



REPORT

To: Chair and Directors

Report Number: DS-BRD-349

From: Ashley Murphey, General Manager of Development Services

Date: October 26, 2023

Subject: Progress Report on Clean-up at 3992 Blair Road

RECOMMENDATION: [Corporate Unweighted]

That the Regional Board approve publication of a Request for Proposals from qualified consultants to conduct the clean-up and disposal of waste from the land legally described as District Lot 2083, Peace River District, Except Plan 17885.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

On February 2, 2023, the Regional Board made the following resolution:

MOVED, SECONDED, and CARRIED

That the Regional Board waive tipping fees at the Chetwynd Landfill from February 2, 2023, to September 30, 2024, for waste delivered to the Chetwynd Landfill originating from the land legally described as District Lot 2083, PRD, Except Plan 17885 (The Property), as this waste is a result of illegal dumping by the general public and is not the result of actions of the property owner;

further that all materials that may be recycled or reused are diverted to appropriate facilities and that all waste entering the Chetwynd Landfill is in compliance with PRRD Solid Waste Bylaw No. 2065, 2013;

further that, at the discretion of the Chetwynd Landfill operator, empty propane tanks and tires on rims may enter the Chetwynd Landfill despite either not being listed or being listed as prohibited waste in PRRD Solid Waste Bylaw No. 2065, 2013;

further that, the green modular home be moved into the Chetwynd landfill, in one piece, to be demolished and sorted on site and that the labour and equipment rate be billed back to the landowner using rates established in the contract "Operation of Peace River Regional District Landfills", under the Schedule of Prices – Force Account Work; and finally, that the Regional Board receive a progress report on October 5, 2023.

The Bylaw Enforcement Officer was unable to reach the agent until after the agenda deadline for the October 5, 2023, Regional Board Meeting.

Regular site inspections have been conducted throughout 2023. A few pieces of bulky waste have been left on the property since February 2023 and on May 29, 2023, the Bylaw Enforcement Officer found garbage with personal and company information. Further investigation revealed that the named person had passed away and no further follow-up was possible. Nothing of note appears to have been left since May 29, 2023.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

1. That the Regional Board receive the report titled "Progress Report on Clean-up at 3992 Blair Road", dated October 26, 2023, for information.
2. That the Regional Board provide further direction.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

- Not Applicable to Strategic Plan

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):

To date, tipping fees in the approximate amount of \$11,921.65 have been waived. The collection of tipping fees helps the PRRD to offset the cost of operating the landfills and the Solid Waste Function.

Staff estimates that bids from qualified consultants to provide professional assistance with the characterization, quantification and removal of waste and salvage materials would come in at a much higher cost to the PRRD.

If the PRRD and/or its agents complete the work on the land, the costs may be registered against the title. However, the Property would have to sell for more than all the amounts registered on title for the PRRD to have an opportunity to recover costs.

COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):

Communications with the landowner and/or agent are regular and ongoing.

OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):

In 2017 the PRRD received an Order from the Supreme Court of BC, authorizing entry and clean up of the subject property. No action was taken at that time based on previous Board direction.

Since 2018, the agent has made progress in terms of the removal of more than 136,155 kg of material as well as items such as paint, tires and vehicles that have been recycled and items such as household dishes, appliances and furniture that have been reused. During 2019, the property was sprayed for scentless chamomile, an invasive plant.

External Links:

1. [Regional Board meeting February 2, 2023, Request for Extension- Waiving of Tipping Fees](#) - See item # 8.10.
2. [Regional Board meeting December 11, 2020, Request for Extension- Waiving of Tipping Fees](#) - See item # 10.19.
3. [Regional Board meeting November 28, 2019, Request for Extension- Waiving of Tipping Fees at Chetwynd Landfill](#) - See item R-7.
4. [Regional Board meeting November 22, 2018, Request for Extension- Waiving of Tipping Fees at Chetwynd Landfill](#) - See item R-2
5. [Regional Board meeting May 24, 2018, Request for Extension to Relief from Tipping Fees at Chetwynd Landfill](#) - See item R-10.

6. [Regional Board meeting March 8, 2018, Request for Extension to Relief from Tipping Fees at Chetwynd Landfill](#) - See item R-12. This report includes previous reports considered by the Board on November 2, 2017, and July 20, 2017.