

Minutes of the Plan Advisory Committee Workshop #1 held on Thursday, March 29, 2018 in the Regional District Board Room, 175 Ingram Street, Duncan BC at 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Sandy McPherson - Public
Kim Barnard - Public
Denis Martel - Public
Dan Lazaro – Business Community
Andrea Davis – Waste Management (Private Sector)
Nathan Harben – Waste Management (Non-profit Sector)
Natalie Anderson – Cowichan Tribes
Clay Reitsma – District of North Cowichan
Nagi Rizk – Town of Lake Cowichan
Kevin Goldfuss – Town of Ladysmith
Tauseef Waraich - CVRD
Harmony Huffman - CVRD
Luc Lachance – Ministry of Environment & Climate Change Strategy

ALSO PRESENT:

Melissa Nielson – Tetra Tech
Wilbert Yang – Tetra Tech
Director Lefebure
Director Morrison
Director Acton
Director Marcotte
Hamid Hatami, General Manager Engineering Services
Kate Miller, Manager, Environmental Services
Chloe Boyle, Environmental Technologist
Lynda Lee, Secretary IV

ABSENT:

Monroe Grobe – Organizations & Institutions
Melissa Tokarek – First Nations
Emmet McCusker – City of Duncan
Geoff Goodall – Town of Ladysmith
Melissa Kriegerfox – Island Health

ITEMS

1 Welcome and Opening Remarks – Jon Lefebure, CVRD Board Chair

All were welcomed to the workshop and committee members were thanked for volunteering to assist with the Solid Waste Management Plan Amendment No. 4.

2 Introductions

Members introduced themselves in a roundtable format and each shared their reason for participating in the process. Interests include food waste, biosolids, Lake Cowichan, unique demographic of Vancouver Island, Town of Ladysmith, illegal dumping, litter, community clean-ups, single-use plastic bags, bylaws and working with partners.

3 Review Terms of Reference – Tauseef Waraich, PAC Chair

The Chair identified the role of the Committee in providing feedback for the amendment, to the Board, in regards to policies, bylaws, short and long term plans, to receive technical reports and feedback from stakeholders in an open and transparent form, and to provide recommendations to the Board.

The Chair reiterated that Committee decision making requires a quorum of nine members, conflicts of interest must be disclosed, special interest groups may be accommodated, and that only PAC members are allowed to speak at committee meetings.

4 Presentation – Wilbert Yang and Melissa Nielson

Tetra Tech consultants presented a 56 slide PowerPoint overview on the CVRD Current Solid Waste Management System, answered questions and received feedback from the Committee.

Members were encouraged to look at gaps and opportunities, strategies, bylaws and consider ideas and options to assist in formatting guiding principles for the plan amendment.

Clarification was provided on the following:

The scope of the solid waste management plan includes municipal solid waste, the solid waste stream and residual management and that the plan does not include biosolids or agricultural waste.

Input from stakeholders will be gathered via direct consultation, PAC workshops, open house sessions, survey, questionnaire, and Placespeak.

5 Future Workshop Scheduling and Next Steps

It was suggested that input from organizations located outside of the CVRD, in order to include all of Vancouver Island, be solicited for feedback on the plan.

Most members felt that scheduling future workshops during daytime hours is preferable. Future PAC workshops are scheduled for May 10, June 21 and August 2, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting ended at 8:00 p.m.