



# REPORT

To: Chair and Directors

Report Number: ENV-BRD-012

From: Paulo Eichelberger, General Manager of Development Services

Date: July 3, 2020

**Subject: July 2, 2020 Solid Waste Committee Recommendation**

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The following recommendation from the July 2, 2020 Solid Waste Committee meeting is presented to the Regional Board for its consideration:

**RECOMMENDATION: [Corporate Weighted]**

That the Regional Board notify nearby property owners of the proposed acquisition of 8225-271 Rd for the purpose of expanding and upgrading the existing transfer station and authorize an offer of \$5,000 for the purchase of 8225-271 Road (PID 012-260-509) from the Province of British Columbia subject to receipt of a Phase 2 environmental assessment satisfactory to the PRRD.

**BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:**

Following a recommendation received from the Solid Waste Committee, the Regional Board, at its August 23, 2018, meeting resolved:

*MOVED, SECONDED, and CARRIED*

That the status of a proposed property (located on 271 Road, north of the current unmanned waste site near the Groundbirch store) be monitored every four months, for siting a manned transfer station and that any changes in said property's status be reported back to the Solid Waste Committee.

Staff have been monitoring the site, as the property had been in forfeiture. As of March 2020, the property was cleared to accept application for purchase or tenure. A property appraisal, conducted in March 2018 by Aspen Grove Properties, assessed the property at \$24,000 to purchase. The site in question is not in the Agriculture Land Reserve.

There is a need to remove a variety of debris from the site prior to any construction. The Committee recommended proposing a purchase price to the Province of \$5,000, dependent on receipt of an Environmental Certificate ensuring no contamination on site.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:**

1. That the Regional Board provide further direction.

**STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:**

- ☒ Responsive Service Delivery

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):**

If approved, purchase of the property would take place in the 2021 budget year. The estimated cost for the property is \$5,000 (as recommended by the Solid Waste Committee), and \$39,000 to clear any debris from site.

**COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):**

Nearby property owners will be contacted to obtain feedback on the siting of a transfer station next to their private property, prior to the offer to the Province being made.

**OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):**

None.