



# REPORT

To: Solid Waste Committee

Report Number: ENV-SWC-036

From: Paulo Eichelberger, GM of Environmental Services

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Subject: Prespatou Waste Transfer Station Weigh Scale

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## RECOMMENDATION:

That the Solid Waste Committee receive the report, titled "Prespatou Waste Transfer Station Weigh Scale-ENV-SWC-036" regarding the Prespatou Waste Transfer Station weigh scale for discussion.

## BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

As Committee members are aware, the foundations for the weigh scale at the Prespatou Transfer Station (the Station) have begun to move, contacting the adjacent frame and deck. This movement is likely caused by drainage issues and water becoming trapped and saturating the ground. The scale currently meets federal regulations<sup>1</sup> but will likely require additional maintenance work to stay that way.

Operational monies are in the 2021 draft Financial Plan to investigate whether or not repairs can be done in-house to enhance the life of the scale.

At the Special Budget meeting held on February 17, 2021, the Regional Board considered the supplemental budget request for \$60,000 to compile engineered design for capital works, should operations be unable to permanently repair the scale. The discussion determined that the site could operate as a volume-only station, much like the bulk of the manned rural transfer stations in the region. Therefore the Regional Board resolved not to add in monies for design of capital works for the Prespatou scale.

## ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

1. That the Solid Waste Committee provide further direction.

## STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

☒ Not Applicable to Strategic Plan.

## FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):

With the conversion of the Station to a volume-only transaction site, annual scale certification will no longer be required, which will reduce annual costs by approximately \$7,600.

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<sup>1</sup> [Weights and Measures Act](#) (Use of Devices) – regulations require any weigh scale being utilized for customer transactions to be calibrated by a certified inspector according to measurement standards.

Maintenance of the scale is typically \$5,400-\$7,700 per year, based on 2019-2020 actuals. Those monies will be utilized in 2021 to convert over to a volume-only system, using the scale deck as a bridge to access the station. Costs to remove the scale (if necessary) are unknown at this time.

**COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):**

When the PRRD purchased the lands containing the weigh scale in 2012, an agreement was established between the PRRD and the Prespatou Farmer's Institute (PFI) such that ag-users in the area could utilize the scale for weighing their grain loads. With the lapse of the agreement in 2020 and direction by the Regional Board not to pursue any capital works to upgrade the scale, a letter will be issued to the PFI notifying them that the scale can no longer be utilized for bale/grain handling to report out accurate weights.

**OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):**

None at this time.

**External Links:**

1. Function 500 Regional Solid Waste Draft Budget – See [Item 5.42](#)