



News Release

Talk Trash with the SCRD

Sechelt, BC – October 25, 2021 – With the Sechelt Landfill nearing capacity by 2025, the Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) is asking residents to talk trash with us! We need your input on the future of solid waste disposal, including garbage, organics, recycling and green waste, on the Sunshine Coast.

The Sechelt Landfill is the only waste disposal option approved in the current 2011 Solid Waste Management Plan. The SCRD needs to identify a new waste disposal option and seek approval from the Provincial Government before the Sechelt Landfill closes, and any changes need to be reflected in the Solid Waste Management Plan. An amendment would allow the SCRD to add a temporary disposal option, which takes about one year to receive approval from the Province. Next year, the SCRD will start updating the Solid Waste Management Plan to identify a new long-term disposal option, which can take about two to three years to complete.

The SCRD needs your input on how the Region will manage solid waste when the Sechelt Landfill closes. The SCRD will work with the shíshálh Nation, Sk̓wxwú7mesh Úxwumixw, and other local governments on this Plan.

Updating the Solid Waste Management Plan will happen in two phases.

Phase 1 runs until March 2022 and will engage the community about temporarily exporting solid waste outside the Region for disposal at an existing facility. This option will only be used if the Sechelt Landfill closes before a new solid waste disposal facility is fully operational.

Phase 2 is a deeper dive into the Solid Waste Management Plan that will shape the future of solid waste and secure a long-term solid waste disposal option for the Region.

Right now, the SCRD is seeking your input on Phase 1. We want to hear from you!

Online

Check out our engagement page at letstalk.scrd.ca/trash to learn more about the project, review the current Solid Waste Management Plan, ask questions, and complete a survey.

Virtual Meeting

On Tuesday, November 9 at 7:00pm, the SCRD will host an information session about this project and answer any questions the community may have. Details on how to join this event will be made available at letstalk.scrd.ca/trash prior to the event taking place. A recording of the session will be posted on the SCRD's YouTube channel.

In Person

SCRD staff will be available at information booths throughout November. All attendees, including SCR D staff, will be required to follow Province of BC health orders for COVID-19.

Sechelt, Sechelt Aquatic Centre
Saturday, November 20, 2:00pm – 4:00pm

Pender Harbour, IGA Madeira Park
Monday, November 22, 2:00pm – 4:00pm

Gibsons, IGA Gibsons
Saturday, November 27, 11:00am – 1:00pm

“We look forward to meeting with the community to hear your thoughts, concerns and ideas on the future of solid waste on the Sunshine Coast,” says Aidan Buckley, Manager Communications and Engagement, with the Sunshine Coast Regional District. “This is the first step in a long process, and we want to help residents stay informed and provide input on the plan in the coming years.”

Stay up to date at letstalk.scrd.ca/trash.

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