

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

Wednesday, March 6, 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
J. Walton
N. Brenchley
P. Robson
S. Van Poppelen
M. Ernst
S. White

Director, Mayor of Gibsons

ALSO PRESENT:

(Non-Voting)

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

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

REGRETS:

Members

A. Joe
E. Machado
S. Selzer

CALL TO ORDER

3:31 p.m.

AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as amended.

MINUTES

The minutes of the November 21, 2023, Solid Waste Management Plan Public and Technical Advisory Committee meeting were accepted as circulated.

REPORTS

Potential Strategies to Consider for Management of Residual Waste Memo.

COMMUNICATIONS

Potential Strategies to Consider for Management of Residual Waste.

Veronica Bartlett, representative of Morrison Hershfield, provided a presentation on the *Waste Potential Strategies to Consider for Management of Residual Waste*, which included the following:

- Reviewed the feedback from the last meeting (Strategies 7-12)
 - Some comments in the feedback survey were not entirely clear, please send comments or questions with specific details to Veronica Barlett.
 - Comments on Strategy 10A: Establish an Illegal Dumping Task Force and develop an Illegal Dumping Strategy aimed to improve tracking and reduce the number of illegal dumping incidents and 10B: Develop an education and awareness campaign around illegal dumping.
 - More signage on common backroad dump site with information on disposal options.
 - More partnerships/collaboration.
 - PTAC committee members expressed interest in programs that work to deconstruct and move old homes in an effort to reduce construction waste.
 - Sunshine Coast Tourism Update from Michael Ernst:
 - They have a sustainable tourism initiative with some disposal information.
 - PTAC supports sharing educational materials with visitors.
- Strategy 13: Assess potential for recovery of energy from residual (non-recyclable) waste.
 - Chair discussed waste to energy options, and Salish Soils working to collect more construction waste.
 - Small scale recovery options, for materials currently being landfilled.
 - Large scale waste to energy was deemed cost-prohibitive in 2021 study.
- Strategy 14: Improve invasive species disposal.
 - Work to develop regional program for education and disposal of invasive plants.
 - Example of qathet Regional District Invasive Plant Management Strategy shown.
- Strategy 15: Improve debris waste management.
 - Develop a debris waste management plan and emergency response plans for SCR D facilities to manage unpredictable surges in waste materials from natural disasters.
 - Discussion regarding supporting residents through covering tipping fees and available provincial funding supports during a natural disaster.

PTAC Open Discussion

- PTAC was lead in a small group discussion and then in a full group interactive exercise to evaluate the presented strategies.
 - Ideas Discussed:
 - Concerns Regarding Dock Management Plan Discussed as a potential issue for landfill space.
 - Creosote wood not accepted at Salish Soils.
 - Landfill Options Report by Sperling Hansen Discussed as PTAC felt more options are still needed.
 - Construction waste tracking.
 - More repurposing waste items.
 - Education materials in hotels, B&B's etc.
 - Encouraging pet waste alternatives like cat litter pellets.
- Top Strategies prioritized by PTAC:
 - 4A - Encourage and support local businesses to reduce food waste.
 - 9B - Encourage organizations, such as BC Ferries, to avoid sending waste for

- landfilling to the Sunshine Coast, where other disposal locations are available.
- 1B - Harmonize waste collection bylaws to effectively encourage waste diversion across the Region.
- 2A - Re-assess curbside recycling costs and provide better access to curbside recycling collection, if deemed desirable by residents.
- 6C - increase enforcement capacity beyond current 2023 levels.
- 7D - Investigate feasibility of recycling additional C&D materials such as carpets and implement pilot when deemed feasible.
- 10A - Establish an illegal dumping task force and develop an illegal dumping strategy aimed to improve tracking and reduce the number of illegal dumping incidents.

NEXT MEETING April 17, 2024

ADJOURNMENT 5:34 p.m.