

**SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN MONITORING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

November 17, 2020

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN MONITORING
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM

PRESENT:

(Voting Members)

Chair
Members

I. Winn
J. Boyd
G. Bennett
P. Robson
M. Cambon
S. Higginson

ALSO PRESENT:

(Non-Voting)

Director, Electoral Area E
Director, Electoral Area A
Manager, Solid Waste Services
Solid Waste Programs Coordinator
Infrastructure Services Assistant/Recorder

D. McMahon
L. Lee
R. Cooper
A. Patrao
M. Martel

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REGRETS:

PMAC Vice-Chair
PMAC Members

S. White
B. Hetherington
D. New-Small

Directors, staff, and other attendees present for the meeting participated by means of electronic or other communication facilities in accordance with Sunshine Coast Regional District Board Procedures Bylaw 717.

CALL TO ORDER

11:00 a.m.

AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as presented.

MINUTES

Recommendation No. 1 *PMAC Meeting Minutes of October 20, 2020*

The Solid Waste Management Plan Monitoring Advisory Committee recommended that the Solid Waste Management Plan Monitoring Advisory Committee meeting minutes of October 20, 2020 be received.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Review of Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy Recycling Regulation Policy Intentions Paper

Discussion included the following:

- PMAC members feedback on the Policy Intention Paper.
- Overall prioritizing of recommendation to be given.
- Official deadline for feedback of November 20, 2020 is not being extended but BC MOE has stated via email will accept feedback to end of year.
- Reminder there is still time before deadline to submit feedback as individuals.
- Request to move as quickly as possible through process of PMAC recommendations to SCRD Board adoption.

Recommendation No. 2 *Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy Recycling Regulation Policy Intentions Paper*

The Solid Waste Management Plan Monitoring Advisory Committee recommended that the SCRD submit comments to the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy (MoE) regarding Recycling Regulation Amendments;

AND THAT the SCRD's comments to MoE include support for the following:

- a new regulation for mattresses and furniture with no exemptions;
- expansion of the residual product category to include flares, bear spray, fire extinguishers, pool and spa chemicals, medical syringes, veterinary medication and single use fuel canisters with no exemptions;
- regulation of all electronics with no exemptions and the regulation keeps pace with technology such as the inclusion of electric vehicle batteries and solar panels;
- expansion of Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for Industrial Commercial Institutional (ICI) Packaging and Printed Paper (PPP) that allows ICI PPP at recycling depots and prioritizes food services and medical environments;
- implementation of policies to ensure fishing gear is traceable, fines are imposed for lost fishing gear and recycling opportunities are available;

AND FURTHER THAT the SCRD's comments to MoE include an overall prioritization of mattresses and furniture, ICI PPP, fishing gear, electronics and single use fuel canisters.

Recommendation No. 3 *SCRD Board Resolutions related to Solid Waste – October 2020*

The Solid Waste Management Plan Monitoring Advisory Committee recommended that the SCRD Board Resolutions Related to Solid Waste – October 2020 be received.

Discussion included the following:

- The importance of PMAC's role in providing recommendations.
- Cost to remediate drop-off area at Sechelt Landfill and concern of increase in taxes.
- Look forward to results of community engagement process for Islands Clean Up.

REPORTS

Recommendation No. 4 *October 2020 Solid Waste Staff Reports*

The Solid Waste Management Plan Monitoring Advisory Committee recommended that the report titled October 2020 Solid Waste Staff Reports be received.

Discussion included the following:

- Waste to Energy option in report and alternate technologies.
- Any option put forth as recommendation must have support from community.
- Expected date for Sechelt Landfill to be full.

NEW BUSINESS

Illegal Dumping

Discussion included the following:

- Need for data on illegal dumping
 - What is the material?
 - Where is it being dumped?
 - Tonnage of material?
 - Where is it going? Landfill or recycling?
 - What is the cost to taxpayers of illegal dumping?
 - What is the environmental impact?
- Sources of data to include SCRD's Backroad Trash Bash and Good Samaritan Program
- Best ways to monitor illegal dumping on the Sunshine Coast
- Is there a correlation between solid waste decisions (e.g. tipping fees, landfill hours) and illegal dumping?

Recommendation No. 5 *Illegal Dumping Data*

The Solid Waste Management Plan Monitoring Advisory Committee recommended that staff provide PMAC with a summary of five years of illegal dumping data from the SCRD's Backroad Trash Bash and Good Samaritan Program that includes types of material and other data where possible.

NEXT MEETING Tuesday, December 15, 2020

ADJOURNMENT 12:40 p.m.