



SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL FEE WAIVER

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1. Purpose

- 1.1 This Policy provides for the fair and consistent handling of requests for waived disposal fees which will include, the management of waste material generated either from the cleanup of illegal dumping sites or through cleanup activities coordinated by municipalities or First Nation communities with respect to land ownership, operating agreements, cost sharing, diversion opportunities, and regional waste statistics.
- 1.2 The purpose of this policy is to make public the position of the PRRD Board that volunteer groups undertaking community cleanup should not be financially penalized for doing so, nor should the local taxpayers be unduly burdened. The policy provides encouragement and support to any group that demonstrates community spirit and pride by cleaning up after others to preserve the beauty of the region.

2. Scope

- 2.1 This policy will allow for the consideration of a waiver of disposal fees at PRRD landfills and transfer stations for waste collected:
 - a) By volunteers/non-profits on public lands and illegal dumping sites.
 - b) As the result of a community clean-up campaign coordinated by a municipality or First Nation community.
 - c) As the result of a direct request from a member of the public.
 - d) As the result of a man-made or natural disaster.



- 2.2 This policy applies to all those who apply to have fees waived for the disposal of solid waste, which was generated either by cleanup activities coordinated by municipalities or First Nation communities or from the cleanup of illegal dump sites on:
- a) Crown land;
 - b) Land managed by the PRRD;
 - c) Locations frequented by the public; and
 - d) Highway and rural roadsides.
- 2.3 This policy does not apply to solid waste generated from the cleanup of illegal dump sites located on privately owned land not belonging to the PRRD.

3. Definitions

- 3.1 *Solid Waste*: Is waste that is accepted at the PRRD Landfills/Transfer Stations as per the Regional District's current Solid Waste Regulation Bylaw (www.prrd.bc.ca).
- 3.2 *Controlled and Prohibited Wastes*: Are wastes that are banned from landfilling or have alternative disposal routes or are only accepted in certain facilities designed to handle them.
- 3.3 *Cleanup Waste Account*: A permanent account with identification number assigned by the PRRD Finance Department to the Requestor. The Cleanup Waste Account number is referenced by the Requestor at a landfill or transfer station for the purpose of having fees waived for the disposal of solid waste generated either by the cleanup of illegal dump sites or from cleanup activities coordinated by the Requestor as stipulated in Section 1 of this policy. The Cleanup Waste Account number will be unique to each Requestor and have time sensitive stipulations imposed when used repeatedly by the Requestor in the future for multiple cleanup events involving either illegal dump sites or cleanup activities.
- 3.4 *Disposal Fee Waiver Request Form*: A form that is completed by the Requestor that contains the required information for consideration of a solid waste disposal fee waiver request.
- 3.5 *Requestor*: The volunteer group or non-profit organization that submits an application to have tipping fees waived for cleanup of illegal dump sites as stipulated in Section 1 of this policy. If the solid waste is generated from cleanup activities coordinated by a municipality, or First Nation communities, the Requestor will be a representative of that municipal government or First Nation community.



4. Policy

- 4.1 That the Peace River Regional District (PRRD) waive, for volunteer groups and non-profit organizations, a portion of fees for the disposal of solid waste generated either by cleanup of rural illegal dump sites, or for cleanup efforts coordinated by municipalities or First Nation communities that are performed by volunteer groups and non-profit organizations, and for the resolution of waived landfill fee requests from the general public and considerations for dealing with waste as a result of natural and man-made disasters.
- 4.2 That the provision of waived landfill fees be solely for the benefit of the entire community and not constitute undue hardship for the local tax payer.
- 4.3 That Charities, NGO's (Non-Government Organizations) and not for profit companies shall provide evidence of their charitable or NGO/non-profit status, and that it is in good standing. As a condition of waiver consideration, the provision of waived fees for these organizations does not constitute a commercial advantage over comparable non Charitable or NGO/ non-profit organizations.
- 4.4 That establishments with attendant halls or meeting rooms for hire or donation shall have a commercial waste contract in place and any community based event shall be wholly sponsored by the organizer, its contractors or other party, and that the cost of haulage and disposal shall be covered by the same. It is understood that commercial entities are not eligible to apply for fee waivers for disposal.
- 4.5 That targeted promotions for the diversion of wastes from the landfill that would otherwise attract fees, shall be clearly defined in timescale, extent and goals. These can be one-time events or ongoing projects specific to Board direction. Community driven targeted promotions, shall be directed towards the facilities and services present in the community without adding additional resources or the need to waive fees.
- 4.6 That community sponsored seasonal clean ups are clearly defined as only pertaining to communal open spaces that are not owned, rented or leased by any organization, group, agency or governing body. Cleansing a community area after a prior community event failed or did not plan for a subsequent clean up does not qualify for waived landfill fees. Road verges, municipal owned property that is not covered by general services or general green space used for community activity are the only intended recipients of this clause. Materials collected should only constitute general aesthetic windblown materials or jettisoned materials from passing vehicles. The Disposal Fee Waiver Request Form should be returned to the PRRD two weeks before the event and should cover the following items:
 - a) Name and contact details for the coordinator of the community clean up and the name of the group, organization or agency they belong to;



- b) A plan aerial view of the cleanup area derived from Google earth, Google maps or similar system with highlighted areas indicating the location or locations to be picked/cleaned;
 - c) The provision of the Charitable, NGO/non-profit registration number or equivalent and contact details of the governing body; and
 - d) A written statement that no prohibited or controlled waste materials shall be collected or delivered to a regional facility.
- 4.7 That the policy for waiving of disposal fees for solid waste generated from cleanup activities coordinated by municipalities or First Nation communities and from the cleanup of illegal dump sites; both performed by volunteer groups and non-profit organizations be applied to all active landfills and attended transfer stations under the management of the PRRD. In these cases a sum of no more than \$3,000 for projects coordinated by the municipality or First Nation communities and \$500 for all other direct appeals will apply.

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