



REPORT

To: Chair and Directors

Report Number: ENV-BRD-064

From: Kari Bondaroff, General Manager of Environmental Services

Date: June 24, 2021

Subject: Regional Solid Waste Management Plan Final Version

RECOMMENDATION: [Corporate Unweighted]

That the Regional Board approve the final version of the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan, as presented, and further authorize the submission of the plan to the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy for review and approval.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

This report is intended to provide the Regional Board with an update on the status of the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan (RSWMP) review, and gain approval for submission of the final plan to the Province.

At the December 11, 2020, Regional Board meeting the Draft RSWMP was approved for public consultation.

Public consultation took place between February 1st and May 7th, 2021, and consisted of the following activities:

- Online survey which was available from February 1st to May 7th, 2021.
- Target mail survey was mailed to 1,200 residents in April, 2021.
- 16 Virtual Open Houses hosted between April 26th and May 6th, 2021.
- 3 pre-recorded open house presentations hosted on Have Your Say, within the PRRD website for people to view at their leisure.
- 4 Doodly videos that were shared via social media.

Most of the feedback received during the public consultation was through the online and targeted mail surveys. Overall, the general public was supportive of the strategies presented in the draft plan. Comments received from the public lead to minor revisions to the draft plan. All the revisions have been tabulated and can be found as Attachment 1 – RSWMP Public Consultation Revisions.

The revisions were presented to the Public and Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC) for comments between June 2nd and 8th. No comments were received.

The final version of the RSWMP, which includes the revisions, can be found as Attachment 2 – RSWMP – Final.

The next step is to submit the RSWMP to the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy (MOECCS) for their review and approval, which could take between 4 to 48 months to complete.

As part of the submission of the RSWMP, the MOECCS requires that a consultation report accompany the final plan. This report showcases the whole process of developing the RSWMP from start to finish. The Consultation Report also includes how the renewal began, the development of PTAC, the meetings held with PTAC and the Committee of the Whole to develop strategies, the communication material provided throughout, and the general public consultation process.

Upon Board approval, the RSWMP, including the consultation report, will be submitted to the MOECCS within 5 working days. Once approved by the MOECCS, the plan will again be presented to the Regional Board for final adoption in 2022 or 2023.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

1. That the Regional Board provide further direction.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

- ☒ Responsive Service Delivery
- ☒ Review and Amend Solid Waste Management Plan

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):

The contract with Morrison Hershfield expires June 30, 2021. Should this project be delayed, the contract will have to be extended to allow the project to be finalized. This may include additional project management costs through the consultant.

COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):

None at this time.

OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):

If further revisions arise from Board members that are similar in size and nature to the changes made after the public consultation, submission of the plan will be pushed back by approximately 1-2 months. The changes would have to be included into the document and PTAC would review the potential changes and provide comment. If nothing is received from PTAC members, the revised final RSWMP could be presented at the July 22 Regional Board meeting for approval of submission to the MOECCS.

If significant changes or new strategies arise, the plan will have to go through another round of public consultation, as the MOECCS would not consider the previous round of consultation as adequate. This process could add an additional 4 months to the submission of the plan.

Attachments:

1. RSWMP Public Consultation Revisions
2. RSWMP Final