



REPORT

To: Chair and Directors

Report Number: ENV-BRD-063

From: Solid Waste Committee

Date: June 24, 2021

Subject: June 3, 2021 Solid Waste Committee recommendations

The following recommendations from the June 3, 2021 Solid Waste Committee (SWC) meeting are being presented to the Regional Board for its consideration:

RECOMMENDATION #1: [Corporate Weighted]

That the Regional Board approve a 12 month pilot program beginning in July of 2021 at the manned transfer stations located in Moberly Lake and Prespatou, which allows residents to dispose of household bagged waste outside of operating hours, free of charge; further that the Solid Waste Committee receive a quarterly update on the pilot program.

RECOMMENDATION #2: [Corporate Unweighted]

That the Regional Board authorize that a report be provided for the September 2, 2021 Solid Waste Committee meeting, outlining a work plan to undertake a complete review of the PRRD Solid Waste function tipping fee structure as captured in the Solid Waste Regulation and Fees Bylaw No. 2065, 2013.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

The draft minutes of the June 3, 2021 Solid Waste Committee meeting are on the Consent Calendar.

Recommendation #1

Please [click here](#) to access the Committee Agenda, please see Item 9.2 to review the report.

Recommendation #2

During discussions around a new business item, concern was expressed that the Regional District is losing money due to low tipping fees, particularly large 20+ yard dumpsters that are being received at landfills unsorted. The bins are industrial; however, the origin of the waste being received is uncertain. With tipping fees at \$113/tonne, there is no incentive to separate loads. It was felt that the Regional District needs to investigate elevating its tipping fee structure.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

1. That the Regional Board provide further direction.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

☒ Not Applicable to Strategic Plan.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):

Recommendation #1:

Anticipated costs to establish each pilot site are Moberly Lake \$4,700 and Prespatou \$7,992. Funding for both pilot projects is available in the 2021 approved budget.

COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):

None at this time.

OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):

Tipping fees are collected at landfills and manned transfer stations in accordance with Solid Waste Regulation and Fees Bylaw No. 2065, 2013. As the pilot offers service outside of operating hours, the site essentially becomes an unmanned site when no site personnel is available; therefore, the bylaw does not apply. However, if a resident comes to the site during business hours, they will have to pay the appropriate tipping fees.

In the future, if a pilot is established where tipping fees are not going to be collected at manned sites during business hours, an exception would have to be added into the Solid Waste Regulation and Fees Bylaw to list the sites and time period that fees will not be collected.