



REPORT

To: Solid Waste Public & Technical Stakeholder Committee Report Number: ENV-SWPTSC-005

From: Environmental Services Date: July 18, 2025

Subject: PRRD Regional Solid Waste Management Plan Amendment Consultation Summary

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Solid Waste Public & Technical Stakeholder Committee recommend that the Solid Waste Committee recommend that the Regional Board submit the amendment to the Peace River Regional District's Regional Solid Waste Management Plan for the newly created Section 3.4 "Future Facilities" as consulted on between May 2, 2025 and June 23, 2025 to the Province for approval.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

On March 20, 2025, the Regional Board passed the following resolution:

MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED,

That the Regional Board approve initiating the process of amending the Peace River Regional District's Regional Solid Waste Management Plan to include a section that allows for future facilities to be contemplated; further, that staff notify the public of its intention to amend the Solid Waste Management Plan and begin consultation on the proposed amendment through the Public and Technical Stakeholder Committee.

On May 1, 2025 the Regional Board passed the following resolution:

MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED,

That the Regional Board approve the "Regional Solid Waste Management Plan Amendment – Consultation Plan" dated March 13, 2025, to include the addition of a section for the contemplation of future facilities.

Between May 2, 2025 and June 23, 2025, consultation on the amendment to the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan (RSWMP) took place. Following the approved Consultation Plan dated March 13, 2025, the consultation processing included the use of:

Tool	Purpose
Online Tools and Local Media	Website updates and use of local media to reach broader Regional District.
Public Engagement and Open Houses	On an as requested basis. - No public engagement sessions were requested.
Focused Engagement	One-on-one follow up, both in person and via phone/teleconference to gather feedback and opinions from key interested parties.

	- PRRD received feedback from three neighboring landowners through email and phone call.
First Nations Engagement	Open invitation for participation as well as targeted outreach for direct engagement through letter sent May 5, 2025. - Totaling nine letters sent.
Community Engagement	Targeted outreach for direct engagement provided through letter provided to each municipality May 6, 2025. - Totaling seven letters sent.
Adjacent Landowner Engagement	Targeted outreach for direct engagement provided through letter sent May 5, 2025. - Totaling 24 letters sent.

At the end of the consultation period, the PRRD received:

- Feedback from two member municipalities:
 - One confirming receipt of the amendment letter and stating no further action would be taken.
 - One provides a letter of support for the amendment.
- Feedback from three adjacent landowners:
 - One seeking clarification on the requirement of the amendment as strategy 12C already speaks to replacement of facilities as deemed necessary.
 - One expressing concern for the expansion location as it pertains to operations, and neighboring property values.
 - One expressing the expansion location was the preferred option as location north up the highway based on resource features in the vicinity.

A redacted version of the Consultation Summary Report prepared by Tetra Tech is attached to the report for reference. The amendment and consultation summary report will be provided to the Province for approval.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

1. That the Solid Waste Public & Technical Stakeholder Committee provide further direction.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

- ☒ Asset and Infrastructure Management

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):

In 2023, the contract for engineering services to assist the PRRD through the process of siting a new landfill was awarded to Tetra Tech Canada Inc at a cost of up to \$1,100,000 over a five-year period.

In November of 2023, the PRRD allocated \$1,133,000 through the Province's Growing Communities Fund for the project. These funds will be utilized for the engineering services required through the project.

Between June 2023 to July 2025, \$185,146.45 has been spent on the project leaving \$914,853.55 remaining in the allocated contract value.

COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):

Ongoing consultation and engagement (concurrent to the RSWMP amendment process and post amendment approval) on the specific contemplated sites will occur at a more localized level to those in the Chetwynd area that may be impacted by the development of one of the proposed areas. Once a site has been chosen, the RSWMP will need to be amended again to include the new approved facility. This amendment is planned to be incorporated into the 5-year review of the existing RSWMP set to take place in 2027.

OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):

None at this time.

Attachment:

1. Regional Solid Waste Management Plan Amendment – Consultation Summary Report (Redacted)

External Link:

1. [PRRD Regional Solid Waste Management Plan Amendment Consultation Plan, ENV-SWPTSC-004](#)
– See Item 8.1 on the Solid Waste Public and Technical Stakeholder Committee Agenda dated March 27, 2025.