



INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES COMMITTEE

Thursday, February 3, 2022

Held Electronically

**and Transmitted via the SCR D Boardroom,
1975 Field Road, Sechelt, B.C.**

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER 9:30 a.m.

AGENDA

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SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT STAFF REPORT

TO: Infrastructure Services Committee – February 3, 2022

AUTHOR: Alana Wittman, Strategic Planning Coordinator
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SUBJECT: SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT FOR WASTE EXPORT

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report titled Solid Waste Management Plan Amendment for Waste Export be received for information;

AND THAT the SCRD Board direct staff to submit an application for a proposed amendment to the 2011 SCRD Solid Waste Management Plan to allow for temporary export of waste to the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy for approval.

BACKGROUND

The BC Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy (MOE) requires that regional districts have a Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) to guide the management of solid waste in their regions. MOE recommends that the planning horizon for a SWMP is a 10-year timeline, while identifying regional issues in the next 25 years.

The Sunshine Coast Regional District's (SCRD) current SWMP was approved in 2011 and is approaching the end of the plan's 10-year lifecycle. The SWMP review and update process will be initiated in 2022 and is expected to take two to three years to complete.

Based on 2020 data, the Sechelt Landfill is expected to reach capacity by mid-2025. The SCRD has initiated the process to determine a solution for long-term solid waste disposal. It is possible that the Sechelt Landfill will reach capacity before a new waste disposal option is operational. To bridge this gap, a potential solution could be exporting waste outside the region until a long-term facility, such as a new landfill or permanent waste export facility, is planned and constructed. To proceed with waste export, even temporarily, requires an amendment to the current SWMP.

At the May 27, 2021 Infrastructure Services Committee meeting, as part of discussions that relate to the long-term waste disposal option, the Board direction was as follows:

149/21 (in part) **Recommendation No. 1** *Regional Diversion*

AND THAT staff present at a future committee meeting a high-level project plan for the interim diversion of waste to an alternative disposal site to bridge the time to the opening of a new landfill or transfer station on the Sunshine Coast.

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of the engagement feedback received about an interim waste diversion solution, specifically a proposed amendment to the 2011 SWMP to allow for temporary waste export. Staff are seeking Board approval to submit the proposed amendment

application to MOE, and should this amendment be approved, staff will bring a high-level project plan to respond to Resolution 149/21 to the Board thereafter.

DISCUSSION

Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy Process

An amendment to the SCRD's SWMP would require approval by the MOE as solid waste management planning and implementation is governed by the *BC Environmental Management Act* (EMA) (Part 3, Sections 23-38).

The Minister:

- Must be satisfied that there has been adequate public review and consultation during the amendment of an existing SWMP before approving the plan;
- May approve all or part of a SWMP amendment to an existing plan;
- May set conditions for approval, may choose not to approve the amended plan, or may order that an existing plan be cancelled or amended.

Following MOE approval, the Board must formally adopt the amended SWMP, including any conditions. Regional districts are required to make the current SWMP and any conditions publicly available on the regional district website.

Public Engagement

The SCRD led an engagement process on the proposed amendment between October 25, 2021 and December 3, 2021. The public engagement approach follows Section 27 of the EMA, which outlines requirements for adequate public review and consultation of proposed amendments to a SWMP. Table 1 summarizes the communication methods used during the engagement period to promote opportunities to learn about and provide input on the proposed amendment.

Table 1 - Communication Methods

Method	Description
Project Website (Let's Talk Trash)	Information on the project was posted on Let's Talk Trash (letstalk.scrd.ca/trash) on October 25, 2021, and was updated through the engagement period to address questions from the community.
News Release	A news release titled "Talk Trash with the SCRD" was posted on the SCRD website (scrud.ca/media-releases) on October 25, 2021.
Email	The SCRD Board, PMAC, and 16 Community Associations received email notifications on October 25, 2021. A reminder email was sent to Community Associations on November 19, 2021, before the first Information Booth event.
SCRD Newsletter (Coast Current)	Notifications were included in the November 1 and December 1, 2021. The Coast Current is the SCRD's monthly newsletter with 733 subscribers.
Print Newspaper Ads	Advertisements were placed in the Coast Reporter on October 29, November 5, 12, and 19, 2021.
Social Media	SCRD Facebook Page on October 25, November 2, 9, 19, 20, 27, and December 3, 2021.

Media Article	A newspaper article was included in the October 28, 2021 edition of the Coast Reporter, titled “Landfill Construction Nears Completions: SCRD Seeks Input on Future Waste Disposal Options”. Article link.
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During the engagement period, the SCRD hosted several engagement opportunities, including developing an online engagement webpage called Let’s Talk Trash (letstalk.scrd.ca/trash), hosting an Online Q&A Session, and three in-person Information Booths in Sechelt, Pender Harbour, and Gibsons. Table 2 summarizes the engagement opportunities and the level of involvement for each engagement type.

Table 2 - Public Engagement Opportunities and Involvement Summary

Engagement Type	Electoral Area	Date	Interactions
Online Engagement Webpage: Let’s Talk Trash	All	October 25 to December 3, 2021	274 page views 34 feedback forms 27 questions
Online Q&A Session	All	November 9, 2021	16 attendees
Information Booth	Sechelt	November 20, 2021	15 interactions
Information Booth	Pender Harbour	November 22, 2021	42 interactions
Information Booth	Gibsons	November 27, 2021	23 interactions

Feedback

Feedback was received through the Let’s Talk Trash webpage via a Feedback Form and Questions Forum, email (infrastructure@scrd.ca), and verbally during the Online Q&A Session and in-person Information Booths. Staff considered and compiled all feedback received throughout the engagement period into a report (Attachment A). Based on the comments and questions, staff summarised the key themes that were raised in Table 3.

Table 3 - Key Themes

Key Themes Raised	Frequency of Comment ¹
Support for the proposed amendment Community members expressed support for temporary waste export while the SCRD conducts studies and seeks approval for a long-term solid waste management solution.	10
Opposition to the proposed amendment Community members expressed concern and opposition to temporarily exporting waste out of the region. Staff received a range of comments, including but not limited to the importance of managing waste where it is generated, potential increase in cost, and challenges associated with barging materials.	6
Logistics of temporary waste export	6

¹ The frequency of comment is based on feedback received through the Let’s Talk Trash questions forum, feedback forms, and the Online Q&A Session. Verbal feedback received during the Information Booth events could not be analyzed quantitatively.

Community members asked questions regarding the logistics of temporarily exporting waste out of the region, including but not limited to the barge location, disposal location, contractor, impacts on traffic, and increased transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions.	
Extending the life of the Sechelt Landfill Community members felt the lifespan of the Sechelt Landfill could be extended by increasing diversion rates. Staff received a range of suggestions including expanding the SCRD's diversion program (i.e., curbside recycling, building another Share Shed) and increasing public education on the importance of reuse, recycling, and food waste diversion.	20
Cost Concerns were expressed about the potential for increased garbage tipping fees.	8
Long-term waste disposal options Community members asked questions about long-term waste disposal options. Staff received a range of comments and questions about the feasibility of a waste-to-energy facility and the status of potential new landfill sites.	13

First Nation Engagement

Staff reached out to the staff from the shíshálh and Skwxwú7mesh Nations to seek their comments on the SCRD's proposal for exporting waste outside the region until a long-term waste disposal option is operational. Staff received confirmation that the shíshálh Nation expressed no concerns with this SCRD proposal. The Skwxwú7mesh Nation responded with a request for capacity funding. SCRD staff responded that the Regional District is not in a position to provide capacity funding in support of First Nations engagement on our projects. No comments on the content of the proposed amendment were received from the Skwxwú7mesh Nation.

Proposed Response to the Feedback

Staff reviewed the range of feedback received, and responded to questions in-person or received through email. The feedback about logistics of temporary waste export would be considered should the SCRD need to initiate temporary waste export in the future. Some of the concerns raised, such as costs of diversion programs, will be taken into consideration for future solid waste planning processes, specifically the update to the SCRD Solid Waste Management Plan which will be initiated in 2022. Based on the results from the engagement and the risk of not having a waste disposal option following the closure of the Sechelt Landfill, staff recommend the SCRD Board direct staff to submit an application to the MOE to amend the 2011 SWMP to allow waste export.

Timeline for Next Steps

- If the Board approves moving forward with the proposed amendment, staff will submit an application to amend the SCRD's 2011 SWMP to the MOE for approval.
- Staff anticipate the SCRD will receive approval within one year of submitting the application, which will provide a sufficient timeline to make arrangements for the transportation and disposal of waste off-coast should this option be implemented.
- Staff will continue the work to confirm the long-term solid waste disposal option for the region. The next step is a second review of the 2021 Future Waste Disposal Analysis Study in Q1 and Q2 2022.

STRATEGIC PLAN AND RELATED POLICES

The proposed amendment to the Solid Waste Management Plan supports the 2019-2023 Strategic Plan Strategy 2.3 of Achieving Sustainable Solid Waste Management.

CONCLUSION

This report summarizes feedback received during the engagement on the proposed amendment to the 2011 SWMP to allow for temporary waste export. Staff undertook an engagement process on the proposed amendment between October 25, 2021 and December 3, 2021. Staff presented information to stakeholders and the public about the need for an alternative solution should the Sechelt Landfill close before a long-term solid waste disposal option is operational. Information was shared to the project website, through email, the SCRD Coast Current newsletter, print advertisements, social media, and one news article in the Coast Reporter. Engagement activities included an online engagement webpage called Let's Talk Trash with a Feedback Form and Questions Forum, and hosting an Online Q&A Session and three in-person Information Booths.

Staff reviewed and considered all feedback received, including written and verbal comments and questions during the engagement events. Staff received input about the proposed amendments, maximizing the Sechelt Landfill capacity and next steps for a long-term solid waste facility, and the associated logistics and costs. Based on the results of the public and First Nation engagement, and the risk of not having a garbage disposal option following the closure of the Sechelt Landfill, staff recommend the SCRD Board direct staff to submit an application to the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy to amend the 2011 SWMP.

Attachment:

Attachment A – *Solid Waste Management Plan - Amendment No. 1 Public Engagement Summary Report*, January 21, 2022

Reviewed by:			
Manager	X - R. Cooper X - A. Buckley	Legislative	
GM	X- R. Rosenboom	Other	
CAO	X- D. McKinley		

Appendices

Appendix A
Public Engagement Plan



2021 Solid Waste Management Plan Amendment

Public Engagement Plan Background

The Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) is initiating the process to amend its 2011 Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP). The SWMP is the plan that guides how the region will manage solid waste for a 10-year period, while identifying regional issues for the next 25 years. Solid waste includes recyclables, compostable materials and garbage from homes, businesses, institutions, construction and demolition sites. The purpose of the proposed amendment is to revise the 2011 SWMP to allow the SCRD to temporarily export solid waste out of the region should the Sechelt Landfill reach capacity before a long-term solid waste disposal option is fully operational. Based on 2020 data, the Sechelt Landfill is expected to reach capacity by mid-2025.

Solid waste management planning is a regional district responsibility, guided by the *BC Environmental Management Act* and the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy's (MoE) *A Guide to Solid Waste Management Planning* (the Guide). The Guide recommends regional districts review and update their SWMP every 10 years, while recognizing that amendments may be required within those 10 years. The SCRD's current SWMP was approved in 2011 and is approaching the end of the 10-year plan lifecycle. It's time to work with the shíshálh Nation, Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw, other governing authorities, and members of the community to review our progress to date and our long-term vision for managing solid waste in our region.

Public engagement on the proposed amendment to the SWMP is a requirement of the *BC Environmental Management Act*. The MoE will not approve an amendment unless adequate engagement with interested persons has been conducted.

Engagement on the proposed amendment will take place from October 25, 2021 to December 3, 2021. The engagement process will be documented in a Public Engagement Summary Report, which will be posted on the SCRD's project website *Let's Talk Trash* (letstalk.scrd.ca/trash) and shared with the project stakeholder list. The Public Engagement Summary Report and the amended 2011 SWMP will be submitted to the MoE following Board review in February 2022.

Desired Outcomes

The desired outcomes of this public engagement are to:

- Increase awareness on solid waste disposal and diversion in the region, including the limited remaining approved capacity at the Sechelt Landfill.
- Raise awareness on the SWMP amendment and update processes.
- Seek feedback from the public and interested stakeholders on the proposed amendment.

Stakeholders

The engagement process will include communication with groups across the region. The following is a preliminary list of potential stakeholders who will be asked to provide input:

- General public
- SCRD Board and staff
- Solid Waste Management Plan Monitoring Advisory Committee (PMAC)
- Provincial agencies: Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy
- Municipal agencies: District of Sechelt and Town of Gibsons
- First Nations: shíshálh Nation and Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh Úxwumixw
- Community Associations

Solid Waste Management Plan Amendment - Public Engagement Plan

Public engagement process will be designed to meet elector approval requirements for any borrowing of funds required to implement the amended plan once it is approved.

The objectives of public engagement associated with the amendment process include:

- Meet requirements under the *BC Environmental Management Act*;
- Receive community, First Nations, and stakeholder approval, as outlined in the Guide;
- Increase public awareness on the SCRD's approach to short and long-term solid waste management;
- Share information about the current capacity of the Sechelt Landfill and present a proposed interim solution to export waste following the closure of the Sechelt Landfill, should an alternative be needed;
- Provide interested parties with an opportunity to submit input and feedback on the proposed amendment; and
- Ensure the amended plan aligns with information gathered during public engagement.

Engagement will be in accordance with the SCRD Public Participation Framework and meet the requirements outlined in Section 27 of the *BC Environmental Management Act*. The preliminary timeline for the engagement process is described below.

ACTIVITIES

- Update the SWMP webpage (www.scrd.ca/SWMP)
- Create a project webpage: Let's Talk Trash (letstalk.scrd.ca/trash)
- Deliver a 6-week engagement period where members of the community, the shíshálh Nation, Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh Úxwumixw, and other governing authorities can review information on the proposed amendment and submit feedback for SCRD and MoE review. During the engagement period, the SCRD will:
 - Host one Online Q&A Session (an additional event can be planned if there is a high-level of interest from the public)
 - Host three in-person Information Booth events in communities across the Sunshine Coast, including Sechelt, Pender Harbour, and Gibsons
 - Present the public engagement strategy to PMAC in September 2021

- Presentation(s)/one-on-one meeting(s) with project stakeholders, such as local government, as required
 - Newspaper advertisements
 - Social media updates
- Provide new opportunities to join a mailing list to receive updates/notifications on SCRD solid waste projects

DELIVERABLES

- Let's Talk Trash (letstalk.scrd.ca/trash) project website and engagement platform
- PowerPoint presentations for the public Let's Talk Trash event, PMAC, and/or one-on-one stakeholder meeting(s)
- Public Engagement Summary Report
- Amended 2011 SWMP

Appendix B

Promotion and Advertising Materials



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 SCRd 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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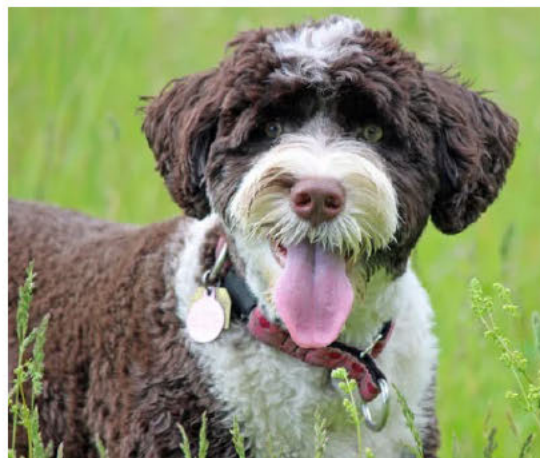
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Engagement on the amendment has begun and will take place until December 3, 2021.

To learn more about upcoming engagement opportunities and to submit comments, visit the project website: letstalk.scrd.ca/trash.

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NEWS

VANCOUVER ISLAND

109 missing containers carry everything from sofas to car parts: coast guard

CARLA WILSON
Times Colonist

Far more containers than originally believed – 109 rather than 40 – fell off the container ship *Zim Kingston* in heavy seas off the west coast of Vancouver Island last week, says the coast guard.

The containers that tumbled off the ship, now anchored at Constance Bank, carried everything from Christmas decorations to sofas, poker tables, metal car parts, clothing, toys, yoga mats, stand-up paddleboards and industrial parts, according to a Wednesday update from a coast guard team dealing with the situation.

So far, none of the 12-metre-long containers have reached shore. The coast guard says it's deploying tracking buoys and working with the ves-

sel's owner, Greece-based Danaos Shipping, to locate and recover the containers, which are believed to be in the Cape Scott area at the north end of the island.

The ship had been carrying nearly 2,000 containers on its way to the Port of Vancouver, the unified command said. Of those, close to half were on the ship's deck.

With fires on the vessel now under control, crew members were able to complete a survey of the containers still on the ship.

Now that there's a complete list of cargo that went overboard, the command team says it will assess the contents for any potential environmental impacts.

It's expected that some of the containers will have sunk by now.

On Wednesday, a coast guard helicopter and a Transport Canada national

aerial surveillance program plane were flying over the floating containers to try to get a better idea of how many are near Cape Scott on northern Vancouver Island.

Lighthouse keepers and mariners have reported sightings of the containers, but the work is complicated by poor weather and swells of up to 10 to 12 metres, officials said.

Anyone who finds a container is asked not to open it and to immediately call 1-800-889-8852.

Fisheries and Oceans Canada has put out eight drifting trackers that transmit current speed and direction to help predict the path of the containers.

In Canada, polluters are required to complete any cleanup activities to the satisfaction of the Canadian government.



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October 29, 2021

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Special Corporate and Administrative Services Committee – 2022 Pre-Budget
November 1 and 2 at 9:30 a.m.

Regular Board
November 4 at 2:00 p.m.

Planning and Community Development Committee
November 18 at 9:30 a.m.

Infrastructure Services Committee
November 18 at 2:00 p.m.

Corporate and Administrative Services Committee
November 25 at 9:30 a.m.

Regular Board
November 25 at 2:00 p.m.

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To learn more about upcoming engagement opportunities and to submit comments, visit the project website: letstalk.scrd.ca/trash.

ANNUAL UTILITY STATEMENTS FINAL REMINDER

Final utility reminder statements have been issued to owners of properties serviced with water, sewer or curbside collection by the Sunshine Coast Regional District.

If you have not yet received your 2021 utility statement, contact the Infrastructure Services Department at infrastructure@scrd.ca or 604-885-6806.

Payment method information can be found at www.scrd.ca/utility-billing.



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October 29, 2021

UPCOMING MEETINGS

November 2 - 3:00pm
Committee-of-the-Whole

November 2 - 7:00pm
Regular Council

November 16 - 3:00pm
Committee-of-the-Whole

November 16 - 7:00pm
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December 7 - 3:00pm
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FALL UTILITY INVOICES

Semi-annual utility bills for the period April through September inclusive have been mailed out and are due for payment no later than **November 16, 2021**.

If you have not received your bill by the end of October, please contact the Finance Department at 604-886-2274.

DOGS ON BEACHES

Between October 16 and April 14, dogs are welcome to play off leash on all Gibsons beaches. Also, Inglis Trail is always open to off-leash hiking.

HOLIDAY CLOSURE

Town Hall/ICBC Driver Services will be closed on **Thursday, November 11th** for Remembrance Day.

STAY INFORMED!

To stay informed on Town Council and Committee schedules, meetings, minutes, and other documents from those meetings, visit our CivicWeb portal at: gibsons.civicweb.net.

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Sechelt Aquatic Centre reopens

Free admission to Nov. 5 community appreciation event

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Staff Writer

Admission to the Sechelt Aquatic Centre will be free on Friday, Nov. 5 from 7 to 9 p.m., for a community appreciation event hosted by the Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD).

The SCRD announced the aquatic centre will fully re-open on Nov. 6., following an earlier-than-anticipated completion of updates to the building's fire suppression system. The seasonal maintenance closure at the facility was extended on Sept. 15.

"We look forward to welcoming the community back this weekend

and to the resumption of scheduled activities at the facility," Shelley Gagnon, SCRD general manager of community services, said.

Check www.scrd.ca/recreation-restart for the latest provincial health information, vaccination requirements and capacity limits for SCRD recreation facilities.

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November 18 at 9:30 a.m.

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For Remembrance Day
(November 11) Hours of operation,
visit www.scrd.ca

Change in operating hours at the Green Waste Depot.
Visit www.scrd.ca/composting for more details.



DAKOTA RIDGE VOLUNTEER TRAIL HOSTS NEEDED

The SCRD is looking for dedicated community members to become Trail Hosts at Dakota Ridge Winter Recreation Area this 2021-2022 season (mid-December to end of March, snow and other conditions permitting).

Trail Hosts act as ambassadors for the SCRD during weekends and holidays greeting visitors, selling trail passes, answering questions and helping clear snow, amongst other activities.

Volunteers get to help our community participate in outdoor recreational activities, participate as part of a team and regularly get outside to experience all that snow has to offer during the winter months.

If you would like to volunteer or require additional information, please contact 604-885-6802 or Parks.Department@scrud.ca. Application forms are available at www.scrd.ca/Dakota-Ridge.



LET'S TALK TRASH Q & A

Join the SCRD on November 9 at 7:00 p.m. for a virtual information session on the proposed amendment to the Solid Waste Management Plan.

Community members will have the opportunity to ask questions and share their feedback on the proposed amendment after a short presentation.

Visit letstalk.scrd.ca/trash to join the Zoom meeting and learn more about the project.

NEWS

RESOURCE CENTRE

How can I get involved with the Resource Centre?

Q: I am retired with some time on my hands. Is there a way I could volunteer with or support the Resource Centre?

A: Whether you are retired, or fall into any age bracket, we are always looking for volunteers.

For starters, if you are interested in getting to know your Resource Centre staff and Board, we'd love

to have you attend our virtual annual general meeting (AGM) on Wednesday, Nov. 24, from 4 to 5 p.m. During the AGM, staff and board will present on some recent successes, projects and programs. If you would like to become a member, you can do so during the AGM as well. Email agm@resourcecentre.ca for the Zoom link.

In terms of getting involved, yes! We are always looking for volunteers who would be comfortable in client service roles. This role would be someone welcoming clients, answering phones, and helping with various information and referral tasks we do in our office at our front desk (behind plexiglass). This could be anything from

helping clients complete government forms, to referring to resources in our community, to supporting clients in using our online directory to find information relevant to them. We provide all our volunteers with some basic training, and require volunteers to sign a confidentiality agreement, as well learn about trauma-informed practices

so they can best support clients with various needs. Give us a call/email us and the contact info below if you're interested!

Angie Theilmann is an information and referral specialist at the Sunshine Coast Resource Centre, your community information hub. The Resource Centre is open Mon-Thurs 10am-330pm. Appointments are



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recommended to be sure we are available to help you. Drop-ins welcome. Contact us: help@resourcecentre.ca or 604-885-4088.



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November 12, 2021



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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Planning and Community Development Committee
November 18 at 9:30 a.m.

Infrastructure Services Committee
November 18 at 2:00 p.m.

Corporate and Administrative Services Committee
November 25 at 9:30 a.m.

Regular Board
November 25 at 2:00 p.m.

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HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT
THIS YEAR'S SCRD BUDGET?

Join us on November 16 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for a virtual information session. More information at letstalk.scrd.ca/budget

DAKOTA RIDGE
VOLUNTEER TRAIL HOSTS
INFORMATION SESSION

The SCRD is looking for dedicated community members to become Trail Hosts at Dakota Ridge Winter Recreation Area this 2021-2022 season (mid-December to end of March, snow and other conditions permitting).

Trail Hosts act as ambassadors for the SCRD during weekends and holidays greeting visitors, selling trail passes, answering questions and helping clear snow, amongst other activities.

If you like being outside, are interested in winter recreation and enjoy meeting and helping others, then please consider joining us for a virtual information meeting on **Tuesday, November 16 at 7:00 p.m.** Please RSVP prior to meeting by emailing sam.adams@scrd.ca.

Volunteer application forms are available at www.scrd.ca/Dakota-Ridge.

To join the Zoom meeting visit www.scrd.ca/dakota-ridge on Tuesday, November 16 at 7:00 p.m.

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TEMPORARY RECREATION FACILITY CLOSURES – Nov. 22

The Recreation Services Division will be conducting staff training on Monday, November 22. This mandatory training session will result in temporary facility closures at the Gibsons and District Aquatic Facility (GDAF), Sechelt Aquatic Centre (SAC) and the Pender Harbour Aquatic and Fitness Centre (PHAFC) as follows:

SAC: Pool and fitness centre will close from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

PHAFC: Pool and Fitness Centre will close from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

GDAF: Pool will close at 10:00 a.m. and reopen on Tuesday, November 23 from 6:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

This training is critical to maintaining operations, while also meeting the annual training requirements as set forth by the Lifesaving Society. We appreciate the community's support as we strengthen and build our team.

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NEWS



KEILI BARTLETT PHOTO

REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY: Members of the public were invited to pin their poppies to the cross at Sechelt's Remembrance Day ceremony on Nov. 11, for individual acts of remembrance. Fifteen poppies were placed in honour of veterans who passed since last Remembrance Day and their names were read aloud.

ELVES CLUB CONSTITUTION c. 1972 states: "Providing food vouchers from acquired donations to persons experiencing adverse circumstances on the Sunshine Coast".

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Watch for your 1st Responders collecting donations from Pender to Gibsons!
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Landfill construction nears completion

about 4 hours ago By: Keili Bartlett



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Comments (0)



NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ADOPT DOWNTOWN BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA BYLAW 599, 2021

THIS NOTICE is to owners of property within the boundary of the proposed Downtown Business Improvement area as set out on the accompanying map.

District of Sechelt Council gives notice that it proposes to undertake a Business Improvement Area (BIA) service as described below for the benefit of a specified downtown BIA of the District.

Bylaw No. 599, 2021 would permit the District Council to provide grants to the Sechelt Downtown Business Association for the purpose of providing business support programs, marketing and promotional events, promotion of revitalization and beautification to downtown Sechelt, networking and partnering with others on projects that benefit the BIA, and advocate on behalf of downtown businesses to review and comment on development proposals and infrastructure improvements.

The Bylaw would permit the following grants to be granted by Council, to the Sechelt Downtown Business Association over the five-year term of the bylaw as follows:

Year	Grant
2022	\$70,700
2023	\$71,407
2024	\$72,121
2025	\$72,842
2026	\$73,570

The funding for these annual grants would be provided through a local service tax on properties within the BIA boundary, based on the assessed value of land and improvements classified by the BC Assessment Authority as Class 6 [business and other]. Costs would be recovered by a tiered system based on business licenses associated with each property in the BIA. The following table outlines the tiered system and estimated property levy based on number of business licenses issued in 2021:

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6 to 10	75%	\$286.96
11 or more	60%	\$229.57

Example: A property that holds 6 business licenses would be assessed: 6 x \$286.96 = \$1721.76 total

Unless, by 4:00 pm on December 7, 2021, at least 50% of the owners of properties liable to be charged, representing in total at least 50% of the assessed value of land and improvements that would be subject to the BIA tax levy, petition the District of Sechelt Council to not proceed with the adoption of Bylaw No. 599, 2021, Council may adopt the Bylaw without further notice.

A property owner wishing to oppose this bylaw is required to submit a counter-petition in the prescribed form to the Corporate Officer before 4:00 pm, on December 7, 2021. Individual notices, along with counter-petition forms, are being provided to owners of Class 6 [business and other] land and improvements within the proposed Business Improvement Area.

If there are two or more owners of a parcel, they are considered as one owner only for counter-petition purposes, and the counter-petition must be signed and submitted by a majority of those owners.

A copy of Bylaw No. 599, 2021, and other information, may be inspected from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, from October 25, 2021 to December 7, 2021 inclusive, at the District of Sechelt municipal hall, 2nd Floor, 5797 Cowrie Street, Sechelt, BC or on the District of Sechelt's website at www.sechelt.ca.

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WASTE SERVICES

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From: [Alana Wittman](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: We want to hear from you: SCRD Solid Waste Management Plan
Date: Friday, November 19, 2021 8:56:07 AM

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Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 1:39 PM
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From: [Alana Wittman](#)
To: westhowesound@gmail.com
Subject: RE: We want to hear from you: SCRD Solid Waste Management Plan
Date: Friday, November 19, 2021 8:54:55 AM

Dear West Howe Sound Community Association,
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From: [Alana Wittman](#)
To: woodcreekpark@gmail.com
Subject: RE: We want to hear from you: SCRD Solid Waste Management Plan
Date: Friday, November 19, 2021 8:56:38 AM

Dear Poplars Woodcreek Park Neighbour Association,
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From: Alana Wittman
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 1:40 PM
To: woodcreekpark@gmail.com
Subject: We want to hear from you: SCRD Solid Waste Management Plan

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From: [Alana Wittman](#)
To: hallmanager@robertscreekcommunity.ca
Subject: RE: We want to hear from you: SCRD Solid Waste Management Plan
Date: Friday, November 19, 2021 8:57:08 AM

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From: [Alana Wittman](#)
To: shora.sechelt@gmail.com
Subject: RE: We want to hear from you: SCRD Solid Waste Management Plan
Date: Friday, November 19, 2021 8:59:02 AM

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From: [Alana Wittman](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: We want to hear from you: SCRD Solid Waste Management Plan
Date: Friday, November 19, 2021 8:58:34 AM

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From: [Alana Wittman](#)
To: contact@davisbaybc.com
Subject: RE: We want to hear from you: SCRD Solid Waste Management Plan
Date: Friday, November 19, 2021 8:59:34 AM

Dear Davis Bay/Wilson Creek/Selma Park Community Association,
As indicated in the email below, the Sunshine Coast Regional District has initiated the process to amend its 2011 Solid Waste Management Plan.

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From: Alana Wittman
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 1:40 PM
To: contact@davisbaybc.com
Subject: We want to hear from you: SCRD Solid Waste Management Plan

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From: [Alana Wittman](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: We want to hear from you: SCRD Solid Waste Management Plan
Date: Friday, November 19, 2021 9:00:02 AM

Dear Tuwanek Ratepayers Association,

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From: [Alana Wittman](#)
To: sandyhookca@gmail.com
Subject: RE: We want to hear from you: SCRD Solid Waste Management Plan
Date: Friday, November 19, 2021 9:00:24 AM

Dear Sandy Hook Community Association,

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From: Alana Wittman

Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 1:40 PM

To: sandyhookca@gmail.com

Subject: We want to hear from you: SCRD Solid Waste Management Plan

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From: [Alana Wittman](#)
To: tillicumbayinfo@gmail.com
Subject: RE: We want to hear from you: SCRD Solid Waste Management Plan
Date: Friday, November 19, 2021 9:00:50 AM

Dear Tillicum Bay Community Association,

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From: [Alana Wittman](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: We want to hear from you: SCRD Solid Waste Management Plan
Date: Friday, November 19, 2021 9:01:17 AM

Dear East Porpoise Bay Community Association,
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From: [Alana Wittman](#)
To: contactWSCA@gmail.com
Subject: RE: We want to hear from you: SCRD Solid Waste Management Plan
Date: Friday, November 19, 2021 9:01:46 AM

Dear West Sechelt Community Association,

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To: contactWSCA@gmail.com

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From: [Alana Wittman](#)
To: slcalake@gmail.com
Subject: RE: We want to hear from you: SCRD Solid Waste Management Plan
Date: Friday, November 19, 2021 9:02:17 AM

Dear Sakinaw Lake Community Association,

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Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 1:40 PM

To: slcalake@gmail.com

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From: [Alana Wittman](#)
To: board@phara.ca
Subject: RE: We want to hear from you: SCRD Solid Waste Management Plan
Date: Friday, November 19, 2021 9:03:29 AM

Dear Pender Harbour Advisory Council,

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To: board@phara.ca

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From: [Alana Wittman](#)
To: egmontcommunityclub@outlook.com
Subject: RE: We want to hear from you: SCRD Solid Waste Management Plan
Date: Friday, November 19, 2021 9:03:56 AM

Dear Egmont Community Club,

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From: Alana Wittman

Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 1:40 PM

To: egmontcommunityclub@outlook.com

Subject: We want to hear from you: SCRD Solid Waste Management Plan

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From: [Alana Wittman](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: We want to hear from you: SCRD Solid Waste Management Plan
Date: Friday, November 19, 2021 9:08:06 AM

Dear Halfmoon Bay Community Association,

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From: Alana Wittman

Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 1:40 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: We want to hear from you: SCRD Solid Waste Management Plan

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Alana Wittman

From: Chelsea Cotton
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 9:28 AM
To: Andrea Patrao; David New-small; Ian Winn ; Jann Boyd; Marie Cambon; Peter Robson; Robyn Cooper; Silas White; Tracey Hincks
Subject: We want to hear from you: SCRD Solid Waste Management Plan

Dear PMAC members,

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Regards,

Robyn Cooper
Manager, Solid Waste Services

Appendix C

Let's Talk Trash Online Engagement Webpage



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The Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) is initiating a two-phase process to amend and update its Solid Waste Management Plan. The public engagement period on the proposed amendment (Phase 1) ended on December 3, 2021. An Engagement Summary Report on Phase 1 will be posted here for public review in February 2022. If you have any questions about the proposed amendment to the Solid Waste Management Plan, please contact infrastructure@scrd.ca.

The Project

The SCRD's [Solid Waste Management Plan](#) (SWMP) guides the management of solid waste in the region. The SWMP describes how the region will manage garbage, recycling, green waste, and food waste programs and services for a 10-year period, while identifying regional issues in the next 25 years.

The Sechelt Landfill is rapidly approaching capacity and is expected to close by mid-2025. Currently, the Sechelt Landfill is the only waste disposal option approved in the 2011 SWMP. This means the SCRD needs to identify a new disposal option and seek approval before the Sechelt Landfill closes, through either a SWMP amendment or update. An amendment would enable the SCRD to add a temporary disposal option to the existing 2011 SWMP and is typically a one-year approval process. An update will identify a new long-term disposal option and is expected to take two to three years to update the plan.



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The SCRD has initiated the process to identify new potential long-term waste disposal options. However, it is possible the Sechelt Landfill will close before a long-term solid waste disposal option is fully operational. Given the timeline, the SCRD is initiating a two-phase process to amend and update the SWMP to ensure the region has a solid waste disposal option available following the closure of the Sechelt Landfill.

The two-phase process to amend and update the SWMP includes:

Phase I: Amend the 2011 SWMP (October 2021 - March 2022)

Revise the 2011 SWMP by adding the option to temporarily export solid waste out of the region for disposal at an existing facility. This option will only be implemented if the Sechelt Landfill closes before a new long-term solid waste disposal facility is operational. If this short-term option needs to be implemented, the disposal fee for garbage will likely increase, which could impact annual fees for residents and businesses.

Phase II: Update the SWMP (2022 - 2025)

The updated SWMP will have a 10-year plan lifecycle and shape the long-term solid waste management approach for the region. The update process requires a complete review and evaluation of the 2011 SWMP's guiding principles, waste reduction targets, and programs/services. A new SWMP will be drafted based on technical studies that identify a new long-term waste disposal option and an engagement process.

Get Involved!

As part of the amendment and update process, the SCRD will engage the shíshálh Nation, Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw, other governing authorities, and members of the community.

Phase I

The public engagement period on the proposed SWMP amendment launched on October 25 and closed on December 3, 2021. During this time, the SCRD hosted several engagement opportunities, including an online Let's Talk Trash Q&A discussion and three in-person information booth events in Sechelt, Pender Harbour, and Gibsons.

An Engagement Summary Report on Phase 1 will be posted here for public review in January 2022. If you have any questions about the proposed amendment to the Solid Waste Management Plan, please use the question tool below or contact infrastructure@scrd.ca.

Phase II

The SCRD is currently planning the public engagement for Phase II, focused on the SWMP review and update process.

➔ On the right side of the page, you will find more information on the project and upcoming engagement events.

⬇ Below, click on the different tabs to ask questions and provide feedback on the proposed amendment.

Click *subscribe* at the top of the webpage to receive updates on the project and engagement opportunities. Thank you for participating!



Engagement Calendar

📅 PMAC Meeting

September 21 2021

📅 Online Let's Talk Trash Q&A

November 09 2021

📅 Information Booth - Sechelt

November 20 2021

📅 Information Booth - Pender Harbour

November 22 2021

📅 Information Booth - Gibsons

November 27 2021

Timeline



2020

A Future Waste Disposal Options Analysis Study was completed to outline potential long-term options for waste disposal. The four options studied include:

- Siting and developing a new landfill
- Export outside of the region
- Waste-to-energy

Have a Question?

Ideas

Provide Feedback

SWMP Q&A

Have a question about the Solid Waste Management Plan proposed amendment and update? Share your Solid Waste Management Plan related questions below.

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Q has the area around the existing landfill in roberts creek area D been cleaned up

douglas asked, 2 months ago

Thank you for your question. Clean-ups in the land parcel adjacent to the landfill are completed twice per year. As well, there are volunteers who complete clean-ups periodically throughout the year. To help prevent litter from migrating off-site, we are required to apply daily, intermediate, and final cover. For daily cover, we use "Iron Grizzly" metal plates, whereas intermediate and final cover is soil material. We also install "snow" fencing near the active face to catch potential windblown litter from leaving the site.

- Expansion of the Sechelt Landfill



January 20, 2021

The SCRD Board directed staff to conduct a detailed analysis on:

- The feasibility of siting a new landfill in the region, and
- Refine the feasibility and cost estimates for a transfer station to export waste outside the region



October 25 - December 3, 2021

Public Engagement on Phase I (SWMP Amendment)



December 2021 - January 2022

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- Staff will revise the 2011 SWMP to include the proposed amendment. The revised SWMP will be posted here for your review.



February 2022

The SWMP Amendment Application and Engagement Summary Report will be presented to the Infrastructure Services Committee



March 2022

SWMP Amendment Application submitted to the Provincial Government for review and approval.

Document Library



Q can you list the existing programs that are aimed to reduce land fill, we know the organics removed is to protect the animals, but other than that program...what is going on to reduce garbage

douglas asked, 2 months ago

Thank you for your question. Services we provide to reduce the amount of material that is buried in the Sechelt Landfill include providing recycling options at the Pender Harbour Transfer Station and Sechelt Landfill for: cardboard, gypsum, mattresses, metal, tires, propane tanks, paint (Sechelt Landfill only), cooking oil; curbside collection of garbage and food waste from residential properties within Electoral Areas B, D, E, and F. As well, the SCRCD funds recycling services for residential packaging and paper products at the three recycling facilities (recycling depots), funds residential self-haul yard & garden green waste (and a depot dedicated to this green waste on the South Coast). In addition, the SCRCD provides resources for residents to reduce their waste through our [Holiday Recycling Guides](#), [Recycling](#), and [Reuse Directories](#).

During the SCRCD's most recent [waste composition study](#), we found that over 44% of what was in our residential "garbage" collection was organic waste (food scraps and food-soiled paper) and 25% was recyclables. If the community is able to greatly reduce its waste and we can stretch the landfill life, we might not need this backup plan that we are seeking approval for.



Q Is there actually a long term plan fir this coast or are all drastic situations knee jerk reactions? Shouldn't this have been the the long term planning years ago?? I would like some idea of where you are at in this process or are you iust startind this 2022. Seems a bit late

Document Library

[Current Solid Waste Management Plan \(2011\)](#)

[SCRCD Strategic Plan \(2019-2023\)](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions \(190 KB\) \(pdf\)](#)

[Project Backgrounder \(161 KB\) \(pdf\)](#)

[Solid Waste Services Program Summary \(188 KB\) \(pdf\)](#)

Who's Listening

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Solid Waste Programs Coordinator



Have a Question?

Ideas

Provide Feedback

Thank you for Participating! The feedback survey is now closed for comment. If you have any questions about the proposed amendment to the Solid Waste Management Plan, please contact infrastructure@scrd.ca.

Solid Waste Management Plan Survey

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We welcome your comments and questions on the proposed amendment. The SCRD will carefully consider all input, and compile feedback into an Engagement Summary Report for the Board's consideration. If you would like a response, please provide your email address.

We would appreciate your feedback by **December 3, 2021**.

COMPLETE FORM



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March 2022

Appendix D
Online Q&A Session PowerPoint Presentation

Let's Talk Trash

Solid Waste Management Plan Proposed Amendment

Alana Wittman

Strategic Planning Coordinator

November 9, 2021



What is a Solid Waste Management Plan?

- The Plan guides how a region will manage its solid waste in the next 10 years.
- Any time a Plan is updated or amended, public engagement on the change needs to take place.

A Guide to Solid Waste
Management Planning



Ministry of
Environment

September, 2016

Version 1.0



SCRD Solid Waste Management Plan

- Approved in 2011 and is at the end of its 10 year plan lifecycle
- Sechelt Landfill is the only waste disposal option in 2011 Solid Waste Management Plan
- Sechelt Landfill will reach its total approved capacity within the next 4 years (mid-2025)



Project Overview

The SCRD is initiating a two-phased process

Phase I: Amend the 2011 SWMP (Oct 2021 - Mar 2022)

- Add the option to temporarily export waste outside the region for disposal at an existing facility.

Phase II: Update the SWMP (2022 - 2025)

- Complete review and evaluation of the 2011 SWMP
- Develop a new SWMP, including new guiding principles, waste reduction targets, and identify new programs/ services



Phase I: Amend the 2011 Plan

Purpose	Ensure the region has a solid waste disposal option available following the closure of the Sechelt Landfill
Approach	Add the option to temporarily export waste out of the region to the 2011 Plan.
Implementation	Temporarily export of waste outside the region through the 2011 Plan would only be implemented if the Sechelt Landfill closes before a long-term solid waste disposal option is fully operational.
Engagement	Seek support from the community, shíshálh Nation, Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw, and the provincial government



Tipping Fees

- Waste export is more expensive compared to operating a local landfill.
- SCRD tipping fees will likely increase if this option is needed.
- Current SCRD tipping fee is \$150 per tonne.

Regional District	Tipping Fees for Waste Export
qathet	\$235 per tonne
Whistler	\$190 per tonne
Cowichan Valley	\$148 per tonne



Communications & Engagement

- Submit feedback by Dec 3, 2021
 - letstalk.scrd.ca/trash
 - infrastructure@scrd.ca
 - 604-885-6806
- Project updates will be shared
 - Let's Talk Trash
 - Coast Reporter
 - Social Media

Upcoming In-Person Information Booths

Sechelt Aquatic Centre

Saturday, November 20
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Madeira Park IGA

Monday, November 22
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Gibsons IGA

Saturday, November 27
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM



Next Steps

- Pubic Engagement closes December 3, 2021
- Review and respond to comments received
- Incorporate feedback
- Engagement Summary Report
- Submit the application to the Province, following Board approval in early 2022



DISCUSSION



Thank you for participating!

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Appendix E

Engagement Materials Distributed & Information Booth Panels

SCRD Solid Waste Services Program Summary



In British Columbia, solid waste management is a regional district responsibility, guided by the *BC Environmental Management Act*.

The Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) provides solid waste management for the lower Sunshine Coast region. This includes implementation of the SCRД's Solid Waste Management Plan, operation and maintenance of a landfill and transfer station, curbside collection services, recycling facilities, and waste reduction planning and initiatives.

Infrastructure

The SCRД solid waste management system provides transfer and disposal services for residents, agencies, and businesses in the region. The system includes:

- Sechelt Landfill and combined public drop-off area
- Pender Harbour Transfer Station
- Three recycling facilities
 - Gibsons, operated under contract by Gibsons Recycling Depot
 - Sechelt, operated under contract by Salish Soils
 - Pender Harbour, operated under contract by Green Recycling in Pender Harbour Society (GRIPS)
- One facility dedicated to green waste
 - Elphinstone, operated under contract by Salish Soils

Programs and Services

Curbside Collection Services

The SCRД provides curbside garbage and food waste collection to residential properties within portions of Electoral Areas B, D, E and F (service area). Electoral Area A (Pender Harbour/Egmont) is outside of the current service area. See below for more details about each program.

Curbside Garbage Collection

The SCRД provides every-other-week curbside garbage collection to residential properties in the service area. To determine service day or other details, visit scrd.ca/curbside-garbage for more information.

Curbside Food Waste Collection

The SCRД provides weekly curbside food waste collection for residential properties in the service area.

Recycling Depots

The SCRD provides recycling services for residential packaging and paper products at the three above listed recycling facilities on the Sunshine Coast. The materials collected are as determined by Recycle BC, the provincial recycling program. As well, at the Gibsons recycling depot, the SCRD provides residential book recycling services. Each recycling depot operator may offer additional recycling services such as paint or electronics. Visit www.scrd.ca/recycling-depots for more information.

Good Samaritan Program

Are you planning to organize a community clean-up? The Good Samaritan Program supports community led clean-ups 365 days a year!

The Good Samaritan Program pays the landfill tipping fees for materials collected from illegal dump sites cleaned up by volunteers. Pre-approval is required to have the disposal fees of a clean-up funded by the program. If you have found a dump site and would like to clean it up, contact the SCRD in advance at 604-885-6806 or e-mail infrastructure@scrd.ca.

Backroad Trash Bash – Annual Event

The Backroad Trash Bash is an annual community event organized by the SCRD to clean up illegal dump sites. Since the event launched in 2012, over 54 tonnes of illegally dumped material has been hauled out of forests and off backroads and disposed of responsibly at the landfill. Each year, an average of 40 to 50 volunteers help clean up a different area of the Sunshine Coast. Visit scrd.ca/trashbash for more information.

Islands Clean Up

Each year, Islands Clean Up provides garbage and recycling collection for residents of the islands surrounding the Sunshine Coast, including Gambier, Keats, Anvil, Trail, Thormanby and Nelson Island. Visit scrd.ca/islands-cleanup for more information.

Frequently Asked Questions

Disruptions to Curbside Collection Services

Q: Why is my garbage/green bin not getting picked up?

A: Parts of the Sunshine Coast are experiencing disruptions to curbside collection starting in July, 2021. The company contracted by the SCRD, Waste Management, has had staffing shortages, causing service interruptions on several routes.

Waste Management has made the SCRD aware that they are doing everything they can to work towards providing a more reliable service. New drivers have been hired, however, it is expected that there will continue to be minor service interruptions until their staffing shortage is resolved and all hired staff are trained and are familiar with the complexities of the collection routes.

The SCRD understands that this prolonged service disruption is frustrating and is doing everything possible to help improve the situation, and appreciate the community's understanding and respectful engagement.

If you are experiencing an issue with service or your bin was not collected, please contact Waste Management:

- Check for “Service Alerts” at <https://www.wmnorthwest.com/britishcolumbia>
- Call 1-800-774-9748
- Follow prompts for English
- Follow prompts for residential
- Provide representative your location - Canada, Sunshine Coast Regional District
- Provide representative your address

Q: When will the labor shortage end?

A: Waste Management has communicated that they have hired new drivers, however, there is a labour shortage in the trucking sector that is impacting the entire province.

Q: Where can I take my garbage if not picked up?

A: Waste Management (5920 Sechelt Inlet Road) has a self-haul drop-off bin available during business hours (8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday to Friday) when garbage service has been interrupted.

Q: Where can I take my food waste if not picked up?

A: Salish Soils (5646 Schetxwen Road) accepts residential food waste free of charge. Salish Soils is open Monday to Friday from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM and Saturday from 12:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Visit salishenvironmentalgroup.com for more information.

Q: What about the bear eating the garbage that was not picked up?

A: Please contact WildSafeBC at sunshinecoast@wildsafebc.ca or 604-741-2010 if you have questions or concerns about bears and other wildlife attracted to your property due to service disruptions.

Immediate and dangerous wildlife interactions should be reported directly to the Conservation Officers Service by calling 1-877-952-7277.

Q: When is my next pick-up day?

A: The SCRD Collects App has the most current information on collection schedules and missed curbside collections. As soon as Waste Management provides information to SCRD staff about a missed pickup, alerts are sent to affected residents directly to their devices. If you do not have a smart phone, alerts can also be received by phone call, text or email. Information on how to download the application or set up service alerts can be found here: <https://www.scrd.ca/curbside-schedule>

Alternatively, residents can contact Waste Management:

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- Provide representative your location - Canada, Sunshine Coast Regional District
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Please note that the SCRD does not manage this call centre.

Q: Will I receive a refund for the missed garbage pickups?

A: The SCRD is in ongoing conversations with Waste Management about financial compensation. As per the SCRD’s bylaws, any financial compensation received would be used to offset the current or future costs associated with curbside collection services that otherwise would be funded by fees collected from residents. The SCRD is not able to provide refunds.

Q: Why did the SCRD hire Waste Management for the curbside collection services?

A: In 2019 and 2020 Waste Management was the successful bidder after an open and transparent procurement process for the curbside collection services for the garbage and the Green Bin programs. Both contracts have a 5-year term. Waste Management has indicated the current service disruptions are as frustrating for them as it is for the community. The SCRD is doing everything possible to improve the situation as soon as possible.

General Curbside Waste Collection

Q: Why does the truck combine green and garbage waste?

A: Waste Management has sub-contracted some of the curbside collection services to a company who uses a “split-body truck.” This means the truck has two separate compartments, and collects both Green Bin and garbage at the same time. Green Bin materials are composted and the garbage landfilled.

Q: Can I ‘opt out’ of the Green Bin program?

A: Residents located in the curbside collection service area cannot opt out of curbside collection services.

Q: Why is there no food waste service to Area A?

A: Electoral Area A (Pender Harbour and Egmont) is outside of the Regional District’s current curbside collection service area. The SCRD is investigating the opportunity to provide a food waste drop-off program at the Pender Harbour Transfer Station for residents in Electoral Area A.

Q: Who picks up recycling (blue bin)?

A: The SCRD does not currently offer curbside recycling and instead provides recycling services via depots. The District of Sechelt provides this service to its residents.

For more information, please contact:

SCRD Infrastructure Services
604-885-6806
infrastructure@scrd.ca



Frequently Asked Questions

Solid Waste Management Plan Proposed Amendment

Sechelt Landfill

Q: Where does solid waste (garbage) in the region go?

Garbage generated on the Sunshine Coast is currently delivered to one of two locations – the Pender Harbour Transfer Station and the Sechelt Landfill. The Pender Harbour Transfer Station receives garbage from the northern part of the Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD), and is transferred to the Sechelt Landfill. Garbage from the remaining areas is delivered directly to the Sechelt Landfill. Both facilities are operated by the SCRD.

Q: When will the Sechelt Landfill reach capacity and close?

The SCRD anticipates the Sechelt Landfill will reach capacity by mid-2025 and garbage will no longer be accepted at the Sechelt Landfill.

Q: How much garbage does the Sechelt Landfill accept per year?

In 2020, approximately 13,361 tonnes of waste was accepted at the Sechelt Landfill. SCRD waste generation and diversion data is available at www.scrd.ca/diversion.

Requirement for a Solid Waste Management Plan

Q: Why does the SCRD have a Solid Waste Management Plan?

The BC Environmental Management Act mandates that regional districts prepare and regularly update Solid Waste Management Plans. This plan reflects a long-term vision for how each regional district manages its solid waste, including diversion and disposal.

Solid waste includes recyclables, compostable materials and garbage from homes, businesses, institutions, construction and demolition sites.

Q: What are the Provincial requirements related to solid waste management planning?

Regional districts are required under the BC Waste Management Act and the BC Environmental Management Act to prepare a Solid Waste Management Plan. The province recommends regional districts review and update their Solid Waste Management Plan every 10 years, while recognizing amendments may be required within those 10 years. Public engagement is a regulatory requirement for solid waste planning in BC.

Solid Waste Management Plan Amendment

Q: What is being proposed through this Solid Waste Management Plan amendment?

The SCRDR is seeking to revise the 2011 Solid Waste Management Plan to add the option to temporarily export solid waste for disposal at an existing facility.

Q: When will the SCRDR begin exporting solid waste out of the region?

Temporarily export of waste outside the region through the 2011 Solid Waste Management Plan would only be implemented if the Sechelt Landfill closes before a long-term solid waste disposal facility is fully operational.

Q: Where will the SCRDR export solid waste to?

This would be determined through a procurement process, should the SCRDR need to temporarily export waste. In BC, some regional districts do export solid waste to another landfill within the province, such as the Cache Creek Landfill, or to the United States, such as the Roosevelt Landfill in Washington.

Q: Is waste export a common disposal option for regional districts?

Several nearby communities, including the Qathet Regional District, Cowichan Valley Regional District, and Resort Municipality of Whistler, currently export waste outside of their region district boundary.

Q: Has the SCRDR started to identify new long-term waste disposal options?

The SCRDR has initiated the process to identify potential new long-term waste disposal options. This is a complex and multi-year process. The four options initially under consideration included:

- Siting and developing a new landfill,
- Exporting outside of the region,
- Waste-to-energy, and
- Expanding the Sechelt Landfill.

The SCRDR determined that waste-to-energy is not feasible and a landfill expansion was deemed not possible. Staff are currently working with consultants to conduct a detailed analysis on the feasibility and cost of siting a new landfill in the region, and for a transfer station to permanently export waste outside the region. The final long-term waste disposal options study will be shared with the public in 2022 as part of the Phase II Solid Waste Management Plan review and update process.

Engagement Opportunities

Q: When and how can I submit feedback on the proposed Solid Waste Management Plan amendment?

The public engagement period on the Solid Waste Management Plan amendment will launch on October 25, 2021 and close December 3, 2021. During this 6-week period, the SCRDR will host both online and in-person engagement opportunities. We want to hear from you. Visit the project website (letstalk.scrd.ca/trash) for current information on the project and to view the engagement calendar. Please submit your comments by December 3, 2021 online at letstalk.scrd.ca/trash, to infrastructure@scrd.ca, or call 604-885-6806.

Q: Why is the SCRD engaging with the public on the proposed SWMP amendment?

Public input ensures that waste management strategies reflect the values of the local community. The BC Environmental Management Act requires public review and engagement to approve any changes to the Solid Waste Management Plan. The results of the engagement will be documented in an Engagement Summary Report and submitted to the Provincial Government, along with the proposed amendment in early 2022.

Q: Why should you participate?

Your feedback will help SCRD staff, the Solid Waste Management Plan Monitoring Advisory Committee (PMAC), and Elected Officials make decisions about solid waste management goals and strategies in your community.

Q: Are the shíshálh Nation and Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh Úxwumixw being consulted on the proposed Solid Waste Management Plan amendment?

The SCRD is discussing the proposed amendment with shíshálh Nation and Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh Úxwumixw leadership. The SCRD encourages members of the shíshálh Nation and Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh Úxwumixw to participate in the upcoming public engagement opportunities and submit feedback through the Let's Talk Trash project website (letstalk.scrd.ca/trash).

Q: What is the Solid Waste Management Plan Monitoring Advisory Committee?

The purpose of the Plan Monitoring Advisory Committee (PMAC) is to provide input, from a variety of perspectives, on the implementation of the Solid Waste Management Plan according to the Committee Terms of Reference. In accordance with the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy's Guide to Solid Waste Management Planning, a public and technical advisory committee will act as a "sounding board" of community interests and provide advice to the Regional Board through the Solid Waste Management Select Committee.

PMAC meetings are currently set for the third Tuesday of the month. Meetings are open to the public for observation. There are no public delegations at meetings, and the SCRD encourages the public to bring up topics, questions, and/or concerns through SCRD staff or committee members.

Impact to Residents and Businesses

Q: How will the Solid Waste Management Plan amendment impact local residents and businesses?

The Solid Waste Management Plan amendment would add the option to temporarily export solid waste out of the region. This option would only be implemented if the Sechelt Landfill closes before a new long-term solid waste disposal facility is operational. If this short-term option needs to be implemented, the disposal fee for garbage will likely increase, which could impact annual fees for residents and businesses.

Waste export is more expensive compared to operating a local landfill. The current fee is \$150 per tonne as per SCRD Sanitary Landfill Site Bylaw No. 405, 1995. Nearby regional districts that export their waste charge between \$148 and \$235 per tonne for garbage.



Feedback Form

Solid Waste Management Plan Proposed Amendment

Thank you for your interest in the proposed amendment to the Solid Waste Management Plan. The SCRD is seeking approval to add the option to temporarily export waste out of the region should the Sechelt Landfill close before a new long-term solid waste disposal option is fully operational.

We welcome your comments and questions on the proposed amendment. The SCRD will carefully consider all input, and compile feedback into an Engagement Summary Report for the Board's consideration. If you would like a response, please provide your email address.

We would appreciate your feedback by **December 3, 2021**. Please drop-off your completed feedback form to the SCRD Administration Office, located at 1975 Field Road, Sechelt, or by email infrastructure@scrd.ca.

Visit letstalk.scrd.ca/trash to learn more about the project or to submit comments online.

1. Name:
2. Email:
3. What SCRD area do you live in?

<input type="checkbox"/> Area A – Pender Harbour & Egmont	<input type="checkbox"/> Area F – West Howe Sound
<input type="checkbox"/> Area B – Halfmoon Bay	<input type="checkbox"/> District of Sechelt
<input type="checkbox"/> Area D – Roberts Creek	<input type="checkbox"/> Sechelt Indian Government District
<input type="checkbox"/> Area E – Elphinstone	<input type="checkbox"/> Town of Gibsons
4. Do you have any comments or questions about the Solid Waste Management Plan Proposed Amendment process?

5. Do you have any comments or questions about the SCRD's proposal to export waste temporarily, should the Sechelt Landfill reach capacity?
6. How would you prefer to provide feedback on the Solid Waste Management Plan Proposed Amendment? Select all that apply.
- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Online via a questionnaire | <input type="checkbox"/> In-person at a community event (when Public Health Orders allow) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Online via a comment section | <input type="checkbox"/> Mail-in survey |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Email | <input type="checkbox"/> Phone |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Online meeting | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) |
7. Over the next 3-4 years, the SCRD will provide progress updates and ask for feedback on aspects of the Solid Waste Management Plan amendment and update. How would you prefer to receive this information? Select all that apply.
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Email | <input type="checkbox"/> Mail |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social media (Facebook / Twitter) | <input type="checkbox"/> Do not want to receive updates |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coast Reporter | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Online meeting | |
8. What is the best time for you to attend public engagement events? Select all that apply.
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Weekdays | <input type="checkbox"/> Afternoons |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Weekends | <input type="checkbox"/> Evenings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mornings | |
9. How did you hear about this event? Select all that apply.
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| <input type="checkbox"/> SCRD website | <input type="checkbox"/> Poster at the Sechelt Landfill |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SCRD newsletter (Coast Current) | <input type="checkbox"/> Word of mouth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social Media (Facebook / Twitter) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coast Reporter | |
10. Do you have any additional comments or questions?

2021 Solid Waste Management Plan Proposed Amendment



Project Summary

The Sunshine Coast Regional District's (SCRD) Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) guides the management of solid waste in the region. The SWMP describes how the region will manage garbage, recycling, green waste, and food waste programs and services for a 10-year period, while identifying regional issues for the next 25 years. The SCRД's current SWMP was approved in 2011 and is approaching the end of the 10-year plan lifecycle.

It's time to work with shíshálh Nation, Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw, other governing authorities, and members of the community to review our progress to date and our long-term vision for managing solid waste in our region.

The Sechelt Landfill is rapidly approaching capacity and is expected to close by mid-2025. Currently, the Sechelt Landfill is the only waste disposal option approved in the 2011 SWMP. This means the SCRД needs to identify a new disposal option and seek approval before the Sechelt Landfill closes, through either a SWMP amendment or update. An amendment would enable the SCRД to add a temporary disposal option to the existing 2011 SWMP and is typically a one-year approval process. An update will identify a new long-term disposal option and is expected to take two to three years to update the plan.

The SCRД has initiated the process to identify new potential long-term waste disposal options. However, it is possible the Sechelt Landfill will close before a long-term solid waste disposal option is fully operational. Given the timeline, the SCRД is initiating a two-phase process to amend and update the SWMP to ensure the region has a solid waste disposal option available following the closure of the Sechelt Landfill.

The two-phase process to amend and update the SWMP includes:

Phase I: Amend the 2011 SWMP (October 2021 - March 2022)

Revise the 2011 SWMP by adding the option to temporarily export solid waste out of the region for disposal at an existing facility. This option will only be implemented if the Sechelt Landfill closes before a new long-term solid waste disposal facility is operational. If this short-term option needs to be implemented, the disposal fee for garbage will likely increase, which could impact annual fees for residents and businesses.

Phase II: Update the SWMP (2022 - 2025)

The updated SWMP will have a 10-year plan lifecycle and shape the long-term solid waste management approach for the region. The update process requires a complete review and evaluation of the 2011 SWMP's guiding principles, waste reduction targets, and programs and services. A new SWMP will be drafted based on technical studies that identify a new long-term waste disposal option and an engagement process.

Public Engagement

As part of the amendment and update process, the SCRD will engage the shíshálh Nation, Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw, other governing authorities, and interested members of the community. The SCRD will share information on the project, including engagement opportunities, on the project website: Let's Talk Trash (letstalk.scrd.ca/trash).

The SCRD will launch the public engagement period on the SWMP amendment on October 25, 2021 and host the following events:

Date	Engagement Event	Area	Location
Tues, Nov 9	Online Let's Talk Q&A	All	Zoom + recording posted on project website
Sat, Nov 20	Information Booth	Sechelt	Sechelt Aquatic Centre
Mon, Nov 22	Information Booth	Pender Harbour	IGA Madeira Park
Sat, Nov 27	Information Booth	Gibsons	IGA Gibsons

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Solid Waste Management Plan Amendment



The SCRD's **Solid Waste Management Plan** guides the management of solid waste in the region for a 10 year period, while identifying regional issues in the next 25 years.

The SCRD anticipates the Sechelt Landfill will reach capacity and close by mid-2025

The Sechelt Landfill is the only waste disposal option approved in the SCRD's current Solid Waste Management Plan, approved in 2011.

The SCRD is seeking approval to revise the 2011 Solid Waste Management Plan to add the option to temporarily export solid waste outside the region. Temporary waste export would only be implemented if the Sechelt Landfill closes before a new long-term disposal option is operational.

Engagement with the shíshálh Nation, Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw, other governing authorities, and the community will help shape the long-term vision for managing solid waste in our region.

Let's Talk Trash!
We want to hear from you.

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Appendix F

Comments Received

Survey Responses

25 October 2021 - 06 December 2021

Solid Waste Management Plan Survey

Let's Talk SCRD

Project: Let's Talk Trash



VISITORS					
77					
CONTRIBUTORS			RESPONSES		
34			34		
2	0	32	2	0	32
Registered	Unverified	Anonymous	Registered	Unverified	Anonymous



Respondent No: 1

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Oct 25, 2021 15:31:19 pm

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Q1. Name	not answered
Q2. Email	not answered
Q3. What SCRD area to you live in?	Area E – Elphinstone
Q4. Do you have any comments or questions about the Solid Waste Management Plan Proposed Amendment process?	not answered
Q5. Do you have any comments or questions about the SCRD's proposal to export waste temporarily, should the Sechelt Landfill reach capacity?	not answered
Q6. How would you prefer to provide feedback on the Solid Waste Management Plan Proposed Amendment? Select all that apply.	Online via a questionnaire Online via a comment section
Q7. Over the next 3-4 years, the SCRD will provide progress updates and ask for feedback on aspects of the Solid Waste Management Plan amendment and update. How would you prefer to receive this information? Select all that apply.	Social Media (Facebook / Twitter) Coast Reporter
Q8. How did you hear about this project? Select all that apply.	Other (please specify) facebook link
Q9. What is the best time for you to attend public engagement events? Select all that apply.	not answered
Q10. Do you have any additional comments or questions?	not answered



Respondent No: 2

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Oct 25, 2021 15:52:16 pm

Last Seen: Oct 25, 2021 15:52:16 pm

Q1. Name	not answered
Q2. Email	not answered
Q3. What SCRD area to you live in?	Area B – Halfmoon Bay
Q4. Do you have any comments or questions about the Solid Waste Management Plan Proposed Amendment process?	no questions
Q5. Do you have any comments or questions about the SCRD's proposal to export waste temporarily, should the Sechelt Landfill reach capacity?	I think it is probably the only solution given the timeframe for a new facility
Q6. How would you prefer to provide feedback on the Solid Waste Management Plan Proposed Amendment? Select all that apply.	Online via a questionnaire Online via a comment section
Q7. Over the next 3-4 years, the SCRD will provide progress updates and ask for feedback on aspects of the Solid Waste Management Plan amendment and update. How would you prefer to receive this information? Select all that apply.	Email Social Media (Facebook / Twitter)
Q8. How did you hear about this project? Select all that apply.	SCRD website Social Media (Facebook / Twitter)
Q9. What is the best time for you to attend public engagement events? Select all that apply.	Weekdays Evenings
Q10. Do you have any additional comments or questions?	Not yet



Respondent No: 3
Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Oct 25, 2021 23:00:25 pm
Last Seen: Oct 25, 2021 23:00:25 pm

Q1. Name	not answered
Q2. Email	not answered
Q3. What SCRD area to you live in?	District of Sechelt
Q4. Do you have any comments or questions about the Solid Waste Management Plan Proposed Amendment process?	
<p>It is incredibly inefficient to barge garbage, or truck it off coast, for such a large and growing population, to move to another area. It is lazy, and we already have some of the highest tipping fee in North America. The only thing this will promote is more dumping of trash in our beautiful forest in and around the Sunshine Coast. If people can't afford the dump the toss their trash down the backroads, doesn't the scarf see the direct correlation, because I sure do and it is disgusting! Responsible municipalities will find a way to actually deal with the trash, perhaps incineration would be more efficient in the long run if we don't have the space. If we can borrow millions for a bunch of stupid water meters no one wants, maybe we can borrow a few more million for something that we actually need, let alone want. Or better yet, take the money and use it to solve the trash problem, or halt all building of new homes until the issue has a solution!!!!!!</p>	
Q5. Do you have any comments or questions about the SCRD's proposal to export waste temporarily, should the Sechelt Landfill reach capacity?	
<p>Where would it go? How much will it cost? How can you justify higher taxes and tipping fees when we are already the highest in North America? Who will be contracted to barge the waste? Could a small incinerator start the job until a long term solution is found. Are new homes getting any particular fees since the district does not have the resources to serve the population!!</p>	
Q6. How would you prefer to provide feedback on the Solid Waste Management Plan Proposed Amendment? Select all that apply.	Online meeting
Q7. Over the next 3-4 years, the SCRD will provide progress updates and ask for feedback on aspects of the Solid Waste Management Plan amendment and update. How would you prefer to receive this information? Select all that apply.	Email Coast Reporter Mail
Q8. How did you hear about this project? Select all that apply.	Other (please specify) Shora fan out email
Q9. What is the best time for you to attend public engagement events? Select all that apply.	Weekdays Mornings

Q10. Do you have any additional comments or questions?

Can the district just STOP making foolish arbitrary decisions that waste everyone money like taxing a residents for sewage when they use septic, and charging for water meters when no one wants them, repaying down own when the contractors don't even know drains need to be fixed with the road in order to actually work. Building a hospital that can only serve 30% of the population. Logging a member around the man watershed for Seche and running out of water (doses) and them just turning a blind eye. The decisions being made are ridiculous, foolish, not resolving existing issues, and yet making them worse and causing more problems. Get rid of the existing decision makers and show some community involvement instead of sneaking things through (water meters) like a bunch of rats hiding from the people who feed them. I'm embarrassed for you-our community leaders.



Respondent No: 4

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Oct 26, 2021 17:21:41 pm

Last Seen: Oct 26, 2021 17:21:41 pm

Q1. Name	not answered
Q2. Email	not answered
Q3. What SCRD area to you live in?	District of Sechelt
Q4. Do you have any comments or questions about the Solid Waste Management Plan Proposed Amendment process?	not answered
Q5. Do you have any comments or questions about the SCRD's proposal to export waste temporarily, should the Sechelt Landfill reach capacity?	not answered
Q6. How would you prefer to provide feedback on the Solid Waste Management Plan Proposed Amendment? Select all that apply.	Online via a questionnaire
Q7. Over the next 3-4 years, the SCRD will provide progress updates and ask for feedback on aspects of the Solid Waste Management Plan amendment and update. How would you prefer to receive this information? Select all that apply.	Email
Q8. How did you hear about this project? Select all that apply.	Social Media (Facebook / Twitter)
Q9. What is the best time for you to attend public engagement events? Select all that apply.	Weekdays Mornings
Q10. Do you have any additional comments or questions?	not answered



Respondent No: 5

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Oct 27, 2021 07:39:01 am

Last Seen: Oct 27, 2021 07:39:01 am

Q1. Name	not answered
Q2. Email	not answered
Q3. What SCRD area to you live in?	District of Sechelt
Q4. Do you have any comments or questions about the Solid Waste Management Plan Proposed Amendment process?	not answered
Q5. Do you have any comments or questions about the SCRD's proposal to export waste temporarily, should the Sechelt Landfill reach capacity?	not answered
Q6. How would you prefer to provide feedback on the Solid Waste Management Plan Proposed Amendment? Select all that apply.	Online via a questionnaire Online via a comment section
Q7. Over the next 3-4 years, the SCRD will provide progress updates and ask for feedback on aspects of the Solid Waste Management Plan amendment and update. How would you prefer to receive this information? Select all that apply.	Social Media (Facebook / Twitter)
Q8. How did you hear about this project? Select all that apply.	Coast Reporter
Q9. What is the best time for you to attend public engagement events? Select all that apply.	Weekdays Evenings
Q10. Do you have any additional comments or questions?	not answered



Respondent No: 6

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Oct 27, 2021 09:59:43 am

Last Seen: Oct 27, 2021 09:59:43 am

Q1. Name	not answered
Q2. Email	not answered
Q3. What SCRD area to you live in?	Area B – Halfmoon Bay
Q4. Do you have any comments or questions about the Solid Waste Management Plan Proposed Amendment process?	not answered
Q5. Do you have any comments or questions about the SCRD's proposal to export waste temporarily, should the Sechelt Landfill reach capacity?	not answered
Q6. How would you prefer to provide feedback on the Solid Waste Management Plan Proposed Amendment? Select all that apply.	Online via a questionnaire
Q7. Over the next 3-4 years, the SCRD will provide progress updates and ask for feedback on aspects of the Solid Waste Management Plan amendment and update. How would you prefer to receive this information? Select all that apply.	Coast Reporter Online meeting
Q8. How did you hear about this project? Select all that apply.	Social Media (Facebook / Twitter)
Q9. What is the best time for you to attend public engagement events? Select all that apply.	Evenings
Q10. Do you have any additional comments or questions?	not answered



Respondent No: 7

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Oct 27, 2021 10:15:27 am

Last Seen: Oct 27, 2021 10:15:27 am

Q1. **Name**

[REDACTED]

Q2. **Email**

[REDACTED]

Q3. **What SCRD area to you live in?**

Area B – Halfmoon Bay

Q4. **Do you have any comments or questions about the Solid Waste Management Plan Proposed Amendment process?**

Please do not put a dump in a rainforest area that is used for recreation and has many streams that would be polluted It needs to be on sandy soils to assess in run off filtration It needs to be central to sechelt and Gibsons I recommend a processing facility that reclaims the heat energy and has the highest levels of filtrations

Q5. **Do you have any comments or questions about the SCRD's proposal to export waste temporarily, should the Sechelt Landfill reach capacity?**

not answered

Q6. **How would you prefer to provide feedback on the Solid Waste Management Plan Proposed Amendment? Select all that apply.**

Online via a questionnaire
Online via a comment section
Mail-in survey

Q7. **Over the next 3-4 years, the SCRD will provide progress updates and ask for feedback on aspects of the Solid Waste Management Plan amendment and update. How would you prefer to receive this information? Select all that apply.**

Email
Social Media (Facebook / Twitter)
Coast Reporter
Mail

Q8. **How did you hear about this project? Select all that apply.**

Social Media (Facebook / Twitter)

Q9. **What is the best time for you to attend public engagement events? Select all that apply.**

Evenings

Q10. **Do you have any additional comments or questions?**

Take the time to get this right Explore all options and be willing to spend the money to pick the most sustainable project that has the least environmental impact



Respondent No: 8

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Oct 27, 2021 13:34:52 pm

Last Seen: Oct 27, 2021 13:34:52 pm

Q1. Name	not answered
Q2. Email	not answered
Q3. What SCRD area to you live in?	Town of Gibsons
Q4. Do you have any comments or questions about the Solid Waste Management Plan Proposed Amendment process?	not answered
Q5. Do you have any comments or questions about the SCRD's proposal to export waste temporarily, should the Sechelt Landfill reach capacity?	not answered
Q6. How would you prefer to provide feedback on the Solid Waste Management Plan Proposed Amendment? Select all that apply.	Online via a questionnaire Online meeting In-person at a community event (when Public Health Orders allow)
Q7. Over the next 3-4 years, the SCRD will provide progress updates and ask for feedback on aspects of the Solid Waste Management Plan amendment and update. How would you prefer to receive this information? Select all that apply.	Email Coast Reporter
Q8. How did you hear about this project? Select all that apply.	SCRD newsletter (Coast Current)
Q9. What is the best time for you to attend public engagement events? Select all that apply.	Weekdays Afternoons
Q10. Do you have any additional comments or questions?	not answered



Respondent No: 9

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Oct 27, 2021 16:16:25 pm

Last Seen: Oct 27, 2021 16:16:25 pm

Q1. Name

[REDACTED]

Q2. Email

[REDACTED]

Q3. What SCRD area to you live in?

Area A – Pender Harbour & Egmont

Q4. Do you have any comments or questions about the Solid Waste Management Plan Proposed Amendment process?

no

Q5. Do you have any comments or questions about the SCRD's proposal to export waste temporarily, should the Sechelt Landfill reach capacity?

What environmental and safety measures are in place to ensure safe transportation of waste?

Q6. How would you prefer to provide feedback on the Solid Waste Management Plan Proposed Amendment? Select all that apply.

Online via a questionnaire

Online meeting

Q7. Over the next 3-4 years, the SCRD will provide progress updates and ask for feedback on aspects of the Solid Waste Management Plan amendment and update. How would you prefer to receive this information? Select all that apply.

Social Media (Facebook / Twitter)

Coast Reporter

Other (please specify)

SCRD Website

Q8. How did you hear about this project? Select all that apply.

Word of mouth

Q9. What is the best time for you to attend public engagement events? Select all that apply.

Other (please specify)

Likely will not attend due to covid

Q10. Do you have any additional comments or questions?

What location would it be barged from? Would loading/unloading/transporting effect traffic? Do we know where it would be sent to and IF into the US; would we have a back up plan IF borders closed again (example covid) or if weather disrupted barge?



Respondent No: 10

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Oct 28, 2021 12:46:33 pm

Last Seen: Oct 28, 2021 12:46:33 pm

Q1. Name	not answered
Q2. Email	not answered
Q3. What SCRD area to you live in?	Area D – Roberts Creek
Q4. Do you have any comments or questions about the Solid Waste Management Plan Proposed Amendment process?	not answered
Q5. Do you have any comments or questions about the SCRD's proposal to export waste temporarily, should the Sechelt Landfill reach capacity?	<p>I do not support the idea of exporting waste. The coast needs to take responsibility for our own waste, and not export it to other facilities. The greenhouse gas implications of this choice, both in transit and potentially in how the waste is handled at the facility it is exported too, are not in line with the coast's (very out of date) sustainability and climate plans. SCRD elected officials and staff need to work quickly on rethinking, reducing, reusing, and recycling alongside planning and building a new landfill space. Curbside organic pick up is a great move in the right direction - more of this thinking, attention, and investment please.</p>
Q6. How would you prefer to provide feedback on the Solid Waste Management Plan Proposed Amendment? Select all that apply.	not answered
Q7. Over the next 3-4 years, the SCRD will provide progress updates and ask for feedback on aspects of the Solid Waste Management Plan amendment and update. How would you prefer to receive this information? Select all that apply.	Social Media (Facebook / Twitter) Coast Reporter
Q8. How did you hear about this project? Select all that apply.	Coast Reporter
Q9. What is the best time for you to attend public engagement events? Select all that apply.	not answered
Q10. Do you have any additional comments or questions?	not answered



Respondent No: 11

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Nov 01, 2021 19:00:30 pm

Last Seen: Nov 01, 2021 19:00:30 pm

Q1. Name

[REDACTED]

Q2. Email

[REDACTED]

Q3. What SCRD area to you live in?

Area A – Pender Harbour & Egmont

Q4. Do you have any comments or questions about the Solid Waste Management Plan Proposed Amendment process?

yes - having worked at Metro Vancouver in the Solid Waste department as a young engineer, I developed opinions on the best way to dispose of waste. Obviously minimizing it in the first place is optimal, then separating (organics, recycling etc) then we get to disposal. My strong opinion is that incineration (waste to energy) is the best approach. I feel it minimizes green house gases and provides the best environmental controls. We used to look at the rainfall that fell on the Vancouver landfill and compare to the leachate collected...was not even close. However, at the time Vancouver collected \$90/tonne but it only cost them \$25 to landfill waste while the incinerator cost closer to the tipping fee. There seemed to be financial incentive to ignore the environmental impacts of landfills.

Q5. Do you have any comments or questions about the SCRD's proposal to export waste temporarily, should the Sechelt Landfill reach capacity?

none

Q6. How would you prefer to provide feedback on the Solid Waste Management Plan Proposed Amendment? Select all that apply.

Email

Q7. Over the next 3-4 years, the SCRD will provide progress updates and ask for feedback on aspects of the Solid Waste Management Plan amendment and update. How would you prefer to receive this information? Select all that apply.

Email

Q8. How did you hear about this project? Select all that apply.

Coast Reporter

Q9. What is the best time for you to attend public engagement events? Select all that apply.

Evenings

Q10. Do you have any additional comments or questions?

none



Respondent No: 12

Login: Registered

Responded At: Nov 02, 2021 13:10:08 pm

Last Seen: Nov 02, 2021 20:02:56 pm

Q1. **Name**

[REDACTED]

Q2. **Email**

not answered

Q3. **What SCRD area to you live in?**

Area E – Elphinstone

Q4. **Do you have any comments or questions about the Solid Waste Management Plan Proposed Amendment process?**

Please choose the most effective option that has the least impact on the environment. I would rather we dont have to export waste and that everyone would reduce how much waste they generate.

Q5. **Do you have any comments or questions about the SCRD's proposal to export waste temporarily, should the Sechelt Landfill reach capacity?**

If it's the only option, go for it.

Q6. **How would you prefer to provide feedback on the Solid Waste Management Plan Proposed Amendment? Select all that apply.**

Online via a questionnaire

Online via a comment section

In-person at a community event (when Public Health Orders allow)

Q7. **Over the next 3-4 years, the SCRD will provide progress updates and ask for feedback on aspects of the Solid Waste Management Plan amendment and update. How would you prefer to receive this information? Select all that apply.**

Email

Online meeting

Mail

Q8. **How did you hear about this project? Select all that apply.**

Word of mouth

Q9. **What is the best time for you to attend public engagement events? Select all that apply.**

Weekends

Q10. **Do you have any additional comments or questions?**

Nope. Please be an environmental steward



Respondent No: 13

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Nov 09, 2021 19:47:59 pm

Last Seen: Nov 09, 2021 19:47:59 pm

Q1. Name

[REDACTED]

Q2. Email

[REDACTED]

Q3. What SCRD area to you live in?

Area E – Elphinstone

Q4. Do you have any comments or questions about the Solid Waste Management Plan Proposed Amendment process?

We should be treating the amendment as an emergency only backup - I hope we can find alternative sites before we have to export. I understand we need the backup.

Q5. Do you have any comments or questions about the SCRD's proposal to export waste temporarily, should the Sechelt Landfill reach capacity?

See above - please let's do everything we can to find sites here rather than send our waste somewhere else.

Q6. How would you prefer to provide feedback on the Solid Waste Management Plan Proposed Amendment? Select all that apply.

Online via a questionnaire
Online via a comment section
Email
Online meeting

Q7. Over the next 3-4 years, the SCRD will provide progress updates and ask for feedback on aspects of the Solid Waste Management Plan amendment and update. How would you prefer to receive this information? Select all that apply.

Email
Coast Reporter
Online meeting

Q8. How did you hear about this project? Select all that apply.

SCRD website
SCRD newsletter (Coast Current)
Word of mouth

Q9. What is the best time for you to attend public engagement events? Select all that apply.

Weekdays
Mornings
Afternoons
Evenings

Q10. Do you have any additional comments or questions?

Thank you for providing the opportunity for feedback.



Respondent No: 14

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Nov 17, 2021 21:54:45 pm

Last Seen: Nov 17, 2021 21:54:45 pm

Q1. Name

[REDACTED]

Q2. Email

[REDACTED]

Q3. What SCRD area to you live in?

Area B – Halfmoon Bay

Q4. Do you have any comments or questions about the Solid Waste Management Plan Proposed Amendment process?

Yes!!! I am an eighteen year resident of HMB. During that time, due to financial difficulties, I became very familiar with our former landfill ie the Share Shed, the woodpile...I saw the waste... and the potential. As a reseller, I found many wonderful pieces in both places that I sold at a profit. A single parent, it helped me out immensely during a tough time. I also met many "old-timers" who told me how they had built their garden sheds etc. from wood found at the wood pile. One man, who I saw regularly with his screwdriver, told me he used to work at a sawmill in Prince George, many years ago. He just shook his head at the waste at the landfill in Sechelt. When I used my last "Dump Coupon", I was shocked at what was being accepted at the landfill. Plastics, such as flower pots, pails - which are accepted at Salish Soils . Anyone going to the landfill drives right by Salish Soils. Is this an education need or just laziness? Totally usable items should not be accepted at the landfill. Yes, it creates a problem for people, but that's an education opportunity. I believe our landfill could last a lot longer if stricter measures for recyclable items were put in place. Eg, no recyclable plastics in the landfill. As well, could we not have another Share Shed (with restrictions) and a wood pile that sold usable items? Other districts are doing this, and, properly managed, it would provide jobs and sustainability. Our goal is not where to put garbage, it's to have less of it. I also have concerns about Waste Management, our local Blue Bin service provider which, while it professes to follow Recycle BC guidelines is foremost a business, US based, and sells its products, as I understand, mainly to China. As a School District employee, I have seen their notices asking that Blue Bin contents be clean and dry or their buyers won't accept them. This is hard to do in a school. How much of their recycling is ending up in our landfill? Lastly, looking into the future, how logical it would be to have Cap U run a Sustainability Degree Program, using Sechelt's Landfill as the training site? From my perspective, garbage is opportunity.

Q5. Do you have any comments or questions about the SCRD's proposal to export waste temporarily, should the Sechelt Landfill reach capacity?

As someone who manages to put a baseball sized, compostable bag of garbage out every two weeks (hardly worth the pickup), I know garbage reduction is possible. Education, demonstration - people need to see how this can be done - is key. I don't want to put more garbage anywhere. Businesses also/especially need to be taken to task .

Q6. How would you prefer to provide feedback on the Solid Waste Management Plan Proposed Amendment? Select all that apply.

Online via a comment section

Email

Online meeting

Phone

Other (please specify)

I liked being able to write this, as, unfortunately I wasn't able to attend the zoom meeting. Questionnaires tend to ask closed questions and a Booth wouldn't really keep a record, I think.

Q7. Over the next 3-4 years, the SCR D will provide progress updates and ask for feedback on aspects of the Solid Waste Management Plan amendment and update. How would you prefer to receive this information? Select all that apply.



Q8. How did you hear about this project? Select all that apply.

Coas Repor er

Q9. What is the best time for you to attend public engagement events? Select all that apply.

Weekends

Even ngs

Q10. Do you have any additional comments or questions?

Thanks for s en ng! I hope you ake my commen s n o cons dera on.



Respondent No: 15

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Nov 19, 2021 12:37:10 pm

Last Seen: Nov 19, 2021 12:37:10 pm

Q1. **Name**

[REDACTED]

Q2. **Email**

[REDACTED]

Q3. **What SCRD area to you live in?**

District of Sechelt

Q4. **Do you have any comments or questions about the Solid Waste Management Plan Proposed Amendment process?**

not answered

Q5. **Do you have any comments or questions about the SCRD's proposal to export waste temporarily, should the Sechelt Landfill reach capacity?**

not answered

Q6. **How would you prefer to provide feedback on the Solid Waste Management Plan Proposed Amendment? Select all that apply.**

Online via a questionnaire

Q7. **Over the next 3-4 years, the SCRD will provide progress updates and ask for feedback on aspects of the Solid Waste Management Plan amendment and update. How would you prefer to receive this information? Select all that apply.**

Email
Coast Reporter

Q8. **How did you hear about this project? Select all that apply.**

Other (please specify)
email to our community association's email (Sunshine Heights Owners and Residents Association - SHORA.Sechelt@gmail.com)

Q9. **What is the best time for you to attend public engagement events? Select all that apply.**

Afternoons

Q10. **Do you have any additional comments or questions?**

not answered



Respondent No: 16

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Nov 19, 2021 12:53:45 pm

Last Seen: Nov 19, 2021 12:53:45 pm

Q1. **Name**

[REDACTED]

Q2. **Email**

[REDACTED]

Q3. **What SCRD area to you live in?**

District of Sechelt

Q4. **Do you have any comments or questions about the Solid Waste Management Plan Proposed Amendment process?**

Only as a last resort when all other local options are exhausted. I don't like the idea and feel that with good planning, we won't get to this point.

Q5. **Do you have any comments or questions about the SCRD's proposal to export waste temporarily, should the Sechelt Landfill reach capacity?**

Is the SCRD close to finalizing a new site?

Q6. **How would you prefer to provide feedback on the Solid Waste Management Plan Proposed Amendment? Select all that apply.**

Online via a questionnaire

Q7. **Over the next 3-4 years, the SCRD will provide progress updates and ask for feedback on aspects of the Solid Waste Management Plan amendment and update. How would you prefer to receive this information? Select all that apply.**

Social Media (Facebook / Twitter)

Coast Reporter

Q8. **How did you hear about this project? Select all that apply.**

Other (please specify)

SHORA forwarded the information to members.

Q9. **What is the best time for you to attend public engagement events? Select all that apply.**

Afternoons

Q10. **Do you have any additional comments or questions?**

not answered



Respondent No: 17

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Nov 21, 2021 08:20:28 am

Last Seen: Nov 21, 2021 08:20:28 am

Q1. **Name** not answered

Q2. **Email** not answered

Q3. **What SCRD area to you live in?** Area B – Halfmoon Bay

Q4. **Do you have any comments or questions about the Solid Waste Management Plan Proposed Amendment process?**

why only a 10 year plan. That means that in 8 years time the process will have to be repeated. Is this a government standard to only plan for 10 years at a time. Does every municipality, regional district and city have to spend money to assess, plan, submit and wait for provincial government approval every 10 years?

Q5. **Do you have any comments or questions about the SCRD's proposal to export waste temporarily, should the Sechelt Landfill reach capacity?**

prefer not to have to export our garbage, not only because of cost, but "out of sight, out of mind" encourages denial of our very bad habit of discarding things and thinking they are gone forever. They are not. They are just transferred and become someone else's problem. As we have learned from Covid and now gas rationing, some people will not do what is best for the community, will not cooperate for the collective good, and making it easy for them to not cooperate with recycling and green waste collection right now does not bode well for future endeavours that require more individuals to change their behaviour.

Q6. **How would you prefer to provide feedback on the Solid Waste Management Plan Proposed Amendment? Select all that apply.**

Online via a questionnaire
Online via a comment section

Q7. **Over the next 3-4 years, the SCRD will provide progress updates and ask for feedback on aspects of the Solid Waste Management Plan amendment and update. How would you prefer to receive this information? Select all that apply.**

Social Media (Facebook / Twitter)

Q8. **How did you hear about this project? Select all that apply.**

Social Media (Facebook / Twitter)

Q9. **What is the best time for you to attend public engagement events? Select all that apply.**

not answered

Q10. **Do you have any additional comments or questions?**

not answered



Respondent No: 18

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Nov 21, 2021 11:29:57 am

Last Seen: Nov 21, 2021 11:29:57 am

Q1. **Name**

[REDACTED]

Q2. **Email**

[REDACTED]

Q3. **What SCRD area to you live in?**

Area B – Halfmoon Bay

Q4. **Do you have any comments or questions about the Solid Waste Management Plan Proposed Amendment process?**

Your plan to put a landfill in Area B has not included on-the-ground inspection of the proposed sites. Desktop expertise does not cut it.

Q5. **Do you have any comments or questions about the SCRD's proposal to export waste temporarily, should the Sechelt Landfill reach capacity?**

This might be the only solution. I might sound like a nimby but the Sunshine Coast is a relatively small area. Maybe the SCRD should invest some money in technology and turn the garbage into useable energy.

Q6. **How would you prefer to provide feedback on the Solid Waste Management Plan Proposed Amendment? Select all that apply.**

Online via a questionnaire

In-person at a community event (when Public Health Orders allow)

Q7. **Over the next 3-4 years, the SCRD will provide progress updates and ask for feedback on aspects of the Solid Waste Management Plan amendment and update. How would you prefer to receive this information? Select all that apply.**

Email

Q8. **How did you hear about this project? Select all that apply.**

Word of mouth

Q9. **What is the best time for you to attend public engagement events? Select all that apply.**

Weekdays

Weekends

Mornings

Afternoons

Q10. **Do you have any additional comments or questions?**

Your outreach to the public stakeholders is very puny.



Respondent No: 19

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Nov 22, 2021 09:59:34 am

Last Seen: Nov 22, 2021 09:59:34 am

Q1. Name

[REDACTED]

Q2. Email

[REDACTED]

Q3. What SCRD area to you live in?

Area E – Elphinstone

Q4. Do you have any comments or questions about the Solid Waste Management Plan Proposed Amendment process?

not answered

Q5. Do you have any comments or questions about the SCRD's proposal to export waste temporarily, should the Sechelt Landfill reach capacity?

We need to REDUCE the amount of garbage we're sending to the landfill. I am aware of some individuals still adding organic waste to their garbage bins rather than sorting it into the green. And also including recyclables in their "garbage" rather than drive it to the depot.

Q6. How would you prefer to provide feedback on the Solid Waste Management Plan Proposed Amendment? Select all that apply.

Online via a questionnaire
Email

Q7. Over the next 3-4 years, the SCRD will provide progress updates and ask for feedback on aspects of the Solid Waste Management Plan amendment and update. How would you prefer to receive this information? Select all that apply.

Email

Q8. How did you hear about this project? Select all that apply.

Social Media (Facebook / Twitter)
Word of mouth

Q9. What is the best time for you to attend public engagement events? Select all that apply.

not answered

Q10. Do you have any additional comments or questions?

It is unfortunate that the curbside recycling collection was turned down. But not surprising given how limited the list of accepted materials was. The location of the Gibsons depot is fairly convenient for most residents in the surrounding Langdale and Elphinstone, given that it is near the grocery stores. Salish Soils I imagine to be less convenient for folks from Halfmoon Bay. What if, much like in Europe, there were smaller, neighbourhood transfer stations dotted around the coast that people would walk their recyclables to? I hate wasting food and compost all my peelings. So, I put my green food waste bin out so infrequently that I still have 4 of the original bundle of paper bags that was included in the bin last year. I would love to be able to include smaller weeds such as buttercup or lamium that I can't compost and need to take to the green waste. I would also love there to be a larger (maybe once per month) greenwaste collection so that people don't burn all their fallen branches if they don't have access to a truck or are too lazy to drive to the green waste.



Respondent No: 20

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Nov 22, 2021 17:24:33 pm

Last Seen: Nov 22, 2021 17:24:33 pm

Q1. Name

[REDACTED]

Q2. Email

[REDACTED]

Q3. What SCRD area to you live in?

Area D – Roberts Creek

Q4. Do you have any comments or questions about the Solid Waste Management Plan Proposed Amendment process?

I would like an opportunity to propose a business idea regarding our landfill issues to the SCRD and how we as a community can deal with them.

Q5. Do you have any comments or questions about the SCRD's proposal to export waste temporarily, should the Sechelt Landfill reach capacity?

Exporting waste is expensive especially when we can deal with it here in the SCRD.

Q6. How would you prefer to provide feedback on the Solid Waste Management Plan Proposed Amendment? Select all that apply.

Online via a questionnaire

Online via a comment section

Email

Online meeting

In-person at a community event (when Public Health Orders allow)

Mail-in survey

Q7. Over the next 3-4 years, the SCRD will provide progress updates and ask for feedback on aspects of the Solid Waste Management Plan amendment and update. How would you prefer to receive this information? Select all that apply.

Email

Social Media (Facebook / Twitter)

Coast Reporter

Online meeting

Q8. How did you hear about this project? Select all that apply.

SCRD website

Coast Reporter

Word of mouth

Q9. What is the best time for you to attend public engagement events? Select all that apply.

Weekends

Q10. Do you have any additional comments or questions?

Thank you for your time.



Respondent No: 21

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Nov 23, 2021 15:54:11 pm

Last Seen: Nov 23, 2021 15:54:11 pm

Q1. **Name**

[REDACTED]

Q2. **Email**

[REDACTED]

Q3. **What SCRD area to you live in?**

Area F – West Howe Sound

Q4. **Do you have any comments or questions about the Solid Waste Management Plan Proposed Amendment process?**

not answered

Q5. **Do you have any comments or questions about the SCRD's proposal to export waste temporarily, should the Sechelt Landfill reach capacity?**

not answered

Q6. **How would you prefer to provide feedback on the Solid Waste Management Plan Proposed Amendment? Select all that apply.**

Online via a questionnaire

Q7. **Over the next 3-4 years, the SCRD will provide progress updates and ask for feedback on aspects of the Solid Waste Management Plan amendment and update. How would you prefer to receive this information? Select all that apply.**

Email

Q8. **How did you hear about this project? Select all that apply.**

SCRD website

Q9. **What is the best time for you to attend public engagement events? Select all that apply.**

not answered

Q10. **Do you have any additional comments or questions?**

not answered



Respondent No: 22

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Nov 23, 2021 22:07:37 pm

Last Seen: Nov 23, 2021 22:07:37 pm

Q1. **Name**

[REDACTED]

Q2. **Email**

[REDACTED]

Q3. **What SCRD area to you live in?**

Town of Gibsons

Q4. **Do you have any comments or questions about the Solid Waste Management Plan Proposed Amendment process?**

Waste to energy seems like the best idea. Why is it "not feasible"?

Q5. **Do you have any comments or questions about the SCRD's proposal to export waste temporarily, should the Sechelt Landfill reach capacity?**

Dumping our garbage on someone else seems like a bad idea. It usually leads to poisoning an area where less privileged people live.

Q6. **How would you prefer to provide feedback on the Solid Waste Management Plan Proposed Amendment? Select all that apply.**

Online via a questionnaire
Online via a comment section
Email
Online meeting

Q7. **Over the next 3-4 years, the SCRD will provide progress updates and ask for feedback on aspects of the Solid Waste Management Plan amendment and update. How would you prefer to receive this information? Select all that apply.**

Email
Coast Reporter
Online meeting

Q8. **How did you hear about this project? Select all that apply.**

Other (please specify)
Gibsons Way online newsletter, which comes to me via email.

Q9. **What is the best time for you to attend public engagement events? Select all that apply.**

Evenings

Q10. **Do you have any additional comments or questions?**

Please email me the answer to Q 4.



Respondent No: 23

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Nov 24, 2021 10:14:16 am

Last Seen: Nov 24, 2021 10:14:16 am

Q1. Name

[REDACTED]

Q2. Email

[REDACTED]

Q3. What SCRD area to you live in?

District of Sechelt

Q4. Do you have any comments or questions about the Solid Waste Management Plan Proposed Amendment process?

Only comment is to push the plan forward to make it happen

Q5. Do you have any comments or questions about the SCRD's proposal to export waste temporarily, should the Sechelt Landfill reach capacity?

This is an option that could be addressed NOW as it could prolong the life span of the Sechelt Landfill?

Q6. How would you prefer to provide feedback on the Solid Waste Management Plan Proposed Amendment? Select all that apply.

Email

Q7. Over the next 3-4 years, the SCRD will provide progress updates and ask for feedback on aspects of the Solid Waste Management Plan amendment and update. How would you prefer to receive this information? Select all that apply.

Email

Q8. How did you hear about this project? Select all that apply.

SCRD newsletter (Coast Current)

Q9. What is the best time for you to attend public engagement events? Select all that apply.

Weekdays

Q10. Do you have any additional comments or questions?

Action Now, not ongoing consultation and "what if" scenarios



Respondent No: 24
Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Nov 24, 2021 11:18:00 am
Last Seen: Nov 24, 2021 11:18:00 am

Q1. Name

[REDACTED]

Q2. Email

[REDACTED]

Q3. What SCRD area to you live in?

Area D – Roberts Creek

Q4. Do you have any comments or questions about the Solid Waste Management Plan Proposed Amendment process?

not answered

Q5. Do you have any comments or questions about the SCRD's proposal to export waste temporarily, should the Sechelt Landfill reach capacity?

Find a way to reuse/repurpose solid waste, and (as much as possible) all landfill waste. Set up a cross country municipal link to share explore and discuss repurposing and reusing waste, sewage, water. This proposed Municipal link could be for the staff and decision makers with in each municipality. The technology exists today in Canada and the USA. It is matter of the will to shift gears, to a sustainable approach in all areas.

Q6. How would you prefer to provide feedback on the Solid Waste Management Plan Proposed Amendment? Select all that apply.

Email

Q7. Over the next 3-4 years, the SCRD will provide progress updates and ask for feedback on aspects of the Solid Waste Management Plan amendment and update. How would you prefer to receive this information? Select all that apply.

Email

Q8. How did you hear about this project? Select all that apply.

Other (please specify)
Town Gibsons newsletter

Q9. What is the best time for you to attend public engagement events? Select all that apply.

not answered

Q10. Do you have any additional comments or questions?

Set up a Coast wide education/public information program on the importance of reusing and repurposing everything possible with in our households, properties and business. Recycling is the next best thing to a landfill, its not the best option. Repurposing and reusing could be educated out into the public, through schools to newspapers to council meetings. It really is not an option, yet the focus on short term (5-10 year) solutions that are in most cases not sustainable are still paramount. Shifting gears, educating and prioritizing true sustainability in action, may be the best and most cost effective overall. It is happening all over Canada and the USA in areas that have been forced into this shift. We have an opportunity to change before we are forced into becoming sustainable. Shifting our thinking, planning and actions now will be much easier. The education side is to retrain business/public and shift the consensus to a more sustainable way of being.



Respondent No: 25

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Dec 02, 2021 14:47:59 pm

Last Seen: Dec 02, 2021 14:47:59 pm

Q1. Name	not answered
Q2. Email	not answered
Q3. What SCRD area to you live in?	Area E – Elphinstone
Q4. Do you have any comments or questions about the Solid Waste Management Plan Proposed Amendment process?	not answered
Q5. Do you have any comments or questions about the SCRD's proposal to export waste temporarily, should the Sechelt Landfill reach capacity?	not answered
Q6. How would you prefer to provide feedback on the Solid Waste Management Plan Proposed Amendment? Select all that apply.	In-person at a community event (when Public Health Orders allow)
Q7. Over the next 3-4 years, the SCRD will provide progress updates and ask for feedback on aspects of the Solid Waste Management Plan amendment and update. How would you prefer to receive this information? Select all that apply.	Coast Reporter
Q8. How did you hear about this project? Select all that apply.	Coast Reporter
Q9. What is the best time for you to attend public engagement events? Select all that apply.	Mornings
Q10. Do you have any additional comments or questions?	not answered



Respondent No: 26

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Dec 02, 2021 15:55:03 pm

Last Seen: Dec 02, 2021 15:55:03 pm

Q1. Name

[REDACTED]

Q2. Email

[REDACTED]

Q3. What SCRD area to you live in?

Area B – Halfmoon Bay

Q4. Do you have any comments or questions about the Solid Waste Management Plan Proposed Amendment process?

The proposed site for the new landfill site in Halfmoon Bay greatly concerns me as it has many underground streams and rock sub structure that could leach the garbage runoff into the ground water system.

Q5. Do you have any comments or questions about the SCRD's proposal to export waste temporarily, should the Sechelt Landfill reach capacity?

A reasonable temporary solution until an environmentally safe site can be found on the Sunshine Coast.

Q6. How would you prefer to provide feedback on the Solid Waste Management Plan Proposed Amendment? Select all that apply.

Email

Q7. Over the next 3-4 years, the SCRD will provide progress updates and ask for feedback on aspects of the Solid Waste Management Plan amendment and update. How would you prefer to receive this information? Select all that apply.

Email

Q8. How did you hear about this project? Select all that apply.

Coast Reporter

Q9. What is the best time for you to attend public engagement events? Select all that apply.

Weekdays

Afternoons

Evenings

Q10. Do you have any additional comments or questions?

I hope the SCRD gets professional environmental engineering surveys of any new waste management sites on the Sunshine Coast. The impact on the environment, nature and the surrounding ground water is of the utmost importance.



Respondent No: 27

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Dec 02, 2021 15:58:08 pm

Last Seen: Dec 02, 2021 15:58:08 pm

Q1. Name

[REDACTED]

Q2. Email

[REDACTED]

Q3. What SCRD area to you live in?

Town of Gibsons

Q4. Do you have any comments or questions about the Solid Waste Management Plan Proposed Amendment process?

Need more information

Q5. Do you have any comments or questions about the SCRD's proposal to export waste temporarily, should the Sechelt Landfill reach capacity?

Do not do it.

Q6. How would you prefer to provide feedback on the Solid Waste Management Plan Proposed Amendment? Select all that apply.

Online via a questionnaire

Online meeting

Q7. Over the next 3-4 years, the SCRD will provide progress updates and ask for feedback on aspects of the Solid Waste Management Plan amendment and update. How would you prefer to receive this information? Select all that apply.

Email

Coast Reporter

Q8. How did you hear about this project? Select all that apply.

SCRD website

Coast Reporter

Q9. What is the best time for you to attend public engagement events? Select all that apply.

Weekends

Q10. Do you have any additional comments or questions?

not answered



Respondent No: 28

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Dec 02, 2021 17:17:00 pm

Last Seen: Dec 02, 2021 17:17:00 pm

Q1. Name

[REDACTED]

Q2. Email

[REDACTED]

Q3. What SCRD area to you live in?

Area F – West Howe Sound

Q4. Do you have any comments or questions about the Solid Waste Management Plan Proposed Amendment process?

not answered

Q5. Do you have any comments or questions about the SCRD's proposal to export waste temporarily, should the Sechelt Landfill reach capacity?

If temporary, would it be beneficial to include a written clause or resolution requiring the Boards appropriate-timeline review for the sustainability, costs to both the SCRD operational budget and taxpayers and the potential environmental impacts of sending off-coast? If there is a backup plan of sending it off-coast outlined within the plan, will this impact the SCRDs applicability or proof of urgency in provincial or federal grant or other support opportunities to getting the landfill situation handled long-term?

Q6. How would you prefer to provide feedback on the Solid Waste Management Plan Proposed Amendment? Select all that apply.

Online via a questionnaire
Mail-in survey
Phone

Q7. Over the next 3-4 years, the SCRD will provide progress updates and ask for feedback on aspects of the Solid Waste Management Plan amendment and update. How would you prefer to receive this information? Select all that apply.

Email
Social Media (Facebook / Twitter)
Online meeting
Mail
Other (please specify)
Newspaper ads are costly. Maybe costs can be saved where possible in this digital era, with a newspaper insert, advert or article request for significant updates and feedback requests for seniors/others not on social media?

Q8. How did you hear about this project? Select all that apply.

Social Media (Facebook / Twitter)

Q9. What is the best time for you to attend public engagement events? Select all that apply.

Weekdays
Evenings

Q10. Do you have any additional comments or questions?

not answered



Respondent No: 29

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Dec 02, 2021 17:25:47 pm

Last Seen: Dec 02, 2021 17:25:47 pm

Q1. Name

[REDACTED]

Q2. Email

[REDACTED]

Q3. What SCRD area to you live in?

Area D – Roberts Creek

Q4. Do you have any comments or questions about the Solid Waste Management Plan Proposed Amendment process?

not answered

Q5. Do you have any comments or questions about the SCRD's proposal to export waste temporarily, should the Sechelt Landfill reach capacity?

I think this is a slippery slope. I am opposed to shipping our waste off the Coast. Every effort should be made to ensure that this does not become necessary.

Q6. How would you prefer to provide feedback on the Solid Waste Management Plan Proposed Amendment? Select all that apply.

Online via a questionnaire
Online via a comment section
Email

Q7. Over the next 3-4 years, the SCRD will provide progress updates and ask for feedback on aspects of the Solid Waste Management Plan amendment and update. How would you prefer to receive this information? Select all that apply.

Email
Social Media (Facebook / Twitter)

Q8. How did you hear about this project? Select all that apply.

Social Media (Facebook / Twitter)

Q9. What is the best time for you to attend public engagement events? Select all that apply.

Weekdays

Q10. Do you have any additional comments or questions?

not answered



Respondent No: 30

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Dec 03, 2021 04:46:48 am

Last Seen: Dec 03, 2021 04:46:48 am

Q1. Name

[REDACTED]

Q2. Email

[REDACTED]

Q3. What SCRD area to you live in?

Area D – Roberts Creek

Q4. Do you have any comments or questions about the Solid Waste Management Plan Proposed Amendment process?

Short term rentals is a market that needs to be guided on how to minimize waste. I lost count of how many times I see cleaning people drive to dump bags, empty beverage cans and bottles, etc in the dumpster behind my Workplace. Commercial dumpsters should have user keypads on them as locks are many times not used.

Q5. Do you have any comments or questions about the SCRD's proposal to export waste temporarily, should the Sechelt Landfill reach capacity?

not answered

Q6. How would you prefer to provide feedback on the Solid Waste Management Plan Proposed Amendment? Select all that apply.

not answered

Q7. Over the next 3-4 years, the SCRD will provide progress updates and ask for feedback on aspects of the Solid Waste Management Plan amendment and update. How would you prefer to receive this information? Select all that apply.

not answered

Q8. How did you hear about this project? Select all that apply.

not answered

Q9. What is the best time for you to attend public engagement events? Select all that apply.

not answered

Q10. Do you have any additional comments or questions?

Curb side recycling is needed



Respondent No: 31

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Dec 03, 2021 09:30:37 am

Last Seen: Dec 03, 2021 09:30:37 am

Q1. Name



Q2. Email



Q3. What SCRD area to you live in?

Area F – West Howe Sound

Q4. Do you have any comments or questions about the Solid Waste Management Plan Proposed Amendment process?

Communication using every means possible is imperative. The exporting of waste will probably result in an increase in fees for curbside collection and tipping. Before these increases are imposed the public should be informed frequently as to the status of the process.

Q5. Do you have any comments or questions about the SCRD's proposal to export waste temporarily, should the Sechelt Landfill reach capacity?

All initiatives to increase diversion rates should be fast tracked in order to reduce the volume of exported waste. Climate is changing rapidly and we all share the responsibility to reduce GHG emissions. Adding more emissions in order to transport our waste off coast certainly contradicts our commitments to do otherwise. Re: wording of the question: The landfill will reach capacity - when is the question and will we have a Sunshine Coast solution to our own solid waste disposal challenges before that happens. The "should" in the question is misleading unless "before we have a Coast located solution for our own waste disposal" is added to the end of the question.

Q6. How would you prefer to provide feedback on the Solid Waste Management Plan Proposed Amendment? Select all that apply.

Online via a questionnaire

Online via a comment section

Email

In-person at a community event (when Public Health Orders allow)

Q7. Over the next 3-4 years, the SCRD will provide progress updates and ask for feedback on aspects of the Solid Waste Management Plan amendment and update. How would you prefer to receive this information? Select all that apply.

Email

Coast Reporter

Online meeting

Q8. How did you hear about this project? Select all that apply.

Other (please specify)

PMAC member advisement

Q9. What is the best time for you to attend public engagement events? Select all that apply.

Weekdays

Evenings

Q10. Do you have any additional comments or questions?

not answered



Respondent No: 32

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Dec 03, 2021 09:35:45 am

Last Seen: Dec 03, 2021 09:35:45 am

Q1. Name

[REDACTED]

Q2. Email

[REDACTED]

Q3. What SCRD area to you live in?

District of Sechelt

Q4. Do you have any comments or questions about the Solid Waste Management Plan Proposed Amendment process?

not answered

Q5. Do you have any comments or questions about the SCRD's proposal to export waste temporarily, should the Sechelt Landfill reach capacity?

What is the cost of doing this??? Every thing keeps going up with the public having to pick up the cost.

Q6. How would you prefer to provide feedback on the Solid Waste Management Plan Proposed Amendment? Select all that apply.

Online via a questionnaire

Online via a comment section

In-person at a community event (when Public Health Orders allow)

Q7. Over the next 3-4 years, the SCRD will provide progress updates and ask for feedback on aspects of the Solid Waste Management Plan amendment and update. How would you prefer to receive this information? Select all that apply.

Email

Q8. How did you hear about this project? Select all that apply.

SCRD website

Q9. What is the best time for you to attend public engagement events? Select all that apply.

Mornings

Afternoons

Q10. Do you have any additional comments or questions?

not answered



Respondent No: 33

Login: Registered

Responded At: Dec 03, 2021 11:12:46 am

Last Seen: Dec 03, 2021 19:04:00 pm

Q1. Name

[REDACTED]

Q2. Email

[REDACTED]

Q3. What SCRD area to you live in?

District of Sechelt

Q4. Do you have any comments or questions about the Solid Waste Management Plan Proposed Amendment process?

I hope there will be surveys that talk about costs and benefits of all options and allow us to provide feedback.

Q5. Do you have any comments or questions about the SCRD's proposal to export waste temporarily, should the Sechelt Landfill reach capacity?

I am concerned this would be very expensive!

Q6. How would you prefer to provide feedback on the Solid Waste Management Plan Proposed Amendment? Select all that apply.

Online via a questionnaire

Q7. Over the next 3-4 years, the SCRD will provide progress updates and ask for feedback on aspects of the Solid Waste Management Plan amendment and update. How would you prefer to receive this information? Select all that apply.

Email
Coast Reporter

Q8. How did you hear about this project? Select all that apply.

Coast Reporter
Other (please specify)
letstalk.scrd.ca

Q9. What is the best time for you to attend public engagement events? Select all that apply.

Other (please specify)
I am disabled and it is always very difficult for me to attend public engagement events.

Q10. Do you have any additional comments or questions?

not answered



Respondent No: 34

Login: Anonymous

Responded At: Dec 05, 2021 10:32:39 am

Last Seen: Dec 05, 2021 10:32:39 am

Q1. Name

[REDACTED]

Q2. Email

[REDACTED]

Q3. What SCRD area to you live in?

Sechelt Indian Government District

Q4. Do you have any comments or questions about the Solid Waste Management Plan Proposed Amendment process?

not answered

Q5. Do you have any comments or questions about the SCRD's proposal to export waste temporarily, should the Sechelt Landfill reach capacity?

It is a temporary solution. It is the best option if and when it is needed.

Q6. How would you prefer to provide feedback on the Solid Waste Management Plan Proposed Amendment? Select all that apply.

Online via a questionnaire

Q7. Over the next 3-4 years, the SCRD will provide progress updates and ask for feedback on aspects of the Solid Waste Management Plan amendment and update. How would you prefer to receive this information? Select all that apply.

Email

Social Media (Facebook / Twitter)

Coast Reporter

Online meeting

Q8. How did you hear about this project? Select all that apply.

SCRD website

SCRD newsletter (Coast Current)

Social Media (Facebook / Twitter)

Q9. What is the best time for you to attend public engagement events? Select all that apply.

Weekends

Q10. Do you have any additional comments or questions?

not answered

Comment – Comment Response Table

Item #	Engagement Tool	Comment	Response to Comment
1	Question Forum	Phase 1 is weak and terribly costly, why not being responsible and take the problem to the source? Why are you not taxing shops, restaurants and consumers that buy packaged products and single use products? Change bad habits that create those mountains of trash: Halloween, CHRISTMAS, birthdays, etc...Paper or plastic plates, cutlery and glasses banished	<p>Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts with us. You have brought up some key values of responsible waste management to reduce and reuse so that we all produce less waste. These principles require the whole community to work together. The Regional District has supported this and provides resources for residents through our Holiday Recycling Guides, Recycling & Reuse Directories. For regulating businesses (e.g. ban single-use items from being sold/provided), unfortunately, in BC, regional districts do not have the authority to do so, only municipalities do.</p> <p>For taxing products, most packaging already includes the fee for recycling, and there is some work being done by the Provincial Government to include more single-use items in the BC Recycling Regulation. Please check out their Extended Producer Responsibility Five-Year Action Plan 2021-2026 here: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/environment/waste-management/recycling/recycle/extended_producer_five_year_action_plan.pdf(External link)</p> <p>Further, the Phase 1 portion of this project should be considered as a backup plan, only to be used if we need it. Since the timelines are so close for when the landfill might close and when a new disposal option can be ready for us, we need a backup plan. If the community is able to greatly reduce its waste and we can stretch the landfill life, we might not need this backup plan that we are seeking approval for.</p> <p>The Phase 2 portion of this project which is to update the Solid Waste Management Plan (basically, a new plan), is a great opportunity for the community to get together and set priorities to manage our waste into the future. We encourage you to participate.</p>
2	Phone Call	She saw information on our website and was concerned that if the community has to choose between BC and Washington, they need to have the right information. Asked if she could attend an information session to hand out information.	Clarified the scope of the project, and that the SCRD is not choosing a location, simply the method. This amendment is meant to give the SCRD the option to export waste, should the Sechelt Landfill close before a long-term solution is determined.
3	Email	<i>Email too long to include in the table. See the email chain included this table.</i>	<i>See the email chain included this table.</i>
4	Email	<i>Email too long to include in the table. See the email chain included this table.</i>	<i>See the email chain included this table.</i>
5	Question Forum	Would the SCRD be interested in a solution to the landfill closure situation?	All purchases are governed by the SCRD's Procurement Policy which ensures that all goods, services and construction are acquired in a competitive, fair and open manner. Should the SCRD require a specific solution provided by an external party, it would be posted publicly through the SCRD website, BC Bid and the Coast Reporter.
6	Question Forum	Hello is Salish Soils going to submit for this job?	Currently the SCRD is working to amend the Solid Waste Management Plan to ensure there is a waste disposal option for the region following the closure of the Sechelt Landfill. If approved, and should the SCRD need to temporarily export waste, the SCRD will initiate a procurement process to select a service provider. Any company can submit a proposal when an opportunity arises.
7	Question Forum	Why on earth has the SCRD left the planning of an alternative to the existing Sechelt Waste management facility to the last minute? It is clear that we will have to be exporting our waste for some undetermined period at a greatly increased cost. Does the SCRD not have 30 year plans or even 10 year plans? This is very similar to the water crisis situation we have been experiencing for some years and obviously will be for some time into the future,. We have to do better	We acknowledge that it would be great if such planning was initiated 10, 15 or even 20 years ago. However, staff are working as diligently as possible to work towards the future waste disposal option for the Sunshine Coast.

8	Question Forum	Is there actually a long-term plan for this coast or are all drastic situations knee jerk reactions? Shouldn't this have been the long-term planning years ago?? I would like some idea of where you are at in this process or are you just starting this 2022. Seems a bit late.	Regional District Solid Waste Management Plans are intended to be approximately 10-year plans. The SCRD's plan was adopted in 2011 and thus is approaching the end of its lifecycle. The SCRD's 2011 SWMP only included the Pender Harbour Landfill (closed in 2015) and the Sechelt Landfill as waste disposal options. The updated plan (essentially a new plan), which is underway, will include the future waste disposal option. We acknowledge that it would be great if such planning was initiated 10, 15 or even 20 years ago. However, staff are working as diligently as possible to work towards the future waste disposal option for the Sunshine Coast.
9	Question Forum	Has the area around the existing landfill in Roberts Creek Area D been cleaned up?	Clean ups in the land parcel adjacent to the landfill are completed twice per year. As well, there are volunteers who complete clean ups periodically throughout the year. To help prevent litter from migrating off site, we are required to apply daily, intermediate, and final cover. For daily cover, we use "Iron Grizzly" metal plates, whereas intermediate and final cover is soil material. We also install "snow" fencing near the active face to catch potential windblown litter from leaving the site.
10	Question Forum	Can you list the existing programs that are aimed to reduce land fill, we know the organics removed is to protect the animals, but other than that program...what is going on to reduce garbage	Services we provide to reduce the amount material that is buried in the Sechelt Landfill include providing recycling options at the Pender Harbour Transfer Station and Sechelt Landfill for: cardboard, gypsum, mattresses, metal, tires, propane tanks, paint (Sechelt Landfill only), cooking oil; curbside collection of garbage and food waste from residential properties within Electoral Areas B, D, E, and F. As well, the SCRD funds recycling services for residential packaging and paper products at the three recycling facilities (recycling depots), funds residential self-haul yard & garden green waste (and a depot dedicated to this green waste on the South Coast). In addition, the SCRD provides resources for residents to reduce their waste through our Holiday Recycling Guides, Recycling and Reuse Directories. During the SCRD's most recent waste composition study, we found that over 44% of what was in our residential "garbage" collection was organic waste (food scraps and food soiled paper) and 25% was recyclables. If the community is able to greatly reduce its waste and we can stretch the landfill life, we might not need this backup plan that we are seeking approval for.
11	Online Q&A Session	How can a company submit a proposal to the SCRD to help expand the lifespan of the Sechelt Landfill?	The SCRD will be exploring options to extend the landfill life in another project in the future. When the SCRD is at that stage, a procurement process would be initiated, and service providers would be able to respond at that time.
12	Online Q&A Session	Tetra Tech, a consulting firm working on long-term waste disposal options for the region, presented an option to export waste off the coast through a new Transfer Station. Is this transfer station required for temporary waste export?	The SCRD plans to use existing facilities for short-term waste export. If waste export is selected as the long-term waste management option for the region during Phase 2 of this project, the region would require a new transfer station facility.
13	Online Q&A Session	I understand the SCRD has explored long-term landfill site in the Halfmoon Bay area. How much did the SCRD spend to hire a consultant to conduct this study?	Staff did not have the cost on hand. The community member was asked to email infrastructure@scrd.ca for more information. Answer provided via email: The Tetra Tech consulting work was awarded at \$101,577 as per the October 22, 2020 Board Minutes – please see page 9 of https://www.scrd.ca/files/File/Administration/Minutes/2020/2020-OCT-22%20BRD%20Minutes.pdf
14	Online Q&A Session	What will the topography of the new landfill be – a hole in the ground that is filled with waste or a garbage mountain?	Typically, landfills are built above the ground.
15	Online Q&A Session	Why aren't you using the big hole in the ground, the mine, which is right beside the landfill?	Utilizing the Lehigh mine is not possible at this time based on discussions with the mine owner. A landfill does not fit the mine plan and long-term land use for the area which is residential use (after reclamation).
16	Online Q&A Session	It looks like the potential new landfill site in Halfmoon Bay is located near Trout Lake. How can the landfill be located near Trout Lake and on top of active water sources?	Potential landfill locations in Halfmoon Bay are still preliminary. A big part of the approval process for siting a new landfill is community support and ensuring for environmental sensitivities and First Nations engagement. If there is not community and First Nations support or if the environmental concerns cannot be addressed, a landfill would not be considered for approval by the BC Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy.
17	Feedback Form	Where would the waste be exported?	This would be determined through a procurement process, should the SCRD need to temporarily export waste. In BC, some regional districts export solid waste to another landfill within the province, such as the Cache Creek Landfill, or to the United States, such as the Roosevelt Landfill in Washington.

18	Feedback Form	How much will waste export cost?	Waste export is more expensive compared to operating a local landfill. The current fee is \$150 per tonne as per SCRD Sanitary Landfill Site Bylaw No. 405, 1995. Nearby regional districts that export their waste charge between \$148 and \$235 per tonne for garbage. The proposed amendment to the Solid Waste Management Plan would add the option to temporarily export solid waste out of the region. This option would only be implemented if the Sechelt Landfill closes before a new long-term solid waste disposal facility is operational. If this short-term option needs to be implemented, the disposal fee for garbage will likely increase, which could impact annual fees for residents and businesses.
19	Feedback Form	Who will be contracted to barge the waste?	This is not known at this time and would be determined through a procurement process, should the SCRD need to temporarily export waste.
20	Feedback Form	Where would the waste be barged from? Would the loading/unloading and transportation of the waste affect traffic?	Should the SCRD need to temporarily export waste, it has been proposed that waste will continue to be delivered and sorted at the Pender Harbour Transfer Station and the Sechelt Landfill. Where and how the waste would be transported off-coast would be determined through a procurement process. The impacts to traffic could be determined through a Traffic Impact Study, should the SCRD need to temporarily export waste and it is determined such a study would be required.
21	Feedback Form	Are new homes getting any particular fees since the district does not have the resources to serve the population?	There are no separate solid waste disposal fees for new residential dwellings built within the region. All residential dwellings, existing and new, in the curbside collection service area (currently Areas B, D, E, F) are automatically enrolled in the curbside collection program and are required to pay the service fee for curbside collection.
22	Feedback Form	What environmental and safety measures are in place to ensure safe transportation of waste?	The provincial government sets the standards that all regional districts, municipalities, and commercial enterprises are required to follow. The SCRD is required to comply with these standards for local waste hauling or waste export out of the region.
23	Feedback Form	Do we know where the waste would be sent to and if into the US, would we have a back up plan if borders closed again (e.g., COVID-19) or if weather disrupted barge?	This would be determined through a procurement process, should the SCRD need to temporarily export waste.
24	Feedback Form	Could a small incinerator start the job until a long-term solution is found?	<p>A Future Waste Disposal Options Analysis Study is currently underway to help direct the long-term plan for waste disposal in the region beyond the lifespan of the Sechelt Landfill. The four options initially under consideration were siting and developing a new landfill, waste export outside of the region, waste-to-energy, and expansion of the Sechelt Landfill.</p> <p>Our initial findings are that an incinerator, also known as waste-to-energy, is not feasible for the Sunshine Coast due to the high cost for our small population and the complex regulatory approval process. Incineration involves a high level of pre-approval investment and high future liabilities (high ongoing operational costs and decommissioning costs).</p> <p>The preliminary results of the Future Waste Disposal Options Analysis Study are included in the following reports:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Future Waste Disposal Options Analysis Study – Results and Next Steps (see Annex B) https://www.scrd.ca/files/File/Administration/Agendas/2021/2021-JAN-20%20Special%20ISC%20Agenda%20Package.pdf 2. Sunshine Coast Regional District Future Waste Disposal Options Study Detailed Options Analysis (see Item No. 2a) https://www.scrd.ca/files/File/Administration/Agendas/2021/2021-JUL-08%20ISC%20Agenda%20Package%20-%20AMENDED.pdf <p>Phase 2 of this project will focus on identifying new potential long-term waste disposal options. The update process requires a complete review and evaluation of the 2011 Solid Waste Management Plan's guiding principles, waste reduction targets, programs and services. A new Solid Waste Management Plan will be drafted based on technical studies that identify a new long-term waste disposal option and further engagement with the community.</p>
25	Feedback Form	How can the SCRD justify higher taxes and tipping fees when we are already the highest in North America?	<p>The cost of waste disposal affects the tipping fees and taxes a regional district must charge. The SCRD is required to operate a full-cost recovery model for solid waste services including contributions towards landfill closure costs.</p> <p>Waste export is more expensive compared to operating a local landfill. If this short-term option needs to be implemented, the disposal fee for garbage will likely increase, which could impact annual fees for residents and businesses.</p> <p>It should be noted the SCRD does not have the lowest or the highest tipping fees in North America. The SCRD's current tipping fee is \$150 per tonne as per SCRD Sanitary Landfill Site Bylaw No. 405, 1995. Nearby regional districts that export their waste charge between \$148 and \$235 per tonne for garbage.</p>

26	Feedback Form	Can you list the existing programs that are aimed to reduce land fill, we know the organics removed is to protect the animals, but other than that program...what is going on to reduce garbage?	<p>Services we provide to reduce the amount material that is buried in the Sechelt Landfill include providing recycling options at the Pender Harbour Transfer Station and Sechelt Landfill for: cardboard, gypsum, mattresses, metal, tires, propane tanks, paint (Sechelt Landfill only), cooking oil; curbside collection of garbage and food waste from residential properties within Electoral Areas B, D, E, and F. As well, the SCRD funds recycling services for residential packaging and paper products at the three recycling facilities (recycling depots), funds residential self-haul yard & garden green waste (and a depot dedicated to this green waste on the South Coast). In addition, the SCRD provides resources for residents to reduce their waste through our Holiday Recycling Guides, Recycling and Reuse Directories.</p> <p>During the SCRD's most recent waste composition study, we found that over 44% of what was in our residential "garbage" collection was organic waste (food scraps and food soiled paper) and 25% was recyclables. If the community is able to greatly reduce its waste and we can stretch the landfill life, we might not need this backup plan that we are seeking approval for.</p>
27	Feedback Form	Could we have another Share Shed (with restrictions) and a wood pile that sold usable items?	Staff have documented your suggestion and will explore the idea during Phase 2 of this project – the review and update of the Solid Waste Management Plan. During Phase 2, staff will work with community members to develop new guiding principle, programs, and services for how to manage solid waste on the coast for the next 10 years.
28	Feedback Form	Looking into the future, how logical would it be to have Capilano University run a Sustainability Degree Program, using Sechelt's Landfill as the training site? From my perspective, garbage is opportunity.	The SCRD has not explored developing a partnership with a university in this capacity before. We will take this into consideration.
29	Feedback Form	Is the SCRD close to finalizing a new landfill site?	<p>The SCRD is at the preliminary stage of siting a potential new landfill location as well as considering a transfer station for waste export. Additional technical studies and consultation need to take place before a new landfill site could be further considered.</p> <p>A Future Waste Disposal Options Analysis Study is currently underway to help direct the long-term plan for waste disposal in the region beyond the lifespan of the Sechelt Landfill. Siting and developing a new landfill is one of the options under consideration. Three preliminary locations have been identified in Electoral Area B (Halfmoon Bay) for consideration based on the requirements of the BC Landfill Criteria for Municipal Solid Waste.</p> <p>The preliminary results of the Future Waste Disposal Options Analysis Study are included in the following reports:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Future Waste Disposal Options Analysis Study – Results and Next Steps (see Annex B) https://www.scrd.ca/files/File/Administration/Agendas/2021/2021-JAN-20%20Special%20ISC%20Agenda%20Package.pdf 2. Sunshine Coast Regional District Future Waste Disposal Options Study Detailed Options Analysis (see Item No. 2a) https://www.scrd.ca/files/File/Administration/Agendas/2021/2021-JUL-08%20ISC%20Agenda%20Package%20-%20AMENDED.pdf
30	Feedback Form	I would like an opportunity to propose a business idea regarding our landfill issues to the SCRD and how we as a community can deal with them.	<p>The SCRD will be exploring options to extend the landfill life in another project in the future. When the SCRD is at that stage, a procurement process would be initiated and service providers would be able to respond at that time.</p> <p>Please let me know if you have further questions on the proposed amendment to the Solid Waste Management Plan.</p>
31	Feedback Form	Why only a 10-year plan. That means that in 8 years' time the process will have to be repeated. Is this a government standard to only plan for 10 years at a time? Does every municipality, regional district and city have to spend money to assess, plan, submit and wait for provincial government approval every 10 years?	Solid Waste Management Plans are developed by all regional districts (not municipalities) based on the Province of BC's guidance document A Guide to Solid Waste Management Planning (Guide).

32	Feedback Form	Waste to energy seems like the best idea. Why is it "not feasible"? Please email me the answer	<p>A Future Waste Disposal Options Analysis Study is currently underway to help direct the long-term plan for waste disposal in the region beyond the lifespan of the Sechelt Landfill. The four options initially considered were siting and developing a new landfill, waste export outside of the region, waste-to-energy, and expansion of the Sechelt Landfill.</p> <p>Our initial findings are that waste-to-energy is not feasible and is the most expensive option. This is due to the high cost for our small population and the complex regulatory approval process. Waste-to-energy involves a high level of pre-approval investment and high future liabilities, specifically high ongoing operational costs and decommissioning costs. Our small population also does not generate enough waste in a year to make operation of the facility cost effective. Based on the findings, the SCRD Board has directed staff to focus on advancing a detailed analysis of siting a new landfill and waste export.</p> <p>For additional information on the preliminary results of the Future Waste Disposal Options Analysis Study, please review the following reports:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Future Waste Disposal Options Analysis Study – Results and Next Steps (see Annex B) https://www.scrd.ca/files/File/Administration/Agendas/2021/2021-JAN-20%20Special%20ISC%20Agenda%20Package.pdf 2. Sunshine Coast Regional District Future Waste Disposal Options Study Detailed Options Analysis (see Item No. 2a) https://www.scrd.ca/files/File/Administration/Agendas/2021/2021-JUL-08%20ISC%20Agenda%20Package%20-%20AMENDED.pdf <p>Please let me know if you have further questions on the proposed amendment to the Solid Waste Management Plan.</p>
33	Feedback Form	This is an option that could be addressed NOW as it could prolong the life span of the Sechelt Landfill?	<p>The SCRD cannot begin exporting waste until the option has been added to the region's Solid Waste Management Plan and approved by the Province of BC. Phase 1 of this project is seeking approval to add this option to the Solid Waste Management Plan. If the option is approved, the SCRD will then be allowed to export waste out of the region. The SCRD does not plan to start exporting waste before it is necessary because exporting waste is more expensive than disposal at a local landfill.</p> <p>The SCRD has several programs in place that help divert waste from the landfill, such as wood, metal, recyclables, and food waste. If the community is able to greatly reduce its waste, stretching the life of the landfill is possible.</p>
34	Feedback Form	Set up a coast wide education and public information program on the importance of reusing and repurposing everything possible in out households, properties and businesses. Repurposing and reusing could be educated out into the public, through schools to newspapers to council meetings. It really is not an option, yet the focus on short term (5-10 year) solutions that are in most cases not sustainable are still paramount. Shifting gears, educating and prioritizing true sustainability in action, may be the best and most cost effective overall.	<p>Thank you for your suggestion. You have brought up some key values of responsible waste management to reduce and reuse so that we all produce less waste. These principles require the whole community to work together. The SCRD has supported this and provides resources for residents through our Holiday Recycling Guides, Recycling, and Reuse Directories. We will take your feedback into consideration as new programs are considered during Phase 2 of this project – the review and update of the Solid Waste Management Plan. During Phase 2, staff will work with community members to develop new guiding principle, programs, and services for how to manage solid waste on the coast for the next 10 years.</p>
35	Feedback Form	The proposed site for the new landfill site in Halfmoon Bay greatly concerns me as it has many underground streams and rock sub structure that could leach the garbage runoff into the ground water system.	<p>The SCRD is at the preliminary stage of siting a potential new landfill location as well as considering a transfer station for waste export. Additional technical studies and consultation need to take place before a new landfill site could be further considered.</p> <p>A Future Waste Disposal Options Analysis Study is currently underway to help direct the long-term plan for waste disposal in the region beyond the lifespan of the Sechelt Landfill. Siting and developing a new landfill is one of the options under consideration. Three preliminary locations have been identified in Electoral Area B (Halfmoon Bay) for consideration based on the requirements of the BC Landfill Criteria for Municipal Solid Waste.</p> <p>The preliminary results of the Future Waste Disposal Options Analysis Study are included in the following reports:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Future Waste Disposal Options Analysis Study – Results and Next Steps (see Annex B) https://www.scrd.ca/files/File/Administration/Agendas/2021/2021-JAN-20%20Special%20ISC%20Agenda%20Package.pdf 2. Sunshine Coast Regional District Future Waste Disposal Options Study Detailed Options Analysis (see Item No. 2a) https://www.scrd.ca/files/File/Administration/Agendas/2021/2021-JUL-08%20ISC%20Agenda%20Package%20-%20AMENDED.pdf
36	Feedback Form	I hope the SCRD gets professional environmental engineering surveys of any new waste management sites on the Sunshine Coast. The impact on the environment, nature and the surrounding ground water is of the utmost importance.	<p>Yes, this is part of the work that is required to be completed for any new waste management sites.</p>

37	Feedback Form	If temporary, would it be beneficial to include a written clause or resolution requiring the Boards appropriate-timeline review for the sustainability, costs to both the SCRD operational budget and taxpayers and the potential environmental impacts of sending off-coast? If there is a backup plan of sending it off-coast outlined within the plan, will this impact the SCRDs applicability or proof of urgency in provincial or federal grant or other support opportunities to getting the landfill situation handled long-term?	Exporting waste, if needed, would be a temporary measure until the long-term waste disposal option is finalized and a facility operational (be it a new landfill or a new transfer station for permanent waste export). Thus, the temporary measure would be replaced with the approved long-term waste disposal option. Adding the option to export waste out of the region to the current Solid Waste Management Plan will not impact the ability for the SCRD to site and seek approval for a new landfill or a new transfer station for waste export within the region. In order for a regional district to seek approval for a new landfill, the regional district must have public and local First Nation support, as well as meet the requirements of the BC Landfill Criteria for Municipal Solid Waste.
38	Feedback Form	Short term rentals is a market that needs to be guided on how to minimize waste. I lost count of how many times I see cleaning people drive to dump bags, empty beverage cans and bottles, etc in the dumpster behind my workplace. Commercial dumpsters should have user keypads on them as locks are many times not used.	Thank you for your suggestion. The SCRD has not explored developing resource materials targeting short-term rental owners before. We will take your feedback into consideration as new programs are considered during Phase 2 of this project – the review and update of the Solid Waste Management Plan. During Phase 2, staff will work with community members to develop new guiding principle, programs, and services for how to manage solid waste on the coast for the next 10 years.
39	Feedback Form	Communication using every means possible is imperative. The exporting of waste will probably result in an increase in fees for curbside collection and tipping. Before these increases are imposed the public should be informed frequently as to the status of the process.	Thank you for your suggestion. The SCRD is committed to providing updates to the community about the remaining capacity at the Sechelt Landfill and the importance of reducing waste as well as the future costs. Updates will be shared on the project website Let's Talk Trash (letstalk.scrd.ca/trash), on social media, and in the Coast Reporter Bulletin.
40	Feedback Form	All initiatives to increase diversion rates should be fast tracked in order to reduce the volume of exported waste	Thank you for your suggestion. The remaining initiatives underway are a food waste drop-off at the Pender Harbour Transfer Station and landfill disposal regulations for food waste, food soiled paper and paper for all sectors. Any new initiatives would be implemented after the completion of the updated Solid Waste Management Plan – Phase 2 of this project. During Phase 2, staff will work with community members to develop new guiding principle, programs, and services for how to manage solid waste on the coast for the next 10 years. The Phase 2 engagement is on track to launch in mid-2022. As well, services the SCRD provides to divert material from the Sechelt Landfill include providing recycling options at the Pender Harbour Transfer Station and Sechelt Landfill for: cardboard, gypsum, mattresses, metal, tires, propane tanks, paint (Sechelt Landfill only), cooking oil; curbside collection of garbage and food waste from residential properties within Electoral Areas B, D, E, and F. As well, the SCRD funds recycling services for residential packaging and paper products at the three recycling facilities (recycling depots), funds residential self-haul yard & garden green waste (and a depot dedicated to this green waste on the South Coast). The SCRD also provides curbside collection of food waste for those residences within the service area of Electoral Areas B, D, E and F. In addition, the SCRD provides resources for residents to reduce their waste through our Holiday Recycling Guides, Recycling, and Reuse Directories.
41	Feedback Form	What is the cost of doing this? Everything keeps going up with the public having to pick up the cost.	The cost of waste disposal affects the tipping fees and taxes a regional district must charge. The SCRD is required to operate a full-cost recovery model for solid waste services. With this in mind, waste export is more expensive compared to operating a local landfill. The current fee is \$150 per tonne as per SCRD Sanitary Landfill Site Bylaw No. 405, 1995. Nearby regional districts that export their waste charge between \$148 and \$235 per tonne for garbage. The proposed amendment to the Solid Waste Management Plan would add the option to temporarily export solid waste out of the region. This option would only be implemented if the Sechelt Landfill closes before a new long-term solid waste disposal facility is operational. If this short-term option needs to be implemented, the disposal fee for garbage will likely increase. Disposal fees are not known at this time and would be determined after completing a procurement process.

42	Feedback Form	I hope there will be surveys that talk about costs and benefits of all options and allow us to provide feedback	Yes, as part of Phase 2 of this project – the review and update of the Solid Waste Management Plan. During Phase 2, staff will work with community members to develop new guiding principle, programs, and services for how to manage solid waste on the coast for the next 10 years. At this time, potential options for long-term waste management will be shared with the public for review and feedback. The Phase 2 engagement is on track to launch in mid-2022.
43	Feedback Form	I am concerned this would be very expensive!	Waste export is more expensive compared to operating a local landfill. If this short-term option needs to be implemented, the disposal fee for garbage will likely increase. The current fee is \$150 per tonne as per SCRD Sanitary Landfill Site Bylaw No. 405, 1995. Nearby regional districts that export their waste charge between \$148 and \$235 per tonne for garbage. Disposal fees are not known at this time and would be determined after completing a procurement process

From: [Sharli Clayton](#)
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Date: Thursday, November 4, 2021 12:30:58 PM
Attachments: [Corporate EWS Presentation Nov 2021.ppsx](#)

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Subject: Re: Solid Waste Management Plan Update

External Message

Thank you for your response Andreas. There certainly is a website: ewscanada.com
Also, I'm attaching a very comprehensive PowerPoint Show that speaks to the technology and the company.
In a nutshell though, we view MSW as a raw material, rather than a waste problem. We use existing, and well proven, separation technology to remove glass, metal, and rocks, leaving us with only carbon-based waste. That waste is then emulsified, dried and pelleted.
These carbon-based pellets are then subjected to a high temperature in an oxygen deprived reactor bank, where the material is broken down into its constituent elements: gas, oil, and a solid called biochar. We are also able to make bio-coal from the pellets by adjusting system parameters.
We are a BC company, mind and management, with a technology that has been operating commercially for ~15 years. The technology was developed specifically to process crumb rubber from waste tires, however, after securing the rights to the technology we adapted it to run virtually all carbon-based waste.
Importantly, we have developed a business case that doesn't require a local government to cover the capital expenditures required to implement our technology. Given the cost of off-loading our waste, or building another landfill, I believe we offer a very practical and innovative alternative.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

On Thu, Nov 4, 2021 at 9:24 AM Andreas Tize <Andreas.Tize@scrd.ca> wrote:

Hi [REDACTED]

Thanks for your email. Is there some more information you can provide to give us an idea what you're proposing?

Is there a website or some information material?

Thanks,

Andreas

Andreas Tize
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I acknowledge that I live in Stelk'áya, in the territory of the Squamish First Nation, and work in the territory of the Shish'álh First Nation.

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: November 3, 2021 5:27:25 PM

To: Donna McMahon; Andreas Tize; Leonard Lee; Lori Pratt; Mark Hiltz; Infrastructure Generic Email; Selina August; Darnelda Siegers; Alton Toth; Bill Beamish; [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Solid Waste Management Plan Update

External Message

To the Board of Directors for the Sunshine Coast Regional District

My name is [REDACTED] my wife and I live in Woodcreek Park and we are members of the Woodcreek Park Neighbour Association. Sandra Cunningham, our Association President, recently forwarded to me an email from Alana Wittman that invited community input on the solid waste challenge faced by the Sunshine Coast.

In light of the climate crisis we are faced with, and the dire warnings issued at the COP26 Climate Summit, I believe the District actually has an opportunity to do something meaningful at this important juncture, rather than simply focus on another way of 'getting rid of our waste'.

I recently had the opportunity to speak with Dr. Eugene Tseng¹, who serves as the technical/regulatory advisory to the City of Los Angeles' Local Enforcement Agency and is the principal engineer for developing the national "EcoPark blueprint" concept for the U.S. Navy. In our conversation Dr. Tseng informed me that he had recently requested that NASA perform a satellite analysis of methane emissions in Southern California. They found that the greatest source of methane emissions was not industry or agriculture, it was the municipal and county landfills.

Methane is a far more potent greenhouse gas than CO₂, even though it only lasts about a decade in the atmosphere, whereas CO₂ persists for a couple of centuries. A continued rise in the amount of methane in the air could easily cancel out any near-term progress we make in reducing CO₂ emissions. Methane is the low-hanging fruit in the effort to combat planetary warming.²

But sending our solid waste off-coast more than perpetuates the production of methane, it also adds CO₂ to the atmosphere by way of transport. Ideally, we should process our waste where it is now, and we should process it via a means that mitigates the production of methane.

Toward that end I need to tell you that I am not only a property-tax payer (for 20 years) here on the Coast, I am also the CEO of a BC based company that has a technology that can accomplish that ideal. The technology can reduce climate change emissions by as much as 35%. It literally converts waste to valuable materials while virtually eliminating any need for landfill.

This is not 'theoretical'. It is not 'under development'. It is commercially running here in BC today, and I am able to arrange for you to visit an operating plant near Hope. Two previous generations of our technology have been operating commercially for the past 15+ years, and future plants will be even more advanced than our latest build.

I maintain that given the severity of the climate crisis that is already upon us, and is projected to worsen exponentially, we have a responsibility to at least do due diligence on a technology that can make a significant contribution to combating the crisis.

I invite you to meet with me to discuss how together we can solve the solid waste challenge here on the Coast, and combat climate change at the same time.

Sincerely,
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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1 Eugene Tseng is an Environmental Engineer / Attorney with 44 years of design, regulatory, and construction experience with MRFs, transfer stations, and Alternative Technology Facilities. He holds various process patents on new construction materials made from the recycled waste stream. Dr. Tseng is an Engineering professor at UCLA Extension's Recycling and MSW Management Program and also a law Professor with the University of West L.A. School of Law.

2 <https://theprint.in/environment/why-methane-is-a-far-more-dangerous-greenhouse-gas-than-carbon-dioxide/378858/>

Alana Wittman

From: Robyn Cooper
Sent: Friday, November 12, 2021 10:17 AM
To: Alana Wittman
Cc: Mia Edbrooke
Subject: FW: Lets Talk Trash Engagement, November 9, 2021

Hi Alana,

Can you please save this email string in the Engagement folder in Dr Know.

Thanks,
Robyn

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From: Robyn Cooper
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Subject: RE: Lets Talk Trash Engagement, November 9, 2021

Hi [REDACTED]

Thank you for attending the information session on Tuesday.

The Tetra Tech consulting work was awarded at \$101,577 as per the October 22, 2020 Board Minutes – please see page 9 of <https://www.scrd.ca/files/File/Administration/Minutes/2020/2020-OCT-22%20BRD%20Minutes.pdf>

As for your question regarding where the potential landfill site location decision making is at, any further decision making is on pause until additional expertise is brought on which we are hoping for by year-end. The results of this review we hope to have by end of Q1 2022.

Kind regards,
Robyn

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To: Infrastructure Generic Email <infrastructure@scrd.ca>
Subject: Lets Talk Trash Engagement, November 9, 2021

External Message

Good day Robyn,

Thanks for taking my questions and providing answers at this evening's presentation and discussion. One of the questions that you were unable to answer was the cost to date of the TetraTech consulting work with regard to their initial work that was presented to the Infrastructure Services Committee Meeting in [January 2021](#) and their follow up work that involved detailed drone studies over several potential sites in the Halfmoon Bay area. The latter work was presented at the [July 2021](#) Infrastructure Services Committee Meeting.

Also, I have emailed Mr Remko Rosenboom four times since July hoping to get a response to some of the Halfmoon Bay community concerns. Unfortunately, no reply to any of those emails. Perhaps you could shed some light on the concerns that I raised in my last email to Remko - a portion of that text is as follows.

Our community concerns really do need to be addressed. I have personally asked staff at the SCRD to provide a digital map showing the locations of the potential landfill sites that are under consideration. Nothing to date, so we have had to use screen shot maps from the YouTube of the SCRD Zoom Infrastructure Services Committee Meetings in January and July, 2021. Potential sites #3 and #4 (shown at the July Meeting) both have creeks or seasonal creeks running through the sites. These sites should not even be considered as potential locations, let alone having TetraTech run drone surveys over these specific sites. Site #3 is very close to Trout Lake and the scatter area could well include the Lake area. Also the seasonal creek that runs through the site will potentially take leached material and fluids into Kenyon Creek and on to Sergeant Bay. Site #4 has a year-round creek and wetland running through its centre, ultimately connecting to salmon habitat in Halfmoon Creek. Once again TetraTech decided to conduct a drone survey over totally unsuitable ground. The cost of these drone surveys will doubtless be met by the taxpayers but could have been way better spent.

At what stage is the SCRD with making a decision on the suitability of any of these potential sites and are you bringing in additional expertise as Mr Rosenboom suggested to the Committee in July?

Best regards, [REDACTED]

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Q Communication using every means possible is imperative. The exporting of waste will probably result in an increase in fees for curbside collection and tipping. Before these increases are imposed the public should be informed frequently as to the status of the process.

about 1 month ago

This question was submitted in an anonymous survey.

Thank you for your suggestion. The SCRD has not explored developing resource materials targeting short-term rental owners before. We will take your feedback into consideration as new programs are considered during Phase 2 of this project – the review and update of the Solid Waste Management Plan. During Phase 2, staff will work with community members to develop new guiding principle, programs, and services for how to manage solid waste on the coast for the next 10 years.



Q The short-term rentals is a market that needs to be guided on how to minimize waste.

about 1 month ago

This question was submitted in an anonymous survey.

Thank you for your suggestion. The SCRD is committed to providing updates to the community about the remaining capacity at the Sechelt Landfill and the importance of reducing waste, as well as the future costs. Updates will be shared on the project website Let's Talk Trash (letstalk.scrd.ca/trash), on social media, and in the Coast Reporter Bulletin.



Q I hope there will be surveys that talk about costs and benefits of all options and allow us to provide feedback.

about 1 month ago

This question was submitted in an anonymous survey.

Yes, as part of Phase 2 of this project – the review and update of the Solid Waste Management Plan. During Phase 2, staff will work with community members to develop new guiding principle, programs, and services for how to manage solid waste on the coast for the next 10 years. At this time, potential options for long-term waste management will be shared with the public for review and feedback. The Phase 2 engagement is on track to launch in mid-2022.



Q All initiatives to increase diversion rates should be fast tracked in order to reduce the volume of exported waste.

about 1 month ago

This question was submitted in an anonymous survey.

Thank you for your suggestion. The remaining initiatives underway are a food waste drop-off at the Pender Harbour Transfer Station and landfill disposal regulations for food waste, food soiled paper and paper for all sectors. Any new initiatives would be implemented after the completion of the updated Solid Waste Management Plan – Phase 2 of this project. During Phase 2, staff will work with community members to

develop new guiding principle, programs, and services for how to manage solid waste on the coast for the next 10 years. The Phase 2 engagement is on track to launch in mid-2022.

As well, services the SCRD provides to divert material from the Sechelt Landfill include providing recycling options at the Pender Harbour Transfer Station and Sechelt Landfill for: cardboard, gypsum, mattresses, metal, tires, propane tanks, paint (Sechelt Landfill only), cooking oil; curbside collection of garbage and food waste from residential properties within Electoral Areas B, D, E, and F. As well, the SCRD funds recycling services for residential packaging and paper products at the three recycling facilities (recycling depots), funds residential self-haul yard & garden green waste (and a depot dedicated to this green waste on the South Coast). The SCRD also provides curbside collection of food waste for those residences within the service area of Electoral Areas B, D, E and F.

In addition, the SCRD provides resources for residents to reduce their waste through our [Holiday Recycling Guides](#), [Recycling](#), and [Reuse](#) Directories.



Q Why only a 10-year plan. That means that in 8 years' time the process will have to be repeated. Is this a government standard to only plan for 10 years at a time? Does every municipality, regional district, and city have to spend money to assess, plan, submit and wait for provincial government approval every 10 years?

about 2 months ago

This question was submitted in an anonymous survey.

Great question! Solid Waste Management Plans are developed by all regional districts (not municipalities) based on the Province of BC's guidance document *A Guide to Solid Waste Management Planning* (Guide). The Guide recommends that regional districts review and update their plan about every 10 years.



Q Set up a coast-wide education and public information program on the importance of reusing and repurposing everything possible in our households, properties, and businesses. Repurposing and reusing could be educated out into the public, through schools to newspapers to council

meetings. It really is not an option, yet the focus on short-term (5-10 year) solutions that are in most cases not sustainable are still paramount. Shifting gears, educating, and prioritizing true sustainability in action, may be the best and most cost effective overall

about 2 month ago

This question was submitted in an anonymous survey.

Thank you for your suggestion. You have brought up some key values of responsible waste management to reduce and reuse so that we all produce less waste. These principles require the whole community to work together. The SCRD has supported this and provides resources for residents through our [Holiday Recycling Guides](#), [Recycling](#), and [Reuse](#) Directories. We will take your feedback into consideration as new programs are considered during Phase 2 of this project – the review and update of the Solid Waste Management Plan. During Phase 2, staff will work with community members to develop new guiding principles, programs, and services for how to manage solid waste on the coast for the next 10 years.



Q Could we have another Share Shed (with restrictions) and a woodpile that sold usable items?

about 2 months ago

This question was submitted in an anonymous survey.

Thank you for your question. Staff have documented your suggestion and will explore the idea during Phase 2 of this project – the review and update of the Solid Waste Management Plan. During Phase 2, staff will work with community members to develop new guiding principles, programs, and services for how to manage solid waste on the coast for the next 10 years.



Q Is the SCRD close to finalizing a new landfill site?

about 2 month ago

This question was submitted in an anonymous survey.

The SCRD is at the preliminary stage of siting a potential new landfill location as well as considering a transfer station for waste export. Additional technical studies and consultation need to take place before a new landfill site could be further considered.

A Future Waste Disposal Options Analysis Study is currently underway to help direct the long term plan for waste disposal in the region beyond the lifespan of the Sechelt Landfill. Siting and developing a new landfill is one of the options under consideration. Three preliminary locations have been identified in Electoral Area B (Halfmoon Bay) for consideration based on the requirements of the [BC Landfill Criteria for Municipal Solid Waste](#).

The preliminary results of the Future Waste Disposal Options Analysis Study are included in the following reports

1 Future Waste Disposal Options Analysis Study Results and Next Steps (see Annex B) <https://www.scrd.ca/files/File/Administration/Agendas/2021/2021-JAN-20%20Special%20ISC%20Agenda%20Package.pdf>

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Q Waste to energy seems like the best idea Why is it “not feasible”?

about 2 month ago

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Our initial findings are that waste to energy is not feasible and is the most expensive option. This is due to the high cost for our small population and the complex regulatory approval process. Waste-to-energy involves a high level of pre-approval investment and high future liabilities, specifically high ongoing operational costs and decommissioning costs. Our small population also does not generate enough waste in a year to make operation of the facility cost effective Based on the findings, the SCRD Board has directed staff to focus on advancing a detailed analysis of siting a new landfill and waste export.

For additional information on the preliminary results of the Future Waste Disposal Options Analysis Study, please review the following reports

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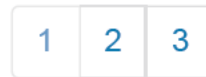
Q Can the SCRD start exporting waste now in order to extend the life of the Sechelt Landfill?

about 2 months ago

This question was submitted in an anonymous survey.

Thank you for your question. The SCRD cannot begin exporting waste until the option has been added to the region's Solid Waste Management Plan and approved by the Province of BC. Phase 1 of this project is seeking approval to add this option to the Solid Waste Management Plan. If the option is approved, the SCRD will then be allowed to export waste out of the region. The SCRD does not plan to start exporting waste before it is necessary because exporting waste is more expensive than disposal at a local landfill.

The SCRD has several programs in place that help divert waste from the landfill, such as wood, metal, recyclables, and food waste. If the community is able to greatly reduce its waste, stretching the life of the landfill is possible.



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Q has the area around the existing landfill in roberts creek area D been cleaned up

douglas asked, 2 months ago

Thank you for your question. Clean-ups in the land parcel adjacent to the landfill are completed twice per year. As well, there are volunteers who complete clean-ups periodically throughout the year. To help prevent litter from migrating off-site, we are required to apply daily, intermediate, and final cover. For daily cover, we use “Iron Grizzly” metal plates, whereas intermediate and final cover is soil material. We also install “snow” fencing near the active face to catch potential windblown litter from leaving the site.



Q can you list the existing programs that are aimed to reduce land fill, we know the organics removed is to protect the animals, but other than that program...what is going on to reduce garbage

douglas asked, 2 months ago

Thank you for your question. Services we provide to reduce the amount of material that is buried in the Sechelt Landfill include providing recycling options at the Pender Harbour Transfer Station and Sechelt Landfill for: cardboard, gypsum, mattresses, metal, tires, propane tanks, paint (Sechelt Landfill only), cooking oil; curbside collection of garbage and food waste from residential properties within Electoral Areas B, D, E, and F. As well, the SCRD funds recycling services for residential packaging and paper products at the three recycling facilities (recycling depots), funds residential self-haul yard & garden green waste (and a depot dedicated to this green waste on the South Coast). In addition, the SCRD provides resources for residents to reduce their waste through our [Holiday Recycling Guides](#), [Recycling](#), and [Reuse](#) Directories.

During the SCRD's most recent [waste composition study](#), we found that over 44% of what was in our residential "garbage" collection was organic waste (food scraps and food-soiled paper) and 25% was recyclables. If the community is able to greatly reduce its waste and we can stretch the landfill life, we might not need this backup plan that we are seeking approval for.



Q Is there actually a long term plan fir this coast or are all drastic situations knee jerk reactions? Shouldn't this have been the the long term planning years ago?? I would like some idea of where you are at in this process or are you just starting this 2022. Seems a bit late

Steve asked, 2 months ago

Thank you for your question. Regional District Solid Waste Management Plans are intended to be approximately 10-year plans. The SCRD's plan was adopted in 2011 and thus is approaching the end of its lifecycle. The SCRD's 2011 SWMP only included the Pender Harbour Landfill (closed in 2015) and the Sechelt Landfill as waste disposal options. The updated plan (essentially a new plan), which is underway, will include the future waste disposal option.

We acknowledge that it would be great if such planning was initiated 10, 15, or even 20 years ago. However, staff are working as diligently as possible to work towards the future waste disposal option for the Sunshine Coast.



Q Why on earth has the SCRD left the planning of an alternative to the existing Sechelt Waste management facility to the last minute? It is clear that we will have to be exporting our waste for some undetermined period at a greatly increased cost. Does the SCRD not have 30 year plans or even 10 year plans? This is very similar to the water crisis situation we have been experiencing for some years and obviously will be for some time into the future,. We have to do better.

Greg Deacon asked, 2 months ago

Thank you for your question. We acknowledge that it would be great if such planning was initiated 10, 15, or even 20 years ago. However, staff are working as diligently as possible to work towards the future waste disposal option for the Sunshine Coast.



Q How can the SCRD justify higher taxes and tipping fees when we are already the highest in North America?

3 months ago

This question was submitted in an anonymous survey.

The cost of waste disposal affects the tipping fees and taxes a regional district must charge. The SCRD is required to operate a full-cost recovery model for solid waste services including contributions towards landfill closure costs.

Waste export is more expensive compared to operating a local landfill. If this short-term option needs to be implemented, the disposal fee for garbage will likely increase.

It should be noted the SCRD does not have the lowest or the highest tipping fees in North America. The SCRD's current tipping fee is \$150 per tonne as per [SCRD Sanitary Landfill Site Bylaw No. 405, 1995](#). Nearby regional districts that export their waste charge between \$148 and \$235 per tonne for garbage.



Q How much will waste export cost?

3 months ago

This question was submitted in an anonymous survey.

Waste export is more expensive compared to operating a local landfill. The current fee is \$150 per tonne as per [SCRD Sanitary Landfill Site Bylaw No. 405, 1995](#). Nearby regional districts that export their waste charge between \$148 and \$235 per tonne for garbage.

The proposed amendment to the Solid Waste Management Plan would add the option to temporarily export solid waste out of the region. This option would only be implemented if the Sechelt Landfill closes before a new long term solid waste disposal facility is operational. If this short-term option needs to be implemented, the disposal fee for garbage will likely increase.



Q What environmental and safety measures are in place to ensure safe transportation of waste?

3 months ago

This question was submitted in an anonymous survey.

The provincial government sets the standards that all regional districts, municipalities, and commercial enterprises are required to follow. The SCRD is required to comply with these standards for local waste hauling or waste export out of the region.



Q Do we know where the waste would be sent to and if into the US, would we have a backup plan if borders closed again (e.g., COVID-19) or if weather disrupted barging?

3 months ago

This question was submitted in an anonymous survey.

Great question! This would be determined through a procurement process, should the SCRD need to temporarily export waste.



Q Who will be contracted to barge the waste?

3 months ago

This question was submitted in an anonymous survey.

This is not known at this time and would be determined through a procurement process, should the SCRD need to temporarily export waste.



Q Is the SCRD charging additional waste disposal fees to new homes and developments?

3 months ago

This question was submitted in an anonymous survey.

There are no separate solid waste disposal fees for new residential dwellings built within the region. All residential dwellings, existing and new, in the curbside collection service area (currently Areas B, D, E, F) are automatically enrolled in the curbside collection program and are required to pay the service fee for curbside collection.

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Q Where would the waste be barged from? Would the loading/unloading and transportation of the waste affect traffic?

3 months ago

This question was submitted in an anonymous survey.

Should the SCRD need to temporarily export waste, it has been proposed that waste will continue to be delivered and sorted at the Pender Harbour Transfer Station and the Sechelt Landfill. Where and how the waste would be transported off-coast would be determined through a procurement process.

The impacts to traffic could be determined through a Traffic Impact Study, should the SCRD need to temporarily export waste and it is determined such a study would be required.



Q Could a small incinerator start the job until a long-term solution is found?

3 months ago

This question was submitted in an anonymous survey.

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Our initial findings are that an incinerator, also known as waste-to-energy, is not feasible for the Sunshine Coast due to the high cost for our small population and the complex regulatory approval process. Incineration involves a high level of pre-approval investment and high future liabilities (high ongoing operational costs and decommissioning costs).

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Phase 2 of this project will focus on identifying new potential long-term waste disposal options. The update process requires a complete review and evaluation of the 2011 Solid Waste Management Plan's guiding principles, waste reduction targets, programs, and services. A new Solid Waste Management Plan will be drafted based on technical studies that identify a new long-term waste disposal option and further engagement with the community.



Q Where would the waste be exported?

3 months ago

This question was submitted in an anonymous survey.

This would be determined through a procurement process, should the SCRD need to temporarily export waste. In BC, some regional districts export solid waste to another landfill within the province, such as the Cache Creek Landfill, or to the United States, such as the Roosevelt Landfill in Washington.



Q Phase 1 is weak and terribly costly, why not being responsible and take the problem to the source? Why are you not taxing shops, restaurants and consumers that buy packaged products and single use products? Change bad habits that create those mountains of trash: Halloween, CHRISTMAS, birthdays, etc...Paper or plastic plates, cutlery and glasses banished

vl asked, 3 months ago

Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts with us. You have brought up some key values of responsible waste management to reduce and reuse so that we all produce less waste. These principles require the whole community to work together. The Regional District has supported this and provides resources for residents through our Holiday Recycling Guides, Recycling & Reuse Directories.

For regulating businesses (e.g. ban single-use items from being sold/provided), unfortunately, in BC, regional districts do not have the authority to do so, only municipalities do.

For taxing products, most packaging already includes the fee for recycling, and there is some work being done by the Provincial Government to include more single-use items in the BC Recycling Regulation. Please check out their Extended Producer Responsibility Five-Year Action Plan 2021-2026 here:

https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/environment/waste-management/recycling/recycle/extended_producer_five_year_action_plan.pdf

Further, the Phase 1 portion of this project should be considered as a backup plan, only to be used if we need it. Since the timelines are so close for when the landfill might close and when a new disposal option can be ready for us, we need a backup plan. If the community is able to greatly reduce its waste and we can stretch the landfill life, we might not need this backup plan that we are seeking approval for.

The Phase 2 portion of this project which is to update the Solid Waste Management Plan (basically, a new plan), is a great opportunity for the community to get together and set priorities to manage our waste into the future. We encourage you to participate.



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SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT STAFF REPORT

TO: Infrastructure Services Committee – February 3, 2022

AUTHOR: Jen Callaghan, Water Sustainability Coordinator

SUBJECT: DROUGHT RESPONSE PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS 2022

RECOMMENDATION(S)

THAT the report titled Drought Response Plan Recommendations 2022 be received;

AND THAT the Drought Response Plan be updated to reflect the proposed updates outlined in Attachment A of the report titled Drought Response Plan Recommendations 2022;

AND FURTHER THAT SCRD Water Rates and Regulations Bylaw No. 422 be amended to align with the proposed updates outlined in Attachment A of the report titled Drought Response Plan Recommendations 2022.

BACKGROUND

Staff initiated a review of the Drought Management Plan, an SCRD Board policy, and the associated *SCRD Water Rates and Regulation Bylaw No. 422, 1995* (Bylaw 422) to update the Water Conservation Regulation provisions. The areas considered were based on staff experiences and observations through the summer months, including community interactions, water meter data, and patrols.

This internal review included:

- Policy and bylaw definitions
- Effectiveness of temporary lawn watering permits
- Allowable watering times of micro-irrigation, drip-irrigation and hand watering
- Commercial farms

The regulatory approach developed aims to meet the needs of the community, provide clear communication, efficient administration, and clarity for enforcement. This report presents recommendations that would be brought forward for further consideration through Bylaw 422 amendments in Spring 2022.

DISCUSSION

Definitions (Section 3.0)

Micro-irrigation and drip-irrigation

In 2021, staff observed high levels of water use from select properties with micro-irrigation systems installed. The presence of these systems was confirmed through conversations with

properties owner. Due to the large size of the systems, system components, and duration of use, some properties were observed in the top category for residential water use during Stages 2 and 3.

Staff recommend the current definition for “micro-irrigation or drip-irrigation system” be updated to exclude less efficient technologies like micro-irrigation. Water demand of micro-irrigation systems can vary widely depending on the system components. For example, micro-irrigation systems with spray emitters must operate at higher water pressures compared to drip-irrigation systems and use more water demand as a result. Staff also seek to clarify the volumetric criteria applies to each emitter in the system.

Staff recommend removing “micro-irrigation or drip-irrigation system” and replacing with:

- “Drip-irrigation System” means an irrigation system that operates at a pressure less than 138 kPa (20 psi) and delivers water directly to the plant root zone through individual emission points or emitters using droplets of water where each emitter uses less than 7.6 litres per hour, and excludes sprinkler irrigation systems, micro-spray systems, misting systems, and soaker hoses.

Person and Sprinkler

Staff recommend updating the definitions for “Person” and “Sprinkler” as follows to align the Drought Response Plan and Bylaw 422.

Replace “Person” with the Bylaw 422 definition:

- “Person” includes any corporation, partnership or party and heirs, executors, administrators, or other legal representatives of such person, to whom the context can apply according to law.

Replace “Sprinkler” to align with the Bylaw 422 and expand the definition further to include the types of watering systems:

- “Sprinkler” means the application or distribution of water on gardens, lawns or grounds by sprinkling or spraying, including sprinkler irrigation systems, micro-spray systems, misting systems, weeper hoses, and soaker hoses, but excluding hand watering or drip-irrigation.

Watering times for hand watering and drip-irrigation

Hand watering and drip-irrigation systems are exempted from Stage 1 to 3 Water Conservation Regulations to help promote the adoption of these watering methods. However, there are staff and community concerns that a significant amount of water use can occur when no limits are in place, even with efficient watering technologies or watering by hand. Staff received complaints from the public, specific to watering of non-food producing plants, of daily extensive hand watering observed. Through patrols, staff had interactions with properties that left hoses running in yards as a means to water their garden. Drip-irrigation systems and hoses left operating for extended periods of time resulted in complaints from neighbours experiencing run-off in their yards.

High temperatures drive more hand watering and drip-irrigation during times of extended drought. Based on public complaints and staff observations, defining maximums for watering times and promoting watering during times of lower evaporation is recommended.

Staff recommend defining allowable hours for hand-watering and drip-irrigation as follows:

- Stage 2: Trees, flowers, shrubs. Up to 4 hours per day permitted, between 7:00 am and 9:00 am, and 7:00 pm and 9:00 pm.
- Stage 3: Food producing plants and trees. Up to 2 hours per day permitted, between 7:00 am and 8:00 am, and 7:00 pm and 8:00 pm.

Staff also recommend removing reference to micro-irrigation, as described in the definition recommendations above.

Temporary Permit to Establish New Lawn

Staff reviewed temporary lawn watering permits due to concerns of alignment with the Drought Response Plan approach to reduce water demand from lawn watering and staff hours associated with issuing permits. Activities like lawn watering can use a significant amount of water. In 2019, the SCRD introduced changes to the Drought Response Plan that prevent lawn watering at and after Stage 2 (Moderate Supply Conditions) Water Conservation Regulations, to conserve community water supply for other priorities such as growing food during the summer months.

Temporary Lawn Watering Permits are for establishing new lawns (seed or sod), are available to residents and businesses for \$50 per property, and allow watering beyond authorized times. Permit holders must post their permit in a visible location and follow a prescribed watering schedule. Permits are only issued during Stage 1 (Normal Water Supply Conditions) and are valid for a 21 day period or until Stage 3 (Acute Water Supply Conditions) is declared. Approximately 50 staff hours are dedicated to permits each year.

Seasonal timing considerations for planting lawns and issuing permits

Spring typically provides good growing conditions for grass seed to germinate, grow quickly, and establish good roots before dry summer weather arrives. In September, cooling temperatures and increasing amounts of nighttime dew, together with slightly warm soil temperatures, help to create good conditions for sowing and re-establishing lawns.

Temporary permits issued during the onset of drought conditions are not likely to support the successful establishment of new lawns during high temperatures and low soil moisture. In 2021, this resulted in several non-compliances with Water Conservation Regulations. Furthermore, permits are valid for 21 days and can be active during Stage 2, allowing property owners and contractors to continue sprinkling lawns in Stage 2. Lawn watering in Stage 2 can be seen as misaligned with the Drought Response Plan. In 2021, about 50% of permits issued remained active during Stage 2.

Staff present the following options to restrict the use of temporary lawn permits.

Option A: Remove Temporary Lawn Watering Permit option from Bylaw 422. Starting May 1 each year, under Stage 1, lawn watering would be permitted 2 days per week, 7 am to 8 am.

Option B: To encourage planting prior to the onset of seasonal drought, provide a predictable schedule, and eliminate lawn watering during Stage 2:

- Permits for watering to establish a new lawn would only be issued until June 1 each year and be valid for a period of 21 days, or until Stage 2 is declared, whichever comes first.
 - A permit will be issued to an owner or occupier one time only per year.

- SCRD will revoke a permit if a person is in contravention of permit conditions.

Staff recommend Option A.

Commercial Farm Exemptions from Stage 4

In 2021, SCRD experienced the earliest historical implementation of Stage 4 due to above average temperatures and extended drought. SCRD Directors approved a two-week exemption for those registered as commercial farms by BC Assessment. In total, 13 farms registered for the Stage 4 exemption from Water Conservation Regulations between August 21 to 31, 2021.

At the Infrastructure Services Committee meeting on January 13, 2022, the SCRD Board received communication from the Sunshine Coast Farmers Institute, requesting a permanent exemption from Stage 4 Water Conservation Regulations for commercial farms. It should be noted that water use for livestock is currently already exempt from Water Conservation Regulations in all Stages.

The topic of exemption from Stage 4 Water Conservation Regulations was last addressed in the April 18, 2019 staff report to the Infrastructure Services Committee on the 2019 Drought Management Plan. At the time, the SCRD Board approved reducing the hours permitted for lawn watering to provide water savings in support of food production, including exemptions in Stages 1, 2, and 3 for food producing farms paying a metered rate. Given the severity of water supply challenges at Stage 4, an exemption for food commercial farms was not recommended in 2019.

Stage 4 Water Conservation Regulations are the final step where essential water use is prioritized for human health, fire protection, and environmental flow needs, prior to enacting emergency measures. It is a time when the community works together to reduce water use in all areas, including following the ban on all outdoor water use. In addition, staff reach out to commercial and institutional water users to implement voluntary reductions or reschedule activities that use large amounts of water until Stage 4 is deactivated.

Staff present the following options.

Option A: No change to Stage 4 Water Conservation Regulations, meaning commercial farms observe ban on outdoor water use, except for essential water for livestock. Staff will communicate directly with commercial farms during the summer to provide updates on community water supply conditions to increase their awareness of when Stage 4 might be activated.

Option B: Allow for a 2-week exemption for commercial farms at the start of Stage 4. Include and promote language of voluntary conservation.

Staff recommend Option A.

Timeline for next steps

Based on the direction received, staff will update the Drought Response Plan and Bylaw 422 for the Board's consideration at a future meeting.

Communications Strategy

Should there be changes to the Drought Response Plan, staff would:

- Update Communications Plan for the Drought Response Plan, including:
 - Charts, signs, FAQs
 - Direct mail out for all SCRD water customers
 - News release announcing changes
 - Full page ads in local media providing further information on the changes and context for their implementation
- Initiate direct email communication to and virtual information sessions for local landscaping companies about temporary lawn watering permits and definitions of drip-irrigation systems.
- Develop communications to support resident awareness of drip-irrigation criteria and adoption of efficient irrigation techniques.
- Initiate direct communication with and virtual information session for commercial farms to provide drought condition updates, in summer and fall, including likelihood of Stage 4.
- Promote programs like the Rainwater Harvesting Rebate.

STRATEGIC PLAN AND RELATED POLICIES

Strategic Focus Area 2.1: Review and update Drought Response Plan to ensure alignment with water supply capacity.

CONCLUSION

Staff initiated a review of the Drought Management Plan, and the associated *SCRD Water Rates and Regulation Bylaw No. 422, 1995* (Bylaw 422) to update the Water Conservation Regulation provisions. The review and update of the Drought Response Plan allows the SCRD to meet the needs of the community, provide clear communication, efficient administration, and clarity for enforcement.

The proposed changes to the Drought Response Plan include updating terms and definitions, adding new regulations in Stage 2 and 3 to limit times to water trees, shrubs, flowers by hand, or drip-irrigation, and eliminating Temporary Lawn Watering Permits.

Should there be changes to the Drought Response Plan, staff would adjust relevant communication plans and outreach materials. Staff would contact local landscaping companies and residents regarding changes to the lawn permits, and develop materials raise awareness about efficient irrigation techniques. Staff would also reach out to commercial farms to provide relevant updates, such as seasonal drought conditions.

If the Board approves the staff recommendations presented in this report, staff would prepare an updated Drought Response Plan and Bylaw 422 for the Board's consideration.

Attachment A: Overview of proposed amendments Drought Response Plan

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Attachment A: Overview of proposed amendments Drought Response Plan

Section	Current	Proposal
3.0	"Micro-irrigation or Drip-irrigation System" means a system using irrigation components which consume less than 76 litres per hour and operate at 25 psi or less to deliver water to the root zone of the plant material being irrigated.	"Drip-irrigation System" means an irrigation system that operates at a pressure less than 138 kPa (20 psi) and delivers water directly to the root zone of the plant by means of individual emission points or emitters using droplets of water where each emitter use less than 7.6 litres per hour, and excludes sprinkler irrigation systems, micro-spray systems, misting systems, weeper hoses, and soaker hoses.
3.0	"Person" shall include an individual, a corporation, a firm or a partnership.	"Person" includes any corporation, partnership or party and heirs, executors, administrators, or other legal representatives of such person, to whom the context can apply according to law.
3.0	"Sprinkler" means a hose-connected or other sprinkler system, including automatic in-ground systems and weeper/soaker hoses, but excludes a micro-irrigation or drip-irrigation system (see definition above).	"Sprinkler" means the application or distribution of water on gardens, lawns or grounds by sprinkling or spraying, including sprinkler irrigation systems, micro-spray systems, misting systems, weeper hoses, and soaker hoses, but excludes hand watering or drip-irrigation (see definition above).
All		Remove "micro-irrigation"
6.2 (b) NEW		use hand watering or drip-irrigation to water trees, shrubs and flowers only during the following scheduled times: between the hours of 7:00 am and 9:00 am; and 7:00 pm and 9:00 pm any day of the week.
6.2 (d)	at any time water trees, shrubs, flowers and food producing plants and trees by hand-held hose equipped with a spray-trigger nozzle, hand-held container, micro-irrigation, or drip-irrigation;	at any time water food producing plants and trees by hand-held hose equipped with a spray-trigger nozzle, hand-held container, or drip-irrigation;
6.2 (f)	not water lawns, except under the authority of an existing New Lawn Watering Permit, in which case lawn watering is allowed on any day from	No lawn watering in Stage 2

Section	Current	Proposal
	7:00 am to 9:00 am and from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm during the remaining term of the Permit or until Stage 3 is declared. No new Permits will be issued during Stage 2;	
6.3 (a)	at any time use a hand-held hose equipped with a spray-trigger nozzle, hand-held container, micro-irrigation or drip-irrigation system to water food producing plants and trees;	use a hose equipped with a spray-trigger nozzle, a hand-held container, or drip-irrigation system to water i. trees, shrubs, and flowers only between the hours of 7:00 am and 8:00 am or 7:00 pm and 8:00 pm (up to 1 hour per day) any day of the week; ii. food producing plants and trees between the hours of 7:00 am and 8:00 am and 7:00 pm and 8:00 pm (up to 2 hours per day) any day of the week;
6.3 (b)	use a hose equipped with a spray-trigger nozzle, a hand-held container, micro-irrigation or drip-irrigation system to water trees, shrubs, and flowers only between the hours of 7:00 am and 8:00 am or 7:00 pm and 8:00 pm any day of the week;	Remove
6.3		Renumber as a result of removing 6.3 (b)
All		Removing reference to "Temporary Lawn Watering Permit"
Section 9	Section 9.0 Permits	Delete Section 9.0 Permits

SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT STAFF REPORT

TO: Infrastructure Services Committee – February 3, 2022

AUTHOR: Remko Rosenboom, General Manager, Infrastructure Services

SUBJECT: PROPOSED ENGAGEMENT WITH COMMERCIALY CLASSIFIED FARMS

RECOMMENDATION(S)

THAT the report titled Proposed Engagement with Commercial Classified Farms be received;

AND THAT staff engage with farmers on the proposals outlined in this report and present a report with recommended next steps to an Infrastructure Services Committee meeting by Q3 2022.

BACKGROUND

The Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) distributes and regulates drinking water through the Drought Response Plan and *SCRD Water Rates and Regulation Bylaw No. 422* (Bylaw 422), for residential, industrial and commercial users. There are exemptions for commercial food producing farms in the Drought Response Plan, and last summer the SCRD Board provided an additional exemption to properties that maintain Farm Classification under the *British Columbia (BC) Assessment Authority Act*. There is currently no definition for commercial farms, and farms that can access the same exemption currently pay a residential flat or a commercial metered rate.

The purpose of this report is to outline a proposal to define commercial farms in SCRD regulations, describe how this definition would impact the application of water conservation regulations exemptions and water fees for commercial farms, and present an engagement strategy.

DISCUSSION

Farm activities occur throughout the region. Currently, different farms pay different rates to the SCRD, and there is a lack of clarity about which farms qualify for which exemptions. Property classification is one way to differentiate farms through the Drought Response Plan.

In 2019, the SCRD took the first steps to improve the approach for regulating commercial farms. Commercial farms are referred to in the Drought Response Plan as “commercial food producing farms paying a metered rate for water”. The SCRD invited commercial food producing farms to confirm their status under the *BC Assessment Authority Act* and voluntarily request the commercial metered rate to access an exemption from the Stage 1, 2 and 3 water conservation regulations. Since then, six farms contacted the SCRD for this purpose resulting in now 11 farms paying the commercial rate and qualifying for the associated water regulation exemptions.

The current approach contributes to confusion and inconsistency amongst property owners undertaking agricultural activities, and a more comprehensive approach for commercial farms is needed. Staff proposed the following changes to the Drought Response Plan, as follows:

- Add the definition “Commercial Farms”, meaning a property classified as a farm for taxation purposes under the *British Columbia Assessment Authority Act*;
- Add “Commercial Farms” to the list of property types identified as using water for processing in Bylaw 422 and apply the commercial metered rate; and,
- All commercial farms qualify for the Stage 1, 2, and 3 exemptions from outdoor water conservation regulations by updating the term “commercial food producing farms” to “Commercial Farms”.

Add the Definition “Commercial Farms”

Adding a definition for “Commercial Farms” would clarify the interpretation of water conservation regulations and SCRD utility rates. While commercial farms would qualify for the applicable exemptions from water conservation regulations, all other food growers using SCRD potable water are regulated as domestic water users and water conservation regulations apply at each stage. A clear definition for commercial farms would also make utility billing more consistent, where the metered rate would apply to a property designation, rather than an activity or crop type.

Meter Commercial Farms

There are currently 51 properties in the region classified as farms with BC Assessment. Of these, 38 farms have a water meter installed. The SCRD proposes to install a water meter at the 13 farms that are not currently metered.

Section 15.1 of Bylaw 422 indicates a meter shall be installed on the premises where water is used for commercial purposes and the metered rate is applied. Commercial farms are not listed as a commercial water user. Currently, 11 commercial farms pay a metered rate for water while the remaining farms pay a flat residential rate. With the proposed water meter installations, the metered rate would be applied to all “Commercial Farms” starting in 2023. Commercial farms transitioning to a metered rate may see an increase to water fees during peak use (July, August, September), but are estimated to be closer to the equivalent flat rate charge during the remaining months. Having all farms with the BC Assessment farm designation on a commercial metered rate would be a fairer approach and incentivise the implementation of water conservation measures.

Apply Stage 1, 2, 3 Exemptions to Commercial Farms

As mentioned above, commercial food producing farms can access exemptions from outdoor water conservation regulations in Stages 1, 2, and 3 if they pay the commercial metered rate. Staff propose to update the exemption language from “commercial food producing farms” to the new term “Commercial Farms”, to provide staff with more clarity as to how exemptions and Bylaw 422 should be applied, including during enforcement.

In conclusion, the proposed changes combined would ensure all commercially classified farms would be subject to the same water conservation regulations and rate structure, and as a result, increase the understanding and enforceability of relevant SCRD bylaws and water conservation.

Timeline for next steps

SCRD staff would engage with the relevant property owners on the proposals and will report back to the Board by Q3 2022 with a report summarizing the engagement feedback and recommended next steps. This timeline would allow for any changes to be effective by January 1, 2023.

Communication Strategy

Staff would run a targeted engagement program on the proposals outlined in this report. Staff would mail out materials and hold an information session to discuss the proposals and seek feedback. Any comments received will be summarised in an engagement summary report that will be presented at a future Infrastructure Services Committee meeting.

STRATEGIC PLAN AND RELATED POLICIES

Strategic Focus Area 2.1: Review and update Drought Response Plan to ensure alignment with water supply capacity.

CONCLUSION

Staff identified several inconsistencies in the SCRD's approach to commercial food producing farms as it relates to the SCRD Drought Response Plan and SCRD *Water Rates and Regulation Bylaw No. 422*. Staff propose adding a definition for "Commercial Farms", adding "Commercial Farms" to the list of property types identified as using water for processing in Bylaw 422 and apply the commercial metered rate, and that all commercial farms qualify for the exemptions from outdoor water conservation regulations in Stages 1 to 3 of the Drought Response Plan. Staff recommend engaging with farms that may be affected by the proposals, and to report back to the SCRD Board by Q3 2022.

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SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT STAFF REPORT

TO: Infrastructure Services Committee – February 3, 2022

AUTHOR: Trevor Rutley, Capital Projects Senior Coordinator

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL 2137020 CONTRACT AWARD FOR EASTBOURNE
GROUNDWATER DEVELOPMENT

RECOMMENDATION(S)

THAT the report titled Request for Proposal 2137020 Contract Award for Eastbourne Groundwater Development be received;

AND THAT a contract for hydrogeological and engineering services be awarded to ISL Engineering and Land Services Ltd. in the amount up to \$345,000 (excluding GST);

AND FURTHER THAT the delegated authorities be authorized to execute the contract.

BACKGROUND

In 2020, the SCRD initiated the Eastbourne Groundwater Feasibility Study, which consisted of analyzing the water supply deficit for the Eastbourne Water System, assessing potential options for groundwater supply expansion, and performing preliminary testing and analysis of a private well in the vicinity of the Eastbourne Water System. The Feasibility Study, completed by ISL Engineering and Land Services Ltd. (ISL) concluded with the recommendation to develop at least one additional well in the Eastbourne System.

As part of the 2021 Budget Process, the Board made the following resolution related to the Eastbourne Groundwater Development project:

046/21 (in part) **Recommendation No. 69** *Regional Water Service [370] – 2021 R1 Budget Proposals*

THAT the following budget proposals be approved and incorporated into the 2021 Round 2 Budget:

- Budget Proposal 11 – Eastbourne Groundwater Development, \$350,000 funded from Capital Reserves (\$107,406), Electoral Area F – Federal Gas Tax Community Works Funding (\$44,594) and Development Cost Charges (\$198,000);

The scope of work approved under the above budget proposal included the completion of technical analysis and engage in negotiations with a private well owner with the intention of the SCRD securing access to and use of surplus water from the private well for use in the Eastbourne System. In the event that the private well arrangement is found to be untenable, the budget provides for a pivot to a test well drilling program with the intention of finding a new source of

groundwater for the Eastbourne System. Under either scenario, the scope also includes analysis of developing more water storage options for the Eastbourne System.

The purpose of this report is to request approval for the execution of the contract to complete the next phase of the Eastbourne Groundwater Development.

DISCUSSION

RFP Response

In December 2021, a Request for Proposal (RFP) 2137020 was issued to secure a hydrogeological and engineering consultant to complete the development of additional groundwater source(s) for the Eastbourne System. The consultant will complete technical analysis of the existing private well near the Eastbourne System and will provide support to the SCRD in negotiations with both the well owner and the external permitting agencies including Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) and the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operation, and Rural Development (FLNRORD).

Depending on the results of these discussions, the consultant will either complete engineering design for infrastructure required to connect the private well to the Eastbourne System, or will move on to a test well drilling program consisting of one to three additional new test wells.

Two compliant bids were received in response to the RFP. A summary of the proponents and bid prices is provided below.

Proponent	Total Bid Price
ISL Engineering and Land Services Ltd.	\$145,836
Kalwij Water Dynamics	\$129,185

Led by the SCRD's Purchasing Department, the evaluation team independently reviewed and scored the proposals based on the evaluation criteria set out in the RFP. Based on this evaluation, ISL was the highest ranked submittal and staff recommend the Eastbourne Groundwater Development Contract be awarded to ISL.

Contract Award

When the budget project was approved in 2021, Board direction was given to prioritize the negotiation with the private well owner for shared use of that water supply source. Given this, staff will work with ISL toward that goal with the intention of bringing forward an Agreement for Board approval at a future date.

In the event that the private well is determined to no longer be a feasible option, staff will direct ISL to proceed with the test well drilling program. The test well program will proceed until a well is developed that meets the supply objective of 0.3 l/s, or the project budget is exhausted. Staff will keep the Committee apprised of the project status through the quarterly reports.

While for the purpose of the evaluation of the bids, only one well was included in the above bid response amount, the 2021 Budget Approval considered the drilling of up to three test wells. To reduce the need for additional Board approval to amend the contract to facilitate the drilling of the test wells, staff recommend that the contract with ISL also includes the additional budget for the drilling of up to three test wells, if necessary. Considerable additional costs would be occurred if the drilling program had to halt while staff would seek Board approval for a contract amendment to drill the required additional wells.

Staff therefore recommend that a contract in the amount of up to \$345,000 be awarded to ISL for this project.

Financial Implications

The recommended contract value of \$345,000 is within the allocated budget amount of \$350,000. Consequently, an amendment to the 2021-2026 Financial Plan is not required.

This includes a small contingency allowance of \$8,582 which would be available for additional consulting fees in the event of unexpected requests from regulating agencies or other such expenses. The remaining \$5,000 will be allocated to staff wages and miscellaneous minor expenses.

The recommended contract value represents an ‘up to’ amount in the event three test wells are in fact required to find adequate additional water supply. If the first two test wells are unsuccessful, staff will review the available funds remaining in the project budget before committing to the development of a third test well to ensure that the overall project budget is not exceeded.

If and when an agreement on the private well is reached, staff will provide recommendations to the Board with respect to remaining project budget.

Timeline for next steps

Upon execution of the contract, staff will make outreach to the private well owner to reestablish discussions. As the negotiation process is inherently uncertain, it is difficult to project a timeline for completion at this time.

Due to the nature of well drilling, it would be preferable to complete the test well program, if required, in late summer or early fall 2022. Staff will work through the negotiation process with this objective in mind.

Staff anticipate that this project will have been able to conclude with a presentation to Board by Q1 2023.

Communications Strategy

Project information will be provided to the Eastbourne Community Association, the Water Supply Advisory Committee (WASAC), and will be posted to the SCRD website and social media accounts.

STRATEGIC PLAN AND RELATED POLICIES

The groundwater investigation projects reflect the objectives identified in the Strategic Plan, including the Strategic Focus Area of *Asset Stewardship*. This project is specifically mentioned in the Strategic Plan as one of the tactics to ensuring year-round availability of water now and into the future.

CONCLUSION

RFP 2137020 was issued to secure a hydrogeological and engineering consultant to provide technical services to secure additional groundwater supply for the Eastbourne Water System. Two compliant responses were submitted in response to the RFP. ISL was determined to be the best value for this project.

Staff recommend awarding a contract for the Eastbourne groundwater development to ISL in the amount of up to \$345,000 (plus GST). As this is within the Board approved budget of \$350,000, no Financial Plan amendment is required.

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SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT STAFF REPORT

TO: Infrastructure Services Committee – February 3, 2022

AUTHOR: Shane Walkey, Manager, Utility Services

SUBJECT: **WATER SAMPLING SERVICES - CONTRACT TERM EXTENSION**

RECOMMENDATION(S)

THAT the report titled Water Sampling Services - Contract Term Extension be received;

AND THAT the contract with Elements Materials Technology Group Limited for Water Sampling Service be extended for an additional one (1) year period in the amount of \$43,210 (plus GST) with an amended contract value of \$154,905;

AND FURTHER THAT the delegated authorities be authorized to execute the contract.

BACKGROUND

The Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) is responsible for operating several wastewater treatment facilities, landfills and water systems located throughout the Regional District. These systems are continuously monitored for groundwater, water and effluent control to ensure compliance with Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH), and the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy (MOE) regulations and requirements with periodical reports submitted to these regulatory agencies.

The Utilities Services and Solid Waste Services Divisions collect drinking water, waste water, and surface and ground water samples from these systems and analyze these samples for an extended list of parameters in order to comply with all regulatory bodies requirements regarding testing and reporting.

In 2019, the SCRD requested quotations from qualified contractors to conduct water sample analysis for the Water, Wastewater and Solid Waste Environmental Monitoring Programs and signed a one (1) year contract with Elements Materials Technology Group Limited (Elements) (formerly Exova Canada Inc.).

The original term of the contract with Elements was from April 15, 2019 to April 14, 2020 with options to extend for four (4) one (1) year periods.

In February 2021, the SCRD extended the contract with Elements for a second contract extension from April 15, 2021 to April 14, 2022. There are two (2) one (1) year period contract extension options remaining.

The purpose of this report is to review the option to extend the contract with Elements for another one (1) year term to April 14, 2023.

DISCUSSION

Elements has provided the SCRD with water sample analysis reports since 2019 and has since exercised the contract to satisfaction. The contract was renewed for a second one (1) year period in 2021 and staff have remained satisfied with the service provided by Elements. The contract with Elements has allowed the SCRD to provide monitoring reports to the regulatory agencies in a timely professional manner.

Options and Analysis

Staff have remained content with the level of service and quality of reports from Elements since the contract renewal last year. Elements continues to offer disposal, filtration supplies, archival data retrieval, containers, coolers and ice packs at no additional cost which is of added value to the SCRD. Staff have found reliability in the reports and the pricing has remained competitive. Additionally, Elements has provided emergency sample analysis and has provided same day rush reports at the quoted prices to accommodate for several emergency situations due to flooding that occurred this past year.

Table 1 shows overall percent increase(s) since 2019 and the proposed percentage increases for 2023.

Table 1: Elements Contract Pricing Comparison (%)

Description	Average Annual Increases 2019-2020	Average Annual Increases 2020-2021	Average Annual Increases 2022-2023
Solid Waste - Water Quality Sampling	68.85%	2.0%	11.9%
Drinking Water - Water Quality Sampling - Drinking water sub-package	3.00%	2.0%	3.0%
Drinking Water - Water Quality Sampling Disinfection Bi-Products	3.00%	2.0%	3.0%
Waste Water - Effluent Quality Sampling – Quarterly	3.00%	9.5%	3.0%
Waste Water - Effluent Quality Sampling - Monthly	-0.87%	2.0%	7.0%
One Time Sampling	3.00%	2.0%	3.0%
Annual Cost	24.98%	2.0%	6.9%

The 68.85% increase in cost to solid waste sampling between 2019 and 2020 was based on an additional set of parameters to the solid waste sampling program as recommended by the SCRD's contracted landfill engineering consultants, XCG Consulting Limited (XCG).

For the 2022/2023 service period the SCRD has discontinued surface water sampling at the Gibsons Landfill as recommended by the Gibsons Landfill closure plan and XCG. Furthermore,

there will be an addition of two (2) new testing wells installed at the Sechelt Landfill increasing the amount of groundwater testing for the 2022/2023 period.

The SCRD has also included additional fecal coliform testing for monthly waste water and effluent quality sampling, as well as a 5% contingency to account for any emergency sampling analysis which has increased the average annual costs for the 2022-2023 period.

Staff have found Elements pricing to be acceptable and competitive and recommend that the contract term be extended by an additional one (1) year term.

Financial Implications

Elements original pricing submission was re-evaluated and compared to current market pricing. Table 2 below shows the breakdown of the overall contract value.

Table 2: Contract Value Details

	Cost
Original Contract Value - 1 Year (2019/2020)	\$31,686
1 st Contract Extension - 1 Year (2020/2021)	\$39,602
2 nd Contract Extension - 1 Year (2021/2022)	\$40,407
Proposed 3 rd Contract Extension – 1 Year (2022/2023)	\$43,210
Total Contract Value	\$154,905

Water sampling services will be funded from approved budgets from Regional Solid Waste [350], Regional Water [370], South Pender [366] and North Pender [365]. The cost increases can be funded within the approved operational budgets.

STRATEGIC PLAN AND RELATED POLICIES

Water sampling services and associated reporting to comply with all regulatory bodies' requirements is consistent with the Board's Climate Change and Resiliency strategies as well as the Board's Purchasing Policy and social procurement.

CONCLUSION

The SCRD entered into a one (1) year contract in 2019 with Elements for water sampling services for the Utilities Services and Solid Waste Services Divisions with options to extend for up to four (4) one (1) year periods.

The contract has been extended twice with the second extension set to expire on April 14, 2022. Staff have reviewed the submission of updated pricing from Elements and recommend exercising the right to extend the contract for an additional period of one (1) year with a maximum 2022/2023 annual upset value of \$43,210 (plus GST). This contract extension will result in a total contract value of \$154,905, which requires Board approval to proceed.

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SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT STAFF REPORT

TO: Infrastructure Services Committee – February 3, 2022

AUTHOR: Remko Rosenboom, General Manager, Infrastructure Services

SUBJECT: INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES DEPARTMENT – 2021 Q4 REPORT

RECOMMENDATION(S)

THAT the report titled Infrastructure Services Department – 2021 Q4 Report be received.

BACKGROUND

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on activities in the Infrastructures Services Department for the Fourth Quarter (Q4) of 2021: October 1 – December 31, 2021.

The report provides information from the following divisions: Water, Wastewater, Solid Waste Programs and Solid Waste Landfill Operations.

This report does not provide a detailed overview of all projects within the Department. Such overview is included in the Budget Project Status report which is frequently presented to the Board.

Utilities Services Division [365, 366, 370]

The Utilities Services Division serves three water service areas, the North Pender Water Service Area [365], the South Pender Water Service Area [366], and the Regional Water Service Area [370]. The Regional Water Service Area includes the Chapman water system as well as the smaller systems of Egmont, Cove Cay, Granthams, Soames Point, Langdale, and Eastbourne. The Utilities Division is also responsible for 18 wastewater facilities in Areas A, B, D, E, and F.

The Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) water systems supply potable water to approximately 23,000 residents between Egmont and Langdale. This includes operations and maintenance of the Langdale, Soames Point, Granthams Landing, Eastbourne (Keats Island), Chapman/Gray Creek including the Chapman Creek Water Treatment Plant, the South Pender Harbour Water Treatment Plant, Cove Cay, Egmont and the North Pender Harbour Water Systems. In addition to water for drinking, these water systems supply potable water used for fire protection, recreation (pools and ice rinks), industrial use and irrigation.

Combined, the SCRD water systems consist of over 382 km of watermains, 24 storage reservoirs, 20 pump stations, 38 pressure reducing valve stations, 1,422 fire hydrants, 6 chlorination stations, 12 water treatment facilities, 18 water service areas and approximately 11,516 water connections.

The Quarterly Report includes information about larger capital works projects, and noteworthy program developments, as well as, monthly water treatment volumes from the Chapman Creek Water Treatment Plant and the South Pender Water Treatment Plant.

PROJECTS - CAPITAL WORKS

Watermain Replacement Program

- Chaster Road Watermain Replacement
 - The installation of approximately 750 m of 200 mm ductile iron watermain on Chaster Road is complete. Temporary asphalt shoulder paving has been installed and half roadway width paving will be completed in the spring of 2022.
- Henry Road Watermain Replacement
 - The final design and construction drawings are complete for the replacement of the asbestos cement watermain along Henry Rd, north of Reed Road. Due to unexpected delays in the construction of the Chaster Road watermain, replacement of the Henry Road watermain has been deferred and will now be completed in 2022.
- Eastbourne Watermain Burying
 - The construction drawings are complete for the replacement and burying of the above-ground 2 inch PVC pipeline on Keats Island. Project construction is scheduled to be initiated in Q2 2022.
- San Souci Bridge Watermain Replacement
 - This project provides for the relocation of the waterline from underneath and within the bridge structure to a new alignment adjacent to and parallel to the bridge. Preliminary design and specifications are currently under review by SCRD staff. Construction is expected to occur in Q3, 2022.
- Wescan Marine Crossing Watermain Replacement
 - The project provides for the replacement of the marine crossing watermain between Wescan Road and Sans Souci Road in Secret Cove. Design drawings are currently under review. The existing watermain has experienced multiple leaks in recent years. Construction is planned for summer 2022 to align with Department of Fisheries and Oceans in water construction work window.

Water Projects

- Groundwater Investigation – Phase 4 B Church Road Well Field Construction
 - Phase 4 A was tendered in November 2021 and the construction award was completed at the January 13, 2022 Board meeting. The start date for the construction is currently being confirmed and it will take up to 8 months before the construction is completed. The projected commissioning of this well field will occur in late summer 2022 or earlier. A ground-breaking ceremony is being arranged with the contractor and SCRD elected officials to signify the importance of this project.

- Groundwater Investigation Phase 3 – Part 2
 - The design services and well drilling contract was awarded in November 2021. Well development activities are expected to begin in February 2022 with a water license application submission in Q3 2022.
 - The development of the Request for Proposal (RFP) for Maryanne West Park well development project is currently scheduled to be initiated in the fall of 2022.
- Eastbourne Groundwater Development
 - A recommendation for award for a contractor to support this project is part of the Infrastructure Services Committee's (ISC) agenda. The project scope includes the completion of technical analysis and engage in negotiations with a private well owner with the intention of the SCRD securing access to and use of surplus water from the private well for use in the Eastbourne System. In the event that the private well arrangement is found to be untenable, the budget provides for a pivot to a test well drilling program with the intention of finding a new source of groundwater for the Eastbourne System. Projects completion is anticipated by Q1 2023.
- Raw Water Reservoir(s) – Feasibility Study Phase 4
 - The exploratory geotechnical and multi-criteria analysis still has to be completed before this project can be completed. Due to a variety of reasons, the discussions on this project with the shíshálh Nation are delayed and are now expected to be concluded in Q1 2022 to allow for this project to be completed in mid-2022.
- Chapman, Edwards, McNeil Lake and Saddle Dam Safety Upgrades
 - This project is intended to complete the technical assessments and permitting and design of the required safety upgrades to these three dams. Design drawings are currently under review by the SCRD.
- Chapman Water Treatment Plant Chlorination Project
 - The project is intended to replace the chlorination system at the Chapman Water Treatment Plant. The project is currently under construction. Project completion is anticipated for Q4 2022.
- Chapman Creek Water Treatment Plant UV Upgrade
 - The new UV system will be designed for redundancy, while the current UV system only employs a single UV module, the regulatory requirement is to have multiple UV systems to allow for redundancy in case of failure of a single unit. A RFP for engineering services has been issued and awarded, a kick off meeting took place in late January.
- Chapman Creek Water Treatment Plant Residual Disposal and Planning
 - The Chapman Creek Water Treatment Plant produces residuals from the water treatment process. In collaboration with the shíshálh Nation and Lehigh Hanson, a temporary measure is in place to avoid overflow during the fall, winter and spring season. A RFP for the development of a long-term residual disposal plan is under review and will be tendered early February 2022.

- Chapman Creek Water Treatment Plant Hot Water Upgrade
 - Construction of these improvements are currently underway and completion of this project is expected in Q1 2022.
- Chaster Well Surface Seal
 - Preliminary design is complete and drafting of the tender documents is currently scheduled for Q2, 2022 followed by construction in Q3 2022.
- Cove Cay Pump Station Rebuild
 - The Cove Cay pump station needs upgrades such as a new roof, siding and interior work. All existing pump station interior infrastructure requires upgrading including pump, motors, controls and fittings. A new intake line should also be considered as part of this upgrade as the current line is shallow and made of inferior piping. Road access to this pump station is challenging to drive on and a hard surface such as concrete or asphalt is proposed. Preliminary planning for this project has begun. Due to staffing workload upgrades are to take place in late 2022.
- Reed Road Pump Station Zone 4 Upgrade
 - The primary objective of this project is to increase the fire flows in the Cemetery Road area. Preliminary design is underway and construction is expected to occur in Q4 2022.

Wastewater Projects

- Woodcreek Wastewater Plant
 - The findings of the condition assessment were presented at the November 19, 2020 ISC meeting. Staff have applied for Provincial/Federal grant funding and anticipate funding announcements in Q1 2022. The draft tender document is complete and the staff are awaiting results of the Federal Grant approval to proceed with formal tendering and construction.
- Square Bay Infiltration
 - Repairs to manholes near the Crab Road lift station have been completed. More repairs to the collection system are required to avoid future non-compliance incidents. This work is ongoing.
- Roberts Creek Co-housing
 - Staff are completing work required to improve effluent quality and correct design errors. A progress report was presented at December 2021 ISC meeting to provide more detail on work completed and work still to be done. Communication with the Roberts Creek Co-housing community is ongoing and they have been updated with the progress and timeline on this project and have donated funds to continue the remediation work. This work should be completed in Q2 2022.

Water and Wastewater Service Reviews

The table below provides an overview of the development projects that the Utility Services staff are currently reviewing for impacts to water and wastewater services. A significant amount of these will include extensions to the water distribution system, upgrades to existing systems or the construction of new wastewater treatment plants.

<i>Water/Wastewater Development Under Review</i>	
Gower Point Road: 2 lots, water	Derby Road: Multi Unit Development, water
Bonniebrook: 15 lots, water	Shoal Way/Lighthouse Ave: 40 lots, water
Castle Road: 15 lots, water	Selma Park Road: 107 lots, water
King Road: 7 lots, water	Nestman Road: 50 lots, water
Grandview Road: 14 lots, water	Tyler Road: Multi Unit Development, water
Grandview Road: 2 lots, water	Tower Road: 50 lot subdivision, water
Reef Road: 50 units, water	Redrooffs Road: 6 lots, water
Binnacle Avenue: 605 lots/units, water	Redrooffs Road: 50 lots, water/wastewater
Wharf Road: 6 lots, water	Lily Lake: 14 units, water/wastewater
Truman Road: 51 lots, water/ wastewater	Bligh Road: 8 lots, water
Mills and Bligh: Multi Unit Development, water	Marine Way: 3 lots, water
McCourt Road: Multi Unit Development, water	Lee Road: 65 lots, water/wastewater
McCourt Road: 5 lots, water	Lee Road: 8 lots, water/wastewater
Dusty Road Development: water	Tudor Grove: 16 lots, water
Ripple Way: 15 lots, water	

Public Participation

- Monthly Update of Average Daily Water Use for properties with a SCRD water meter. Around 460 residents are currently subscribed to the Monthly Water Use Update. Information about signing up was shared through regular quarterly leak letters, and through communications around water conservation.
- Leak notification letters were sent to 240 residents in December. In addition, any commercial customers with a water leak received notification on their quarterly utility bill.
- Staff shared a summary of the SCRD's activities about regional drinking water and related infrastructure to the Let's Talk Water webpage, the Coast Reporter and social media. Here is a link to the [2021 Year End Review](#).

Water Planning and Policy Development

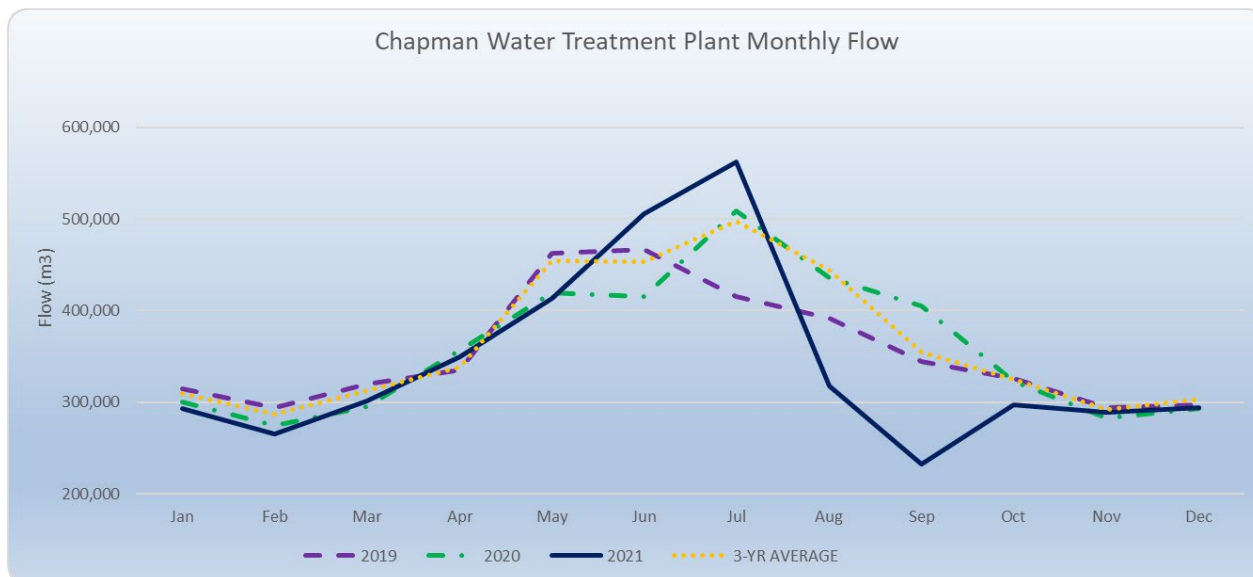
- Regional Watershed Protection Service Feasibility Study
 - Drinking water supply and water conservation are a priority for the SCRD. Through a grant secured through the Healthy Watersheds Initiative, staff hired consultant Econics to support the development of a business case to explore options for new watershed protection services in the region.
 - To assess the costs and benefits of offering a new service, Econics led interviews, two focus groups, the first of two meetings with governing authorities, in addition to completing a literature review and reviewing other jurisdictions that offer similar services to their community.

- The business case will be completed in Q1 and presented to the ISC in March 2022.
- Bylaw 422 Review and Updating
 - Staff are currently assessing the options to strengthen current or add new water conservation oriented provisions in the Bylaw and will present proposed bylaw amendments to the Board in Q1 2022.
- Water Strategy
 - Staff are in the planning stages of developing a Water Strategy that sets the direction and priority for regional drinking water initiatives for the next five years and beyond, while seeking to ensure water supply needs are met until 2050. The purpose of the Water Strategy is for the SCRD to proactively plan actions that will secure and protect water supply in the coming decades.
 - Staff are drafting a Discussion Paper which will include a proposed vision, guiding principles, targets, and strategic focus areas to provide a framework for this strategy.
 - Staff will work collaboratively with the Water Supply Advisory Committee (WASAC) on the development of the Discussion Paper and draft engagement approach in Q1 2022.

OPERATIONS - WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

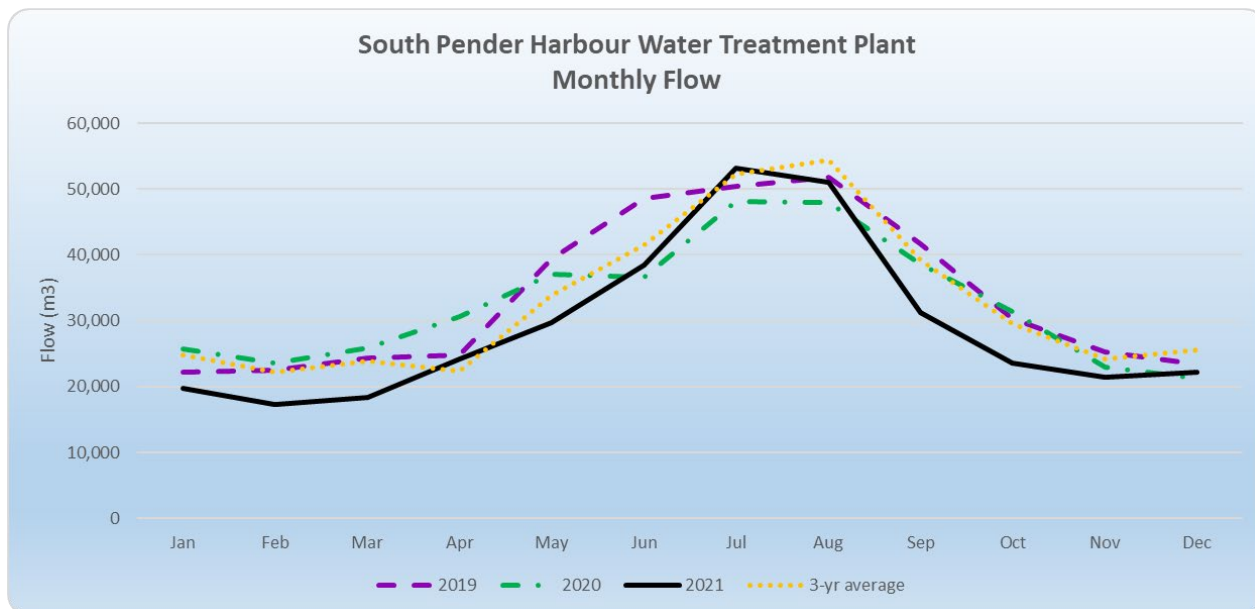
CHAPMAN WATER TREATMENT PLANT

In Q4 2021, the Chapman Creek Water Treatment Plant produced and supplied 880,568 m³ of potable water to residents, a decrease over the three-year average.



SOUTH PENDER WATER TREATMENT PLANT

In Q4 2021, the South Pender Water Treatment Plant produced and supplied 67,188 m³ of potable water to approximately 2,300 full and part-time residents of Madeira Park, Francis Peninsula and the surrounding area. This is a decrease over the three-year average.

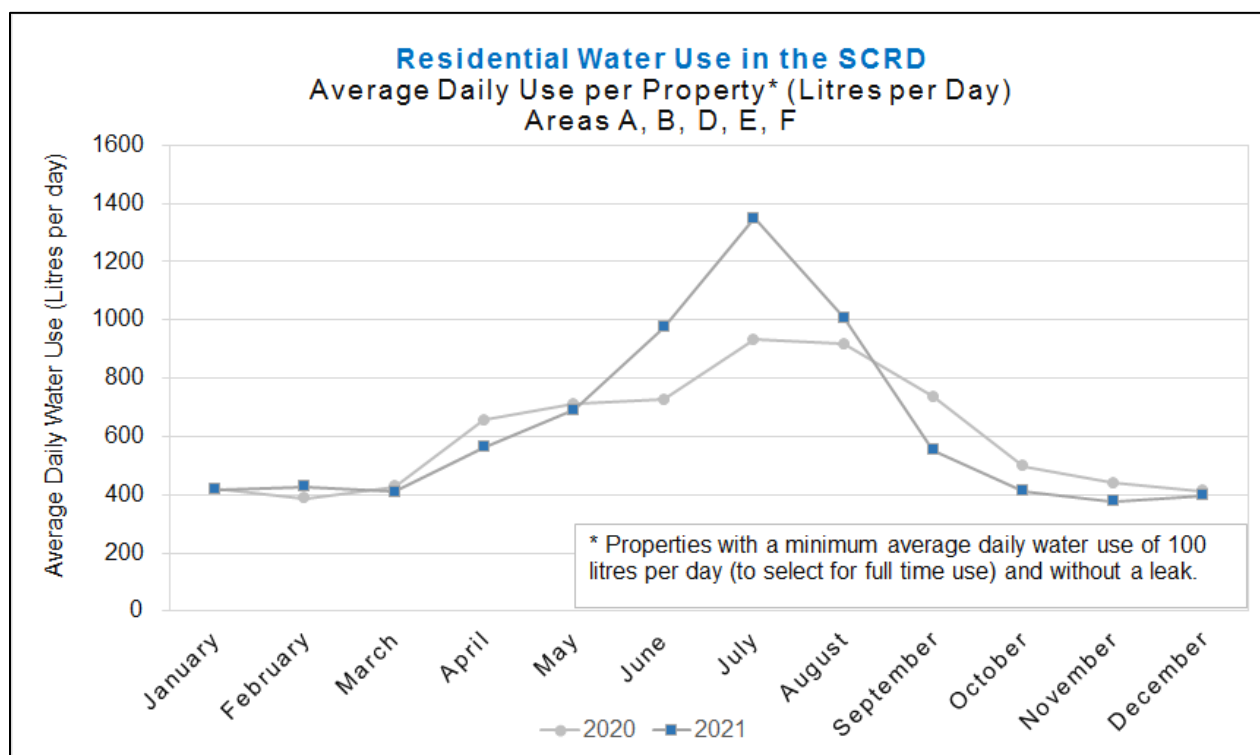


Note: The 2020 data is based on a new flow meter which is providing more accurate data than the meter used in 2019.

Moving forward these graphs will be replaced with graphs depicting the total water use per water system.

RESIDENTIAL WATER USE

After a dry hot summer, average monthly residential water use decreased to about 400 litres per day. The average residential water use in Q4 was lower than 2020 data.



SOLID WASTE [350, 355]

The Solid Waste Division provides solid waste management for the Sunshine Coast. In British Columbia, Regional Districts are mandated by the Provincial *Environmental Management Act* to develop Solid Waste Management Plans. The SCRD's Solid Waste Management Plan 2011 (SWMP) guides how the SCRD manages its solid waste including waste diversion programs, services and disposal activities.

The division oversees the operation and maintenance of the Sechelt Landfill and the Pender Harbour Transfer Station. The division also maintains the contracts for curbside garbage and food waste collection services for Electoral Areas B, D, E and F, three recycling depots and green waste recycling program.

The SCRD adopted the Regional Organics Diversion Strategy in January 2018. The goal of the Strategy is to develop a financially sustainable roadmap that will lead to a robust, region-wide organics diversion program.

The quarterly report provides an update on current projects, diversion programs, services and monthly statistics.

Solid Waste Projects

Future Waste Disposal Options

At the July 2021 ISC meeting staff presented the final results of phase 1 of the option analyses to confirm the feasibility of the development of a new landfill on the Sunshine Coast or a transfer station to facilitate waste export. The Board provided the direction to initiate a second opinion on the project findings to date with respect to the potential for the siting of a landfill. This project component is in its planning stage and will be started in Q1 2022.

Solid Waste Management Plan - Amendment

Staff engaged the community on a proposed amendment to the 2011 SWMP between October 25 and December 3, 2021. The purpose of the engagement process was to gather feedback on the proposed amendment to the SWMP to allow for the temporary export of waste to an off-coast facility, should the Sechelt Landfill close before a new regional long-term disposal option is identified and operational. Staff have drafted an Engagement Summary Report and responded to all questions received through the Let's Talk Trash online engagement Feedback Form and Questions Forum. The results and next steps are part of the ISC's agenda.

Solid Waste Management Plan - Update

The SCRD's current SWMP was approved in 2011 and is approaching the end of the 10-year plan lifecycle. Staff developed a RFP to hire a consultant to support the SWMP update. The update process requires a complete review and evaluation of the 2011 SWMP's guiding principles, waste reduction targets, and programs/services. The RFP is anticipated to be issued in Q1 or early Q2 2022.

Waste Composition Study

Staff have developed a RFP for a waste composition study in 2022 that would help understand the disposal rates of municipal solid waste and other materials, such as organics and recyclables. The SCRD last conducted this type of study in 2014/2015.

The study would occur in 2022 and will support the evaluation of any services the SCRD has implemented since 2014/2015, and inform the SWMP update and the future phases of the Future Solid Waste Disposal Option Study. The RFP is anticipated to be issued in Q1 2022.

Sechelt Landfill Public Drop-off Area Construction Project

Construction for the new public drop-off area at Sechelt Landfill began on May 17, 2021, and is approximately 99.9% completed as there are some remaining minor tasks. An entirely new drop-off area has been constructed, the scale and scale house have been relocated and any new upgrades have taken into consideration possibilities for future initiatives should a need be identified.

Sechelt Landfill Stage H+ Closure

The Design, Operating and Closure Plan for the Sechelt Landfill requires that the landfill be progressively closed as it reaches its fill capacity based on final height and will no longer receive waste disposal. The Stage H+ closure consists of applying final cover to an area that measures approximately 21,500 m² on the north, south, and west slopes. A staff report to initiate this project will be presented at the ISC in Q2 2022.

Biocover Feasibility Study - Phase 2

The SCRD identified a biocover as a potential final cover for the Sechelt Landfill when it closes in mid-2025. A biocover is a type of landfill final cover that is designed to oxidize methane emissions into carbon dioxide to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. A Sechelt Landfill Biocover Feasibility Study Phase 1 was undertaken in 2020 which concluded via a desktop study that a biocover would provide economic benefits to the SCRD and community, and provide significant GHG emission reductions.

Staff have developed a RFP for Phase 2, a pilot study where a biocover will be added to a small portion of the Sechelt Landfill and monitored over a one-year period. In early 2022, staff plan to confirm the availability of biocover materials from local suppliers for the pilot study. Staff anticipate the RFP will be posted in Q1 2022 and Phase 2 will take place in 2022 to early 2023.

SOLID WASTE PROGRAMS

Curbside Food Waste Collection

Green Bin program information can be viewed at www.scrd.ca/curbside-food.

On December 13, 2021, Salish Environmental Group Inc (Salish Soils) became the sub-contractor to Waste Management to provide all of the SCRD's curbside collection services, including accepting phone calls and emails from residents. They utilize a "split-packer" truck with two compartments to collect garbage and green bin during the same stop.

From January to December 2021 inclusive, 635 tonnes of food waste was collected for composting.

From program launch on October 6, 2020 to December 31, 2020, 162 tonnes of food waste was collected for composting.

Recycle at Work – SCRD Corporate Recycling Program

A program for the collection of mixed recycling, food waste and food soiled paper is being implemented at all SCRD facilities. The program launched at Field Road in December 2021. The Fire Halls will launch in January 2022, Mason Road in February 2022 and the recreation facilities in May 2022.

Metro Vancouver Municipal Waste Reduction Coordinator Committee (MVMWRCC)

Staff attended the MVMWRCC meeting on November 17, 2021. At the meeting updates were provided about upcoming winter social media campaigns for *Make Memories, Not Waste* and upcoming plans for Metro Vancouver's Solid Waste Management Plan Update. As well as the results from Metro Vancouver's *Super Habits* campaign and 2020 Solid Waste and Recycling Annual Report.

British Columbia Product Stewardship Council (BCPSC)

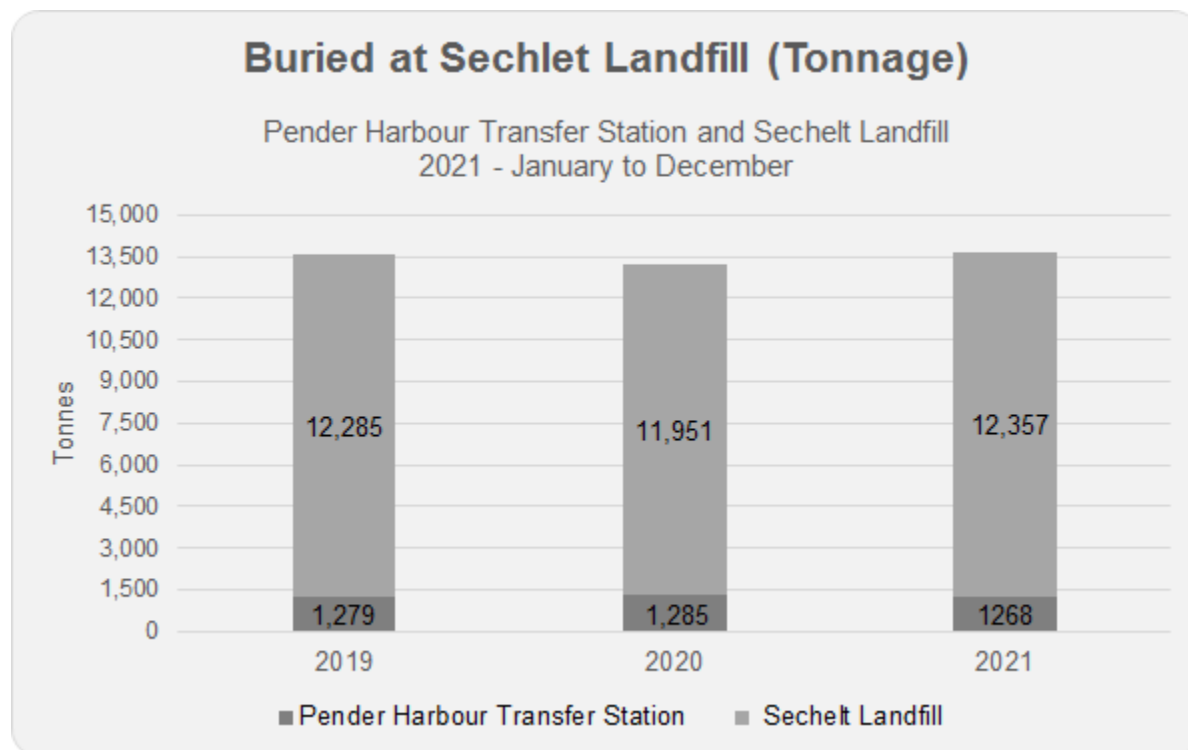
Staff attended BCPSC meetings on October 26, November 16 and December 7, 2021 and received updates from Return It and MARR on work being done across the province, as well as, received updates from Regional Districts on the effects of the winter flooding on the transportation network in their regions.

SOLID WASTE OPERATIONS

Statistics – Landfill

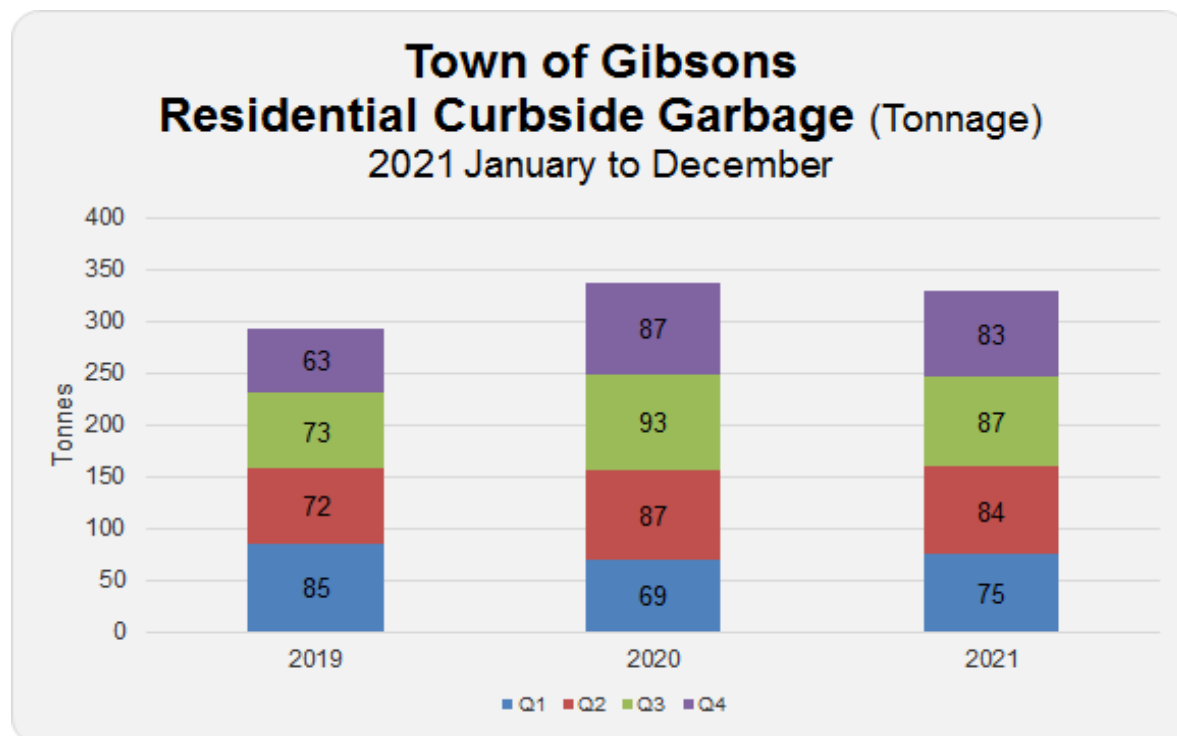
The tonnage presented includes an estimated combined total of all material from the Pender Harbour Transfer Station that is transferred to the Sechelt Landfill for burial and all materials received at the Sechelt Landfill for burial. This includes: residential curbside garbage, self-hauled garbage, commercial garbage, roofing, dead animals, asphalt, asbestos, durable goods (e.g. couches, chairs), concrete, dirt and rocks and styrofoam (non-recyclable).

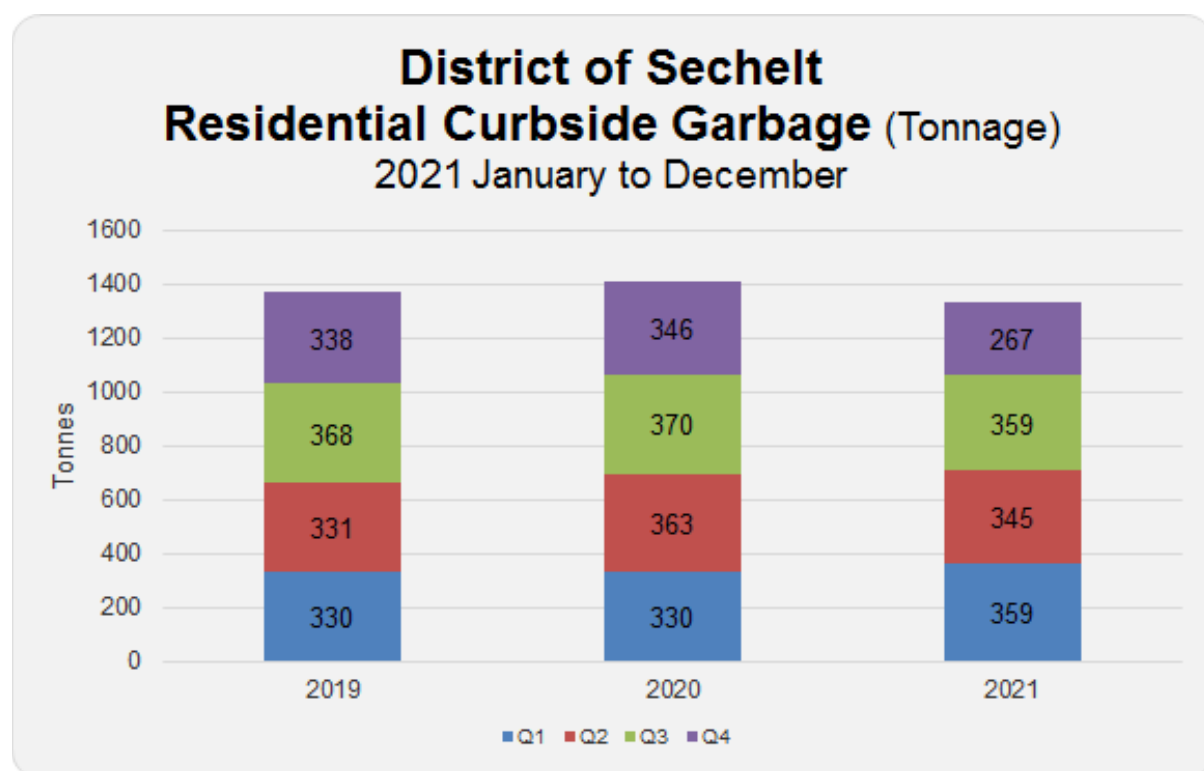
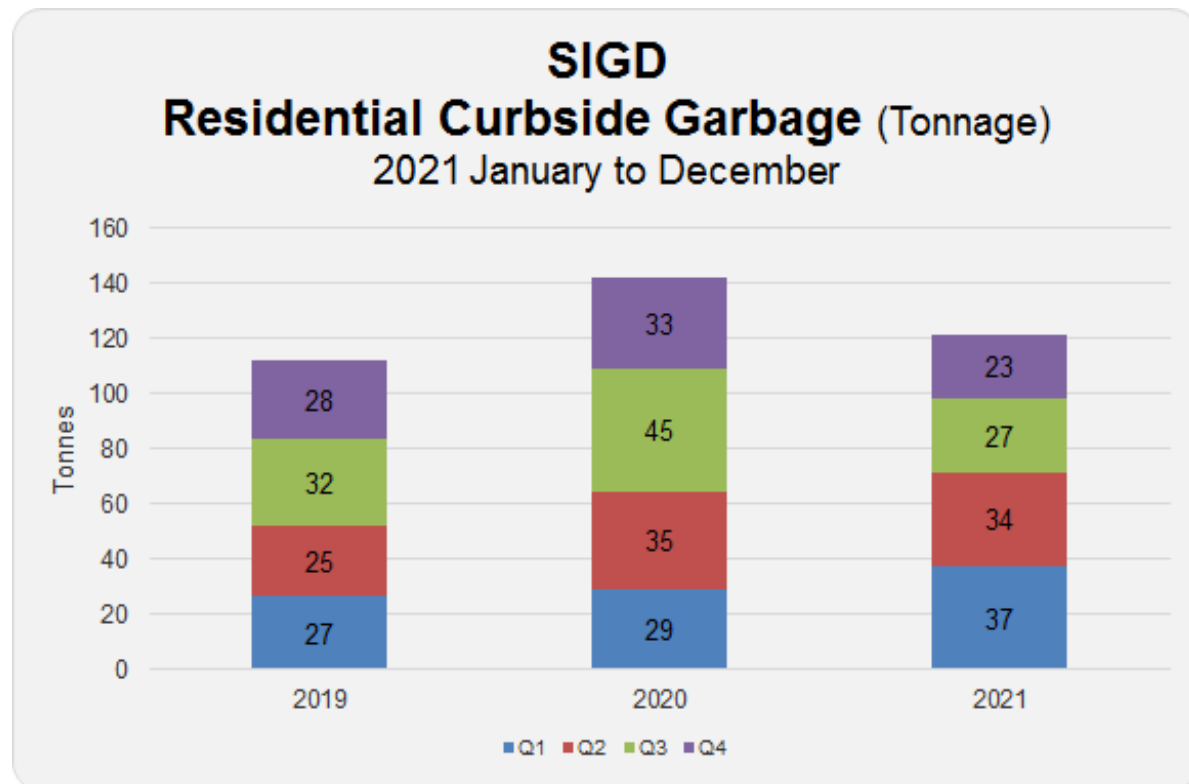
Note: 2021 data is preliminary and may not reflect the final data. 2021 will be updated for the next quarterly report, if such an update is required.



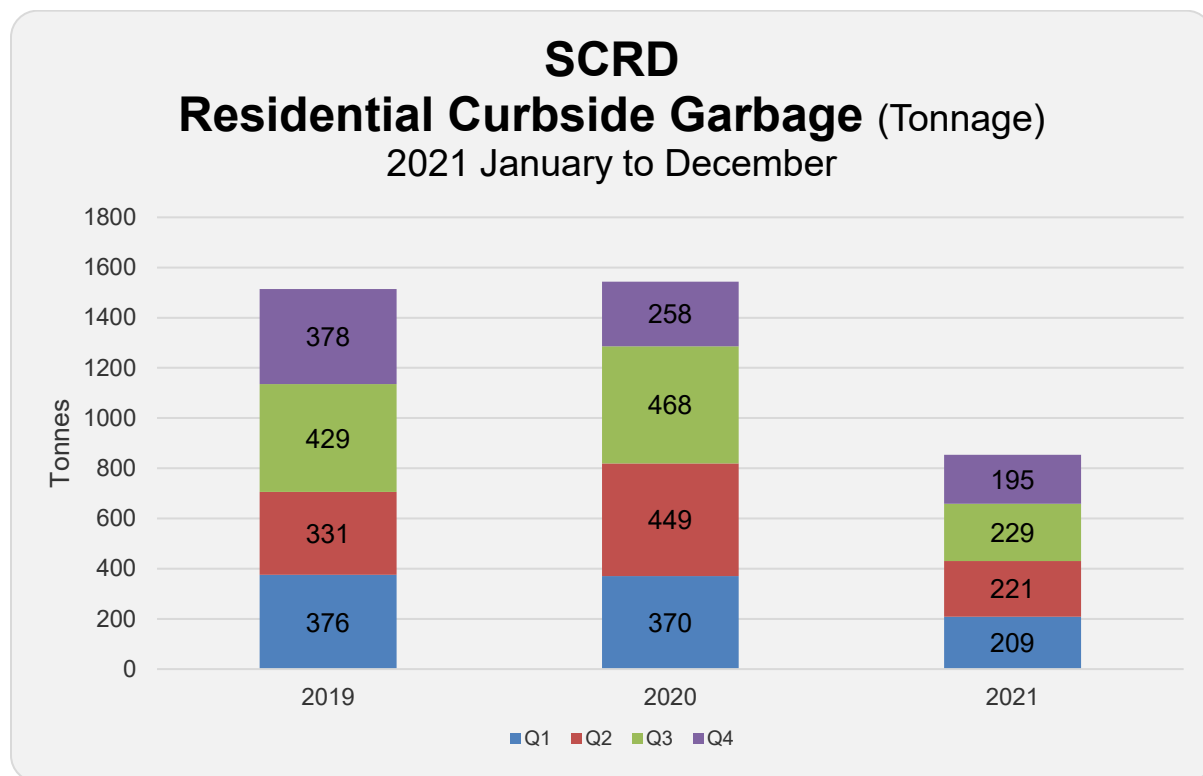
Statistics – Curbside Collection Services

The residential curbside garbage tonnage presented includes garbage collected curbside from residential dwellings in the Town of Gibsons, Sechelt Indian Government District and District of Sechelt. Curbside residential garbage is then delivered to the Sechelt Landfill and buried.





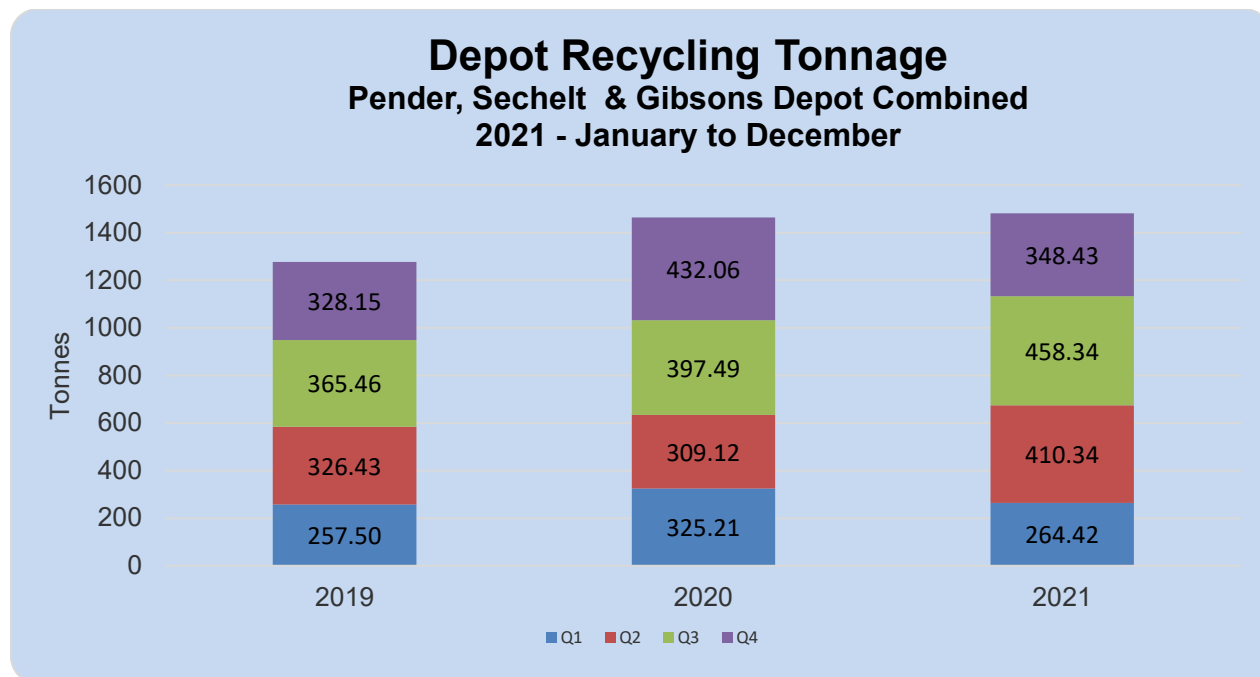
The residential curbside tonnage presented is for the curbside collection program from residential dwellings in the SCRD. Curbside residential garbage is then delivered to the Sechelt Landfill and buried. Curbside residential food waste is delivered to Salish Soils for composting.



Statistics – Recycling

The SCRD has an agreement with RecycleBC to provide residential packaging and paper products (PPP) Depot Recycling Services in Gibsons, Pender Harbour and Sechelt. The SCRD contracts these services to Gibsons Recycling, GRIPS and Salish Soils respectively. The data presented is

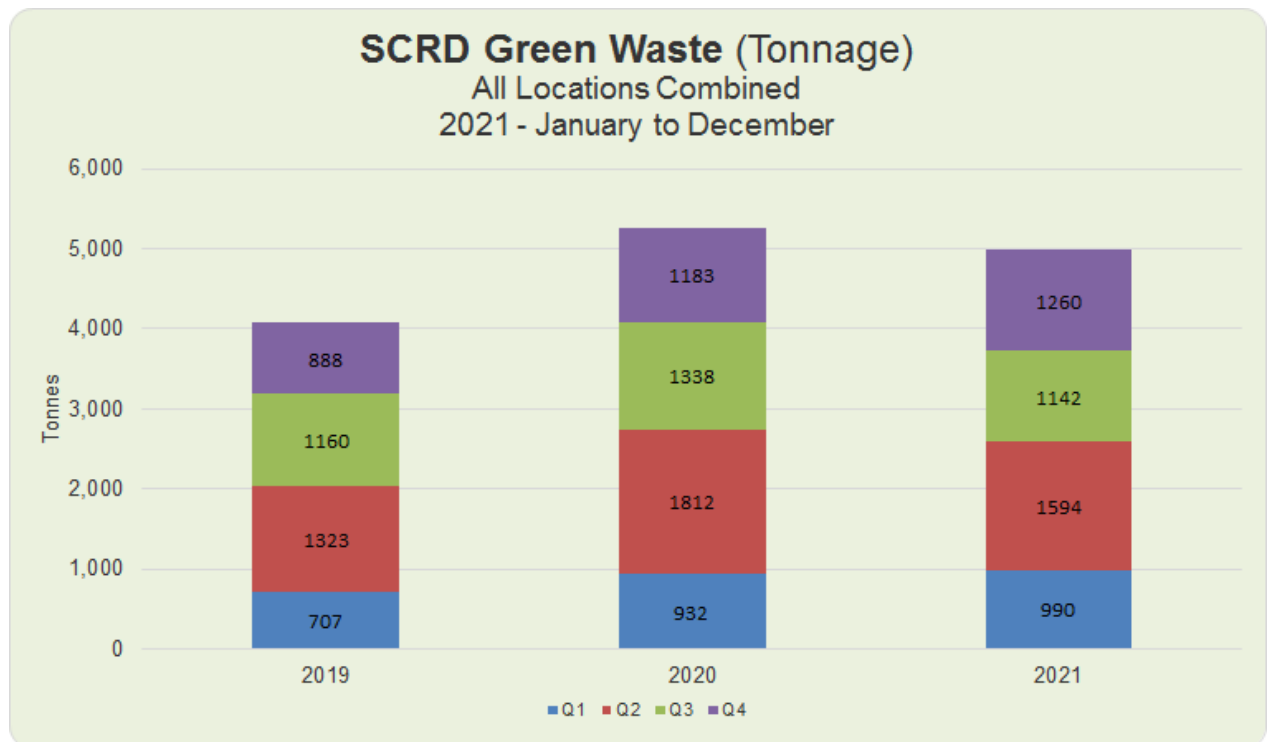
provided by RecycleBC and is updated as it is received. The data represents the combined monthly weight (by tonne) of the materials dropped off at the three recycling depots.



Statistics - Green Waste

The SCRD green waste recycling program provides collection locations for residents to self-haul and drop-off yard and garden green waste at the South Coast Residential Green Waste Drop-off Depot, Pender Harbour Transfer Station, and Salish Soils (on behalf of the Sechelt Landfill). The SCRD also provides commercial sector green waste drop-off at the Pender Harbour Transfer Station and Sechelt Landfill. The collected green waste is hauled and processed in Sechelt into compost.

The data presented provides the combined weight (by tonne) of green waste dropped off at the SCRD locations.



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