



**Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District
Solid Waste Plan Monitoring Advisory Committee – Alberni Valley
Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Date & Time: Thursday, December 11th, 2014 @ 10:30 am

Location: District of Tofino Council Chambers, 121 3rd Street, Tofino, BC

In attendance:

Dianne St. Jacques, District of Ucluelet
Gerry Schreiber, Public Representative
Chris Bird, Sonbird Refuse & Recycling
Brad West, McGill & Associates
Warren Rudd, Tofino Chamber of Commerce
Janice Hill, ACRD

Josie Osborne, District of Tofino
Jackie Godfrey, Pacific Rim National Park
Alan McCarthy, Yuułu?it?at Government
Tony Bennett, Electoral Area C Director
Carey Mclver, Carey Mclver & Associates

1. Call to Order

Chair, Josie Osborne called the meeting to order at 10:38 am.

2. ACRD SWMP Review & Implementation Process (Presentation attached)

Carey Mclver delivered a Power Point presentation that: provided a brief background to the ACRD SWMP Review & Implementation Process (for the benefit of new members); the results of the stakeholder consultation meetings held in Tofino and Ucluelet in the first week of December to obtain feedback on ICI Disposal Bans and Organics Diversion; and a revised plan implementation schedule based on stakeholder feedback.

3. ICI Disposal Bans

As indicated in the attached presentation, amongst the roughly 20 attendees at the Tofino meeting there was overwhelming support to “get on with” implementing a landfill ban on the disposal of old corrugated cardboard (OCC). At the Ucluelet meeting, where only 3 businesses were in attendance, support was limited. Based on feedback from both meetings there is: a lack of information on the recycling rate for large, medium and small generators; confusion over self-haul options for small generators; and cost may be an issue. In particular small generators need cost-effective collection and drop-off options. On-site storage was also a concern.

4. Organics Diversion Opportunities Assessment

As indicated in the attached presentation, support for organics diversion is strong in Tofino amongst all generators. However, in Ucluelet, although large generators were supportive, small generators were more cautious. In both meetings participating businesses confirmed that they would use compost if it was available. Issues for further consideration include: which sectors to service; availability of yard waste; use of OCC in the compost process; and confirmation of local markets.

5. Revised Plan Implementation Schedule

The Committee recognized that although there was support for disposal bans and organics diversion amongst stakeholders, the final program design could not be completed without a more detailed confirmation of the current level of recycling activity in the ICI sector as well as the impact on tipping fees. There is also further work required to identify cost-effective diversion opportunities for businesses in both communities. These design issues apply to organics diversion as well.

Consequently the Committee recommended that while implementation of the OCC Ban should be a priority, the schedule be slowed down to allow for additional time to work out program design issues. This time could also be used to gather data requirements for the organics diversion opportunities assessment.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Next meeting: Thursday, February 19th, 2015, @ 1:30 pm (Location TBD).