

## REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

### MINUTES OF THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT SELECT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2016 AT 12:00 PM RDN COMMITTEE ROOM

#### Present:

Director A. McPherson	Chairperson
Director H. Houle	Electoral Area 'B'
Director M. Young	Electoral Area 'C'
Director J. Stanhope	Electoral Area 'G'
Director J. Hong	City of Nanaimo
Director B. McKay	City of Nanaimo
Director B. Luchtmeijer	Town of Qualicum Beach
Director S. Powell	City of Parksville

#### Also in Attendance:

Director B. Veenhof	Electoral Area 'H'
D. Trudeau	CAO, RDN
L. Gardner	Manager of Solid Waste, RDN
S. Horsburgh	Senior Solid Waste Planner, RDN
R. Graves	Recording Secretary, RDN

#### Regrets:

Director J. Kipp	City of Nanaimo
Director M. Lefebvre	City of Parksville
Director T. Westbroak	Town of Qualicum Beach

#### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:03pm by the Chairperson.

#### MINUTES

MOVED Director Stanhope SECONDED Director McKay that the minutes from the Solid Waste Select Committee meeting held December 2, 2015 be received. CARRIED

#### BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

##### **Solid Waste Select Committee Revised Terms of Reference (January 27, 2016).**

MOVED Director Houle, SECONDED Director Young, that the Solid Waste Select Committee approve the revised Terms of Reference (January 27, 2016) as presented with amendments. CARRIED

#### COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

##### **Progressive Waste Solutions Merger with Waste Connections.**

MOVED Director Powell, SECONDED Director Houle, that the correspondence from Progressive Waste Solutions Merger with Waste Connections be received. CARRIED

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

## ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MOVED Director Houle, SECONDED Director McKay, that the minutes from the Regional Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting held November 26, 2015 be received for information only.

CARRIED

MOVED Director Houle, SECONDED Director Young, that the minutes from the Regional Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting held January 14, 2016 be received for information only.

CARRIED

## REPORTS

### **AVICC Special Committee on Solid Waste Management – Support for Priorities.**

The Regional District of Nanaimo has been an active participant on the AVICC Special Committee on Solid Waste Management. The Committee was formed in 2015 with the objective of finding a long-term sustainable strategy for solid waste management on Vancouver Island and the coastal communities. A set of priorities to guide the ongoing work of the Committee has been identified. The Board's support for those priorities has been requested by the Special Committee's Chair.

MOVED Director Luchtmeijer, SECONDED Director McKay, that the Select Committee endorses the priority focus areas identified by the AVICC Special Committee on Solid Waste Management.

CARRIED

### **Curbside Recycling Collection – Resident Education and Outreach.**

RDN staff have been actively promoting MMBC's residential curbside recycling Packaging and Printed Paper product stewardship program. A variety of outreach and education activities have been funded through monies received from MMBC. These activities commenced in advance of the May 2014 launch of the changes, and have continued through 2015.

MOVED Director Stanhope, SECONDED Director McKay, that the Curbside Recycling Collection – Resident Education and Outreach report be received for information only.

CARRIED

## PRESENTATION

### **Status Update on SWMP Review Process.**

L. Gardner provided an update on the Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) review process which included the SWMP timeline, options and multi-family and IC&I (industrial, commercial & institutional) sectors. The options evaluated included:

- Non-deposit glass at curbside
- Yard and Garden Waste at Curbside
- Compliance and Enforcement at Curbside
- Share Sheds at Regional Facilities
- EPR Stewardship Depots at Regional Facilities
- Zero Waste Policy
- ICI and Multi-Family Diversion

Multi-family recycling rates are currently at 16-18% compared to 30% for single-family and approximately 44% of garbage is compostable. Within the IC&I sector approximately 30% of the waste is recyclable and 42% compostable. Within these two sector there are two potential diversion strategies

for increasing diversion: Scenario 1 being increased education/enforcement at regional facilities with a diversion potential of 3%; and, Scenario 2 being additional regulatory authority with a diversion potential of 7.9-11%.

MOVED Director Stanhope, SECONDED Director Young, that the Status Update on SWMP Review Process be received.

CARRIED

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved Director Houle SECONDED Director Young that the meeting be adjourned.

**NEXT MEETING**

Next SWMSC meeting to be announced.



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CHAIRPERSON