



# REPORT

To: Chair and Directors

Report Number: ENV-BRD-048

From: Solid Waste Committee

Date: March 25, 2021

**Subject: March 4, 2021 Solid Waste Committee recommendations**

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The following recommendations from the March 4, 2021 Solid Waste Committee meeting are being presented to the Regional Board for its consideration:

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

That the Regional Board authorize submission of an application to purchase 8225-271 Road (PID 012-260-509 "as is" from the Province, through a Sponsored Crown Grant, for the purpose of expanding and upgrading the existing transfer station.

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

That the Regional Board authorize the scheduling of a meeting between the Electoral Area 'B' Director, PRRD staff and the Prespatou Farmer's Institute prior to taking the Prespatou Transfer Station Weigh Scale offline in order to discuss options for continued community use of the scale as well the increase in costs resulting from maintaining scale certification under the Canadian "Weights and Measures Act".

## **RECOMMENDATION #3: [Corporate Weighted]**

That the Regional Board authorize the development of informational videos as an addition to the public consultation phase for the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan Renewal process, working with the consultant Morrison Hershfield, at a cost of \$8,500, with funding applied for from the COVID relief fund.

## **RECOMMENDATION #4: [Corporate Unweighted]**

That the Regional Board receive the report titled "2020 Recycling Service Financial Recap – ENV-SWC-038" for input.

## **BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:**

### Recommendation 1 – Property Acquisition

The Solid Waste Committee reviewed the options for purchasing the portion of Crown Land adjacent to the existing Groundbirch unmanned transfer site. The preferred option was to apply for a Sponsored Crown Grant, for which Regional Districts are eligible if the property the RD wishes to purchase is for community purposes. Once an application is submitted, an authorizing specialist will determine if it progresses to ministry sponsorship. The ministry will then decide to either sponsor or not sponsor the application. If the ministry approves sponsorship, it will work with the authorizing specialist to develop a concessionary value through their Pricing Policy – fair market value of the land, assessed value of merchantable timber, current value of any improvements including buildings and other development

created with public funds. If ministry sponsorship is not obtained, then the applicant can still apply for the purchase of the land through a Crown Grant for fair market value.

**Recommendation 2 – Prespatou Transfer Station Weigh Scale**

The Prespatou Farmer's Institute (PFI) utilizes the Prespatou Waste Transfer Station weigh scale and have been advised that due to rising maintenance costs the Regional District will be taking the scale offline in 2021. It is felt that if repairs to the scale are too costly or not achievable, the scale cannot be relied upon to accurately provide weight data for bale/grain handling. As such the transfer station will be operated as a "volume-only transaction" site. The PFI has requested a meeting with the Regional District to discuss options for continued community use of the scale.

**Recommendation 3 – Public Consultation (RSWMP) Update**

Staff entertained the idea of adding an informational video providing an overview of the Plan as an extra platform to assist with the dissemination of material during the public consultation phase. The video would provide an overview of the Plan posted on the website under "Have Your Say".

**Recommendation 4 – Recycling Services Financial Recap**

Committee members discussed the challenges with the recycling market and highlighted a need to understand the full picture of how the RecycleBC program works versus 3<sup>rd</sup> party contract recycling as a whole, how the market is fluctuating and what the costs would be to provide service of comingled collection as opposed to segregation of materials. Committee members also discussed the importance of confirming whether or not RecycleBC is proactively reaching out to those municipalities fitting their program for curbside collection and assess opportunities for reducing costs of recycling on the part of the PRRD and its members. Please refer to the complete report for further details (external link on next page).

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:**

1. That the Regional Board provide further direction.

**STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:**

- ☒ Partnerships
- ☒ Responsive Service Delivery

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):**

**Recommendation No. 1**

The Sponsorship Crown Grant option provides the opportunity for the land purchase to be less than the original \$24,000 appraisal. The application fee for the grant is \$250, which would be paid out of Solid Waste operations.

**Recommendation No. 2**

Director and staff time to initiate a meeting with the Prespatou Farmer's Institute to discuss options, costs are unknown.

**Recommendation No. 3**

Expansion of the consultation program to include the informational videos has an additional cost of \$8,500. This funding can be applied for from the COVID relief fund.

**COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):**

None at this time.

**OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):**

None at this time.

External Links:

1. 2020 Recycling Services Financial Recap – See [Item 9.4](#)