



REPORT

To: Solid Waste Committee

Report Number: ENV-SWC-183

From: Environmental Services

Date: April 11, 2025

Subject: PRRD Illegal Dumping (Littering) Policy No. 0340-85

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Solid Waste Committee recommend that the Regional Board adopt the PRRD Illegal Dumping (Littering) Policy No. 0340-85 which provides guidelines as it pertains to PRRD owned and operated facilities, including monitoring, reporting, response, and enforcement.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

On April 18, 2024, the Regional Board passed the following resolution.

MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED,

That the Regional Board develop an “Illegal Dumping Policy” to inform decision making objectives around re-occurring illegal dumping at Peace River Regional District solid waste sites.

Illegal dumping, or littering, is the act of depositing waste materials in unauthorized locations and unfortunately is not new to the Peace River Regional District (PRRD). Instances of littering can result in increased hazards to individuals accessing the area, increased attraction of wildlife, negative environmental impacts, increased operational costs, and encourages continued littering at the location.

The PRRD Illegal Dumping (Littering) Policy (attached) is intended to address littering on PRRD owned, leased, tenured, operated facilities and lands owned or managed by the PRRD. Instances of illegal dumping taking place on crown or private lands are outside the scope of this Policy.

For littering taking place at PRRD facilities, the policy provides guidelines on monitoring, reporting, response, and enforcement. Through the policy, PRRD program or facilities that experience continual instances of littering will be evaluated to determine ongoing delivery. Through these evaluations, the PRRD may choose to close facilities or discontinue programs.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

1. That the Solid Waste Committee provide further direction.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

- Asset and Infrastructure Management

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):

Littering that takes place at PRRD facilities is handled and cleaned up through a combination of PRRD staff or designated contractors. Costs associated with the cleanup of littering are reflective of the amount of material being deposited on properties and will vary year over year.

COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):

If adopted, the policy will be utilized by PRRD staff to ensure proper records are being kept and for planning education campaigns and implementing site signage.

OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):

Instances of illegal dumping on crown lands fall within the purview of the Province, however as the PRRD receives reports of illegal dumping, instances will be tracked and reported through the Report All Poucher and Polluters (RAPP) Line 1-877-952-7277.

Attachments:

1. PRRD Illegal Dumping (Littering) Policy No. 0340-85

External Links:

1. [24 Hour Pilot Expansion Update at Rolla and Cecil Lake Transfer Stations](#) – See 9.1 on the Solid Waste Committee Agenda dated April 5, 2024.