible stewardship of this critical resource.

**CONCLUSION**

At the April 25, 2024 Board meeting, in discussion of *Notice of Motion re: Commercial Food-Growing Farms Exemption From Stage 4 Water Restrictions (Dir Gabias)*, the Board directed staff to gather information consisting of a high-level overview of farm level water use from 2023 during which time farmers were operating under an exemption.

The purpose of this report is to provide the requested information.

Reviewed by:			
Manager		Legislative	X – S. Reid
GM		CFO/Finance	
Acting- CAO	X-T. Perreault		

**SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT STAFF REPORT**

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**TO:** Committee of the Whole – June 13, 2024

**AUTHOR:** Marc Sole, Manager, Solid Waste Services

**SUBJECT:** SECHELT LANDFILL LICENCE OF OCCUPATION REPLACEMENT

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**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

- 1) **THAT the report titled Sechelt Landfill Licence of Occupation Replacement be received for information;**
  - 2) **AND THAT the Sunshine Coast Regional District replace Licence of Occupation (Licence No. 241380) through the Province of British Columbia with a new ten-year Licence of Occupation (Licence No. 244831) for the Sechelt Landfill;**
  - 3) **AND FURTHER THAT the delegated authorities be authorized to sign the replacement tenure documents.**
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**BACKGROUND**

The Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) holds a Licence of Occupation (Licence No. 241380) with the Province of British Columbia for tenure over the Crown Land where the Sechelt Landfill is located. Our Licence has expired and we have received replacement tenure documents from the Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship for a new ten-year Licence of Occupation (Licence No. 244831).

The purpose of this report is to seek approval to proceed with a replacement Licence of Occupation for the Sechelt Landfill site.

**DISCUSSION**

The current Licence of Occupation for the Sechelt Landfill expired on May 26, 2020, and was extended on a month-by-month basis until such time as a new tenure for that parcel was issued. Tenure over the Crown Land of the Sechelt Landfill site is required to continue occupancy and operation, as well as for environmental monitoring following the closure of the site at a to be determined date.

Prior to submitting the tenure renewal application in 2019, SCR D staff received confirmation from the shíshálh Nation that they are in support of the landfill continuing in its current location until it reaches capacity.

SCR D staff have recently received notice from the Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship that the replacement of our Licence is in its final review, and that the tenure document package needs to be signed for this tenure to be issued. Board endorsement for the execution of these documents is recommended.



**STRATEGIC PLAN AND RELATED POLICIES**

This staff report is aligned with the Board’s Service Delivery Focus Area of Solid Waste Solutions: Optimize use of Sechelt Landfill site to bridge to future long-term waste disposal solutions.

**CONCLUSION**

The SCRD’s ten-year Licence of Occupation agreement for the Sechelt Landfill site expired on May 26, 2020. It is recommended that the Board support the replacement of this land tenure and authorizes the delegated authorities to execute the associated documents.

Reviewed by:			
Manager		Finance	
GM	X - R. Rosenboom	Legislative	X – S. Reid
Acting CAO	X – T. Perreault	Other	

## SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT STAFF REPORT

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**TO:** Committee of the Whole – June 13, 2024

**AUTHOR:** Allen van Velzen, Manager Facility Services

**SUBJECT:** RFP 2461305 HEAT PUMP REPLACEMENT CONTRACT AWARD

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### RECOMMENDATION(S)

- (1) THAT the report titled RFP 2461305 Heat Pump Replacement – Contract Award be received for information;
  - (2) AND THAT the project budget be increased from \$188,500 to \$250,000 with the additional \$61,500 to be funded through Local Government Climate Action Program (LGCAP) funds;
  - (3) AND THAT the 2024 – 2028 Financial Plan be amended accordingly;
  - (4) AND THAT a contract to provide Heat Pump Replacement be awarded to Fortius Mechanical Ltd. in the amount of up to \$250,000 (excluding GST);
  - (5) AND FURTHER THAT the delegated authorities be authorized to execute the contract.
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### BACKGROUND

The purpose of Request for Proposal RFP 2461305 is to replace three heat pumps at the Sechelt Aquatic Center that have experienced critical failures, two provide heat recovery heating to the Lap and Leisure pools and one provides heat recovery domestic water pre-heating. The pools and domestic water have two systems that can be used to provide heat; one relies on the heat pumps and the other is gas boilers. The heat pumps have failed, so we are relying on the boilers, which impacts operating efficiency, and GHG emissions. Through a basic comparison of pre and post heat pump failure data staff estimate there is an approximate 115% increase in natural gas usage and corresponding 192 tCO<sub>2</sub>e GHG emissions increase from the failed heat pumps. This is 15.5% of the SCRD's total GHG emissions. Staff developed the budget for this project based on a 2023 contractor estimate, a 25% contingency was added for a total project budget of \$188,500.

At the December 14, 2023 Board Meeting, the following resolution was adopted (in part):

376/23     **Recommendation No. 54**     *Community Recreation Facilities [615] – 2024 R1  
Budget Proposal*

AND THAT the following budget proposals be approved and incorporated into the 2024 Round 2 Budget:

- Budget Proposal 5 – Sechelt Aquatic Centre (SAC) Heat Pump Replacement, \$188,500 funded by Local Government Climate Action Program (LGCAP);

The purpose of this report is to request that the Board approve the project budget increase and contract award to Fortius Mechanical Ltd. For a value not to exceed \$250,000 (excluding GST).

**DISCUSSION**

*Request for Proposal (RFP) Process and Results*

Request for proposal 2461305 Heat Pump Replacement was issued on March 15, 2024 and closed on April 23, 2024.

One compliant proposal was received for RFP 2461305. Led by the Purchasing Division, the evaluation team consisted of three team members. The evaluation committee reviewed and scored the proposal against the criteria set out in Section 7 of the RFP document. Based on the best overall score and value offered, staff have recommended that a contract be awarded to Fortius Mechanical Ltd. as they met the specifications as outlined and are the best value for the above-mentioned contract.

It is recommended that the awarded contract be in the amount not to exceed \$250,000 which provides a 5% contingency.

*Financial Implications*

The approved budget for the heat pump replacement is \$188,500 funded by the Local Government Climate Action Plan (LGCAP). To complete this project, an additional \$61,500 is requested, bringing the total available budget to \$250,000 which includes a 5% contingency. The following options to fund the shortfall have been provided below.

**Option 1: Additional LGCAP Funding Contribution (Staff Recommended)**

Item	Budget
Uncommitted LGCAP Funds Available:	\$803,796
Current Heat Pump Replacement Project	\$188,500
Additional Funds Required	\$61,500
Total Heat Pump Replacement Project	\$250,000
Remaining Uncommitted LGCAP Funding Requirement	\$742,296

This option is recommended as the project falls within the guidelines for the use of LGCAP funds and will have a material impact in the reduction of GHG emissions. Moreover, it does not have an impact on established capital renewal funding or reserves. This option requires a 2024 – 2028 Financial Plan amendment.

**Option 2: Surplus Funds from Completed Capital Projects (Not Recommended)**

Item	Surplus
Current Heat Pump Replacement Project	\$188,500
SAC Health & Safety Requirements	\$43,500
SAC Domestic Hot Water System	\$14,370
<u>Uncommitted Capital Plan Funds</u>	<u>\$12,722</u>
Total Surplus added to Heat Pump	\$61,500
Total Heat Pump Replacement Project	\$250,000

This option is not recommended as the project is outside of the Capital Plan and impacts on the overall funding envelope. It was proposed as an enhancement and not a critical infrastructure item, however, provides significant reduction to the SCRD GHG's. This option would not require an amendment to the 2024 – 2028 Financial Plan Bylaw.

**Option 3: Deferral of 2024 Capital Project (Not Recommended)**

Item	Budget
Current Heat Pump Replacement Project	\$188,500
Deferral of 2024 Capital Projects	\$61,500
Total Heat Pump Replacement Project	\$250,000

This option is not recommended as the portion of the funding required to supplement the heat pump project budget would need to be re-incorporated into the 2025 capital renewal funding during the 2025 budget process. This option does not require a 2024 – 2028 Financial Plan amendment.

*Timeline for next steps or estimated completion date*

Following Board decision, the contract award will be made. The heat pumps will need to be ordered (delivery will take approximately 4 months) and can be installed shortly after their arrival. It is anticipated the project will be completed by the end of Q4 2024.

**STRATEGIC PLAN AND RELATED POLICIES**

This staff report is aligned with the Board's Strategic Plan lenses of Service Delivery Excellence, Climate and Environmental and the BRD-0340-5-029 Asset Management Policy.

**CONCLUSION**

In accordance with the SCRD’s Procurement Policy, RFP 2461305 was issued for Heat Pump Replacement. One compliant proposal was received.

Based on the best overall score and value offered, staff recommend that the SCRD enter into a contract agreement with Fortius Mechanical Ltd. with a value of up to \$250,000 (excluding GST), which includes a 5% contingency and that the delegated authorities be authorized to execute the contract. It is recommended that the Project budget be increased by \$61,500 funded from LGCAP funds.

Reviewed by:			
Manager		Finance	X - A. Taylor
GM	X - S. Gagnon	Legislative	
Acting CAO	X - T. Perreault	Other	X - V. Cropp

## GIBSONS AND DISTRICT FIRE PROTECTION COMMISSION

May 2, 2024

MINUTES OF THE GIBSONS AND DISTRICT FIRE PROTECTION COMMISSION MEETING HELD AT THE SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT OFFICE LOCATED AT 1975 FIELD ROAD, SECHELT, B.C.

<b>PRESENT:</b> (Voting Members)	Director, Electoral Area E Director, Electoral Area F Alternate Director, Electoral Area F Councillor, Town of Gibsons	Donna McMahon Kate-Louise Stamford Ian Winn Stafford Lumley
<b>ALSO PRESENT:</b> (Non-Voting)	Gibsons & District Fire Protection Commission SCRD, GM, Planning & Development Gibsons & District Volunteer Fire Dept. (Chief) SCRD, Administrative Assistant/Recorder Public	Marilyn Pederson (Chair) Ian Hall Rob Michael A. O'Brien 0

**CALL TO ORDER** 9:40 a.m.

**AGENDA** The agenda was adopted to change the order of business as follows:  
Agenda Item #7 Area Expansion Update to be discussed after Agenda Item #3 2024 GDVFD Q1 Report.

### MINUTES

**Recommendation No. 1** *Gibsons and District Fire Protection Commission Meeting Minutes of October 16, 2023*

The Gibsons and District Fire Protection Commission recommended that the minutes of October 16, 2023 be received, and adopted as corrected to add Marilyn Pederson, Gibsons & District Fire Protection Commission Chair to the attendance record as "Also Present".

### REPORTS

**Recommendation No. 2** *2024 GDVFD First Quarter Report*

The Gibsons and District Fire Protection Commission recommended that the 2024 Gibsons and District Volunteer Fire Department First Quarter Report be received for information.

*The Gibsons and District Fire Protection Commission discussed the following items:*

- *Area Expansion Update*
- *Fire Flows*
- *Firefighter Compensation*
- *Smoke Control Bylaw*

**ADJOURNMENT** 11:00 a.m.

**SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT  
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN  
PUBLIC AND TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday, April 17, 2024**

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN PUBLIC AND TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE CEDAR ROOM, 1975 FIELD ROAD, SECHELT, BC

**PRESENT:**

(Voting Members)

Chair  
Vice Chair  
Members

J. Sutherland  
D. Reeve  
S. Selzer  
N. Brenchley  
P. Robson  
S. Van Poppelen  
M. Ernst  
S. White

Director, Town of Gibsons

**ALSO PRESENT:**

(Non-Voting)

Manager, Solid Waste Services  
Recorder  
Director, Electoral Area E  
Director, Electoral Area D

M. Sole  
R. Newland  
D. McMahon  
K. Backs

**REGRETS:**

Solid Waste Operations Coordinator  
Members

A. Patrao  
A. Joe  
E. Machado  
J. Walton

**CALL TO ORDER**

2:04 p.m.

**AGENDA**

The agenda was adopted as presented.

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the March 6, 2024, Solid Waste Management Plan Public and Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC) meeting were accepted as circulated.

**REPORTS****Future Disposal Options**

Marc Sole, Manager, Solid Waste Services, Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD), provided a presentation on Future Disposal Options, which included the following:

- Review of the 2024 SCR D Budget approved projects:
  - Construction funding for the relocation of the Sechelt Landfill contact water pond.

- Feasibility study and engineering funding for a vertical expansion of the existing Sechelt Landfill, within the current landfill property.
- Review of Board directives to Solid Waste staff from the February 8, 2024, Board meeting:
  - Undertake a detailed feasibility study for exporting waste.
  - Engage with local governments, First Nations, interested parties, and residents on the feasibility of future solid waste disposal options, including:
    - New landfill options
    - Lateral expansion of Sechelt Landfill options
    - Waste export options

## COMMUNICATIONS

### Potential strategies to consider for Solid Waste System Financing

Veronica Bartlett, Senior Environmental Planner, Morrison Hershfield, provided a presentation on the Potential strategies to consider for Solid Waste System Financing, which included the following:

- Review of feedback from March 6, 2024, PTAC meeting (Strategies 13-15)
  - PTAC was satisfied with the most recent strategies, with comments on the following:
    - Strategy 14: Invasive Species Management, while important, is not as critical as some other strategies at this time.
    - Strategy 15: Emergency Debris Waste Management is important and needs to be looked into.
  - Areas highlighted by PTAC from Strategies 1-15:
    - Better management of: construction waste, restaurant waste, and tourism waste.
    - More education and outreach across all strategies.
- Solid Waste Systems Finances and Administration; reviewed the 2024-2028 Financial Plan, which included the following:
  - Relevant historical numbers related to revenue and expenses.
  - Projected revenue sources and expenses.
- Strategy 16: Develop Long-Term System Cost Forecasting and Cost Recovery
  - 16A: Assess the cost-benefit of using contractor vs in-house staff to operate the Sechelt Landfill and transition to in-house services if determined to be beneficial.
  - 16B: Assess the cost-benefit of options that can reduce service-related operating costs where private sector solutions exist or could be facilitated.
  - 16C: Assess cost recovery model to implement tipping fees and taxation that fully fund the solid waste management system.
    - Discussion on tipping fee increases and that they do not increase illegal dumping.
- Strategy 17: Maximize Disposal Capacity
  - 17A: Review options to incentivize facility contractors to divert waste and implement if deemed feasible.

**NEXT MEETING**                      TBD

**ADJOURNMENT**                      5:00 p.m.





## Elphinstone Community Association

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<https://elphinstonecommunity.ca>

Serving the Elphinstone Community since 1971

SCRD  
1975 Field Road  
Sechelt, BC  
V7Z 0A8

May 21, 2024

Dear SCR D Board,

Elphinstone Community Association (ECA) has received a number of complaints about outdoor burning of yard waste and the resulting smoke. This is not just in one neighbourhood; complaints are coming to us from throughout Area E.

Area E residents want to live in a smoke-free area. It is a known fact now that smoke is carcinogenic. Furthermore, most organic material can be taken to the green waste instead of polluting the neighbourhood.

Area E residents would like the SCR D to enact a Smoke Control bylaw similar to Bylaw 598 (aka Robert Creek Bylaw) but with it more clearly stated that any material accepted by Green Waste should be taken to Green Waste and not burnt. Dry fire wood and clean dry wood waste may be burnt as a campfire. Campfires are to be one meter or less in diameter and height.

Sincerely  
Rod Moorcroft  
Elphinstone Community Association

cc:  
Rob Michael – Gibsons and District Volunteer Fire Department  
Dr. Moliehi Khaketia – Sunshine Coast Chief Medical Officers  
Sally McBride – Healthy Public Policy  
Atmosphere Solutions