



REPORT

To: Chair and Directors

Report Number: DS-BRD-100

From: Shawn Dahlen, Chief Administrative Officer

Date: November 27, 2020

Subject: Request for Extension- Waiving of Tipping Fees

RECOMMENDATION: *[Corporate Weighted]*

That the Regional Board waive tipping fees at the Chetwynd Landfill from December 31, 2020 to December 31, 2022 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; and

That the following items continue to be waived from tipping fees:

- REGULAR WASTE as defined in PRRD Solid Waste Bylaw No. 2065, 2013.
- BULKY WASTE as defined in PRRD Solid Waste Bylaw No. 2065, 2013.
- The following items from the list of CONTROLLED WASTE as defined in PRRD Solid Waste Bylaw No. 2065, 2013:
 - a) Bulky waste;
 - b) Household furniture and large appliances containing Ozone Depleting Substances;
 - c) Nuisance agricultural waste including, but not limited to, wire, twine and plastic materials;
 - d) Medium duty equipment and truck tires;
 - e) Heavy duty equipment and truck tires;
 - f) Demolition, land clearing and construction waste, excluding materials designated as restricted waste in Bylaw No. 2065, 2013;
 - g) Stripped or unstripped vehicle hulks;
- The following items not listed in the PRRD Solid Waste Bylaw No. 2065, 2013 but still accepted at the Chetwynd Landfill:
 - h) Empty propane tanks; and,
 - i) Light, medium and heavy duty equipment and truck tires on rims (at the discretion of the Landfill operator); and

That all items be sorted and transported in accordance with PRRD Solid Waste Bylaw No. 2065, 2013; and

That the Chetwynd Landfill staff be directed to record the make, model and license plate of the vehicle, and the driver name, when presented with the required letter of authorization from the PRRD for waiver of tipping fees for waste accumulated on the land legally described as District Lot 2083, PRD, Except Plan 17885; and

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 Tender 07-2015 by S.S.G Environmental in the Schedule of Prices – Force Account Work.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

The recommendation is the same as was approved by Resolution RD/19/11/19 (28) on November 28, 2019.

A site inspection on November 27, 2020 revealed that the property is in the same condition as a site inspection on October 16, 2019. No additional garbage has been deposited onto the Property. The agent, who has been doing the clean-up, has not been able to do further clean-up since an extension was approved by the Regional Board on November 22, 2019 due to work shortages caused by COVID-19 leading to a lack of available funds to operate equipment, and a serious injury suffered by the agent. The Property has been actively monitored during the year and nothing has been illegally dumped in the past 12 months.

Although the tipping fees have been waived the agent reports considerable expenses for equipment, equipment operators and fuel. He works at the clean up as he has the funds and as the equipment and operators are available. Therefore, the agent has submitted a request for more time to complete the clean-up. See attachment #1.

An extension from December 31, 2020 to December 31, 2022 would permit the clean-up to continue over the next two years once the agent has recovered from injury and as the agent has time and funds. An extension would not cause additional cost to the Peace River Regional District.

Bylaw Enforcement Policy No. 0340-20-15 places an emphasis on voluntary compliance. Significant progress has been made towards zoning bylaw compliance. Photos dated May 7, 2015 and April 12, 2016 show the amount of waste on the property when the bylaw enforcement file was created. Photos dated May 7, 2018 and October 16, 2019 show improvements made and areas on the Property that require continued cleanup. Photos dated November 27, 2020 show the Property in the same condition as on October 16, 2019. See attachment #2.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

1. That the Regional Board refuse to extend the timeline from December 31, 2020 to December 31, 2022 for the waiving of tipping fees at the Chetwynd Landfill and direct staff to publicly solicit bids from qualified consultants to provide professional assistance with the characterization and quantification of waste and salvage materials from land legally described as District Lot 2083, PRD, EXC PL 17885.
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 agent are ongoing.

OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):

Since 2018, the agent has made progress in terms of the removal of more than 136,155 KG of material as well as items that have been recycled and reused.

Attachments:

1. Letter of request for extension (dated November 27, 2020).
2. Photos of the Property (dated May 7, 2015, April 12, 2016, May 7, 2018, October 16, 2019 and November 27, 2020)

External Links: (previous reports on this property presented to the Board)

1. [November 28, 2019 Request for Extension- Waiving of Tipping Fees at Chetwynd Landfill](#)
2. [November 22, 2018 Request for Extension- Waiving of Tipping Fees at Chetwynd Landfill](#)
3. [May 24, 2018 Request for Extension to Relief From Tipping Fees at Chetwynd Landfill](#)
4. [March 8, 2018 Request for Extension to Relief From Tipping Fees at Chetwynd Landfill](#)