



# REPORT

To: Chair and Directors

Report Number: ENV-BRD-040

From: Solid Waste Committee

Date: February 11, 2021

**Subject: CleanBC Organic Infrastructure and Collection Program Grant Applications**

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The following recommendations from the January 7, 2021 Solid Waste Committee meeting are presented to the Regional Board for its consideration:

**RECOMMENDATION #1: *[Corporate Unweighted]***

That the Regional Board withdraw its grant application to the CleanBC Organic Infrastructure and Collection Program (OICP) for the development of organic waste infrastructure and collection to divert organic waste material from the Bessborough Landfill as responsibilities and costs related to collection, sorting, transportation, and increased costs to participating communities are unknown at this time.

**RECOMMENDATION #2: *[Corporate Unweighted]***

That the Regional Board withdraw its grant application to the CleanBC Organic Infrastructure and Collection Program (OICP) for the development of organic waste infrastructure and collection to divert organic waste material from the Charlie Lake Wastewater site as responsibilities and costs related to collection, sorting, transportation and increased costs to participating communities are unknown at this time.

**BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:**

*Recommendations 1 & 2*

During the January 7, 2021, Solid Waste Committee (SWC) meeting, the CleanBC Organics Infrastructure Grant Applications for the two sites were discussed. Committee members expressed concerns that the proposed program would create another level of collection, sorting, and costs for communities. Additionally, there were concerns with who will be responsible for the sorting and transportation of organics. Given the potentially large costs and unknown factors of this program, the Committee is recommending not to proceed with the CleanBC grant.

It is noted that the grant applications have been submitted, as per the previous Board resolution. Should the Board approve the above recommendations, then the grant applications will be formally withdrawn.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:**

1. That the Regional Board provide further direction.

**STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:**

☒ Not Applicable to Strategic Plan

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):**

Per the SWC Report from January 7 (see link below), the estimated costs of the project and portions paid by the PRRD and the Province are shown below:

**BESSBOROUGH LANDFILL COMPOST FACILITY ESTIMATED COSTS:**

	PRRD Estimated One-Third Contribution Costs	Provincial Estimated Two-Thirds Contribution Costs	TOTAL Project Cost
<b>2021</b>	\$128,423.47	\$256,846.94	\$385,270.41
<b>2022</b>	\$1,840,736.43	\$3,681,472.81	\$5,522,209.19
<b>2023</b>	Operations to start; operational costs are outside the scope of the grant		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,969,159.90</b>	<b>\$3,938,319.75</b>	<b>\$5,907,479.60</b>

**CHARLIE LAKE COMPOSTER FACILITY ESTIMATED COSTS:**

	PRRD Estimated One-Third Contribution Costs	Provincial Estimated Two-Thirds Contribution Costs	TOTAL Project Cost
<b>2021</b>	\$131,508.57	\$263,017.13	\$394,525.69
<b>2022</b>	\$1,884,956.13	\$3,769,912.20	\$5,654,868.27
<b>2023</b>	Operations to start; operational costs are outside the scope of the grant		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,016,464.70</b>	<b>\$4,032,929.33</b>	<b>\$6,049,393.96</b>

Should the Board wish to still proceed with the grants, it will be necessary to fund the PRRD portion of costs by allocating the funds into capital in the following manner:

- 2021 - \$2,000,000
- 2022 - \$1,985,625

**COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):**

Upon approval of the SWC recommendations, a notification will be sent to CleanBC that the PRRD respectfully withdraws its grant applications.

**OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):**

None at this time.

## External Links:

1. January 7, 2021 Solid Waste Committee Meeting Agenda - See [Item 9.4](#)