



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

**Meeting Date & Time:** Wednesday, December 17, 2014 @ 1:30 pm

**Location:** Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Board Room, 3008 Fifth Avenue, Port Alberni, BC

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**In attendance:**

Kris Patterson, Chamber of Commerce  
Wade Nicklin, Nicklin Waste Disposal  
Gary Swann, Public Representative  
Lucas Banton, Electoral Area F Director  
Keith Wyton, Electoral Area A Director  
Brad West, McGill & Associates  
Penny Cote, Electoral Area D Director  
Janice Hill, ACRD

John McNabb, Electoral Area E Director  
Mike Kokura, Electoral Area B Director  
Guy Cicon, City of Port Alberni  
Jerry Kupiak, Suncoast Waste  
Moe Vale, Berry & Vale  
Jack McLeman, City Councillor  
Carey McIver, Carey McIver & Associates

**1. Call to Order**

Chair, John McNabb called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

**2. ACRD SWMP Review & Implementation Process (Presentation Attached)**

Carey McIver delivered a Power Point presentation that provided: a brief background to the ACRD SWMP Review & Implementation Process (for the benefit of new members); the feedback from the Haulers meeting held on November 27<sup>th</sup> at the ACRD Board Room; as well as feedback received from Stakeholder meetings held in Ucluelet and Tofino in the first week of December. The presentation also revisited the implementation schedule of the ICI Disposal Bans and the organics diversion opportunities assessment.

**3. ICI Disposal Bans**

Although the ICI disposal ban of cardboard is supported by existing haulers, there may be problems for some small businesses to collect their cardboard as space for the container may be limited. John McNabb suggested that there may need to be locations for regional containers or containers that could be cost shared by small business owners, which would be in a convenient location for use.

Penny Cote wondered about options for multi-family/business units. Carey McIver advised that this would be something that their own private haulers would provide options for.

#### **4. Organics Diversion Opportunities Assessment**

The organics diversion strategy was discussed with mention that the consultants should include the existing Earth, Land and Sea composting facility. There was mention that composting food scraps with fish waste had been tried but had proved unsuccessful. Gary Swann successfully composts on his property and produces a very useful product, but he does not include meat and bones in the composting.

Jack McLeman questioned why we don't just let the organics compost naturally in the landfill. Carey McIver explained that composting organic material in the landfill is an anaerobic digestion process which creates methane gas. Composting organics in an aerobic facility reduces greenhouse gases and reduces methane by roughly 95%.

There is a new composting facility that has recently begun composting food waste in Courtenay. Guy Cicon suggested that the committee visit this facility in the upcoming months.

Gary Swann reminded that committee that the more we compost locally; the more fertilizer would be created which will assist in local food growth which will in turn reduce greenhouse gases.

#### **5. Revised Plan Implementation Schedule**

The Committee concurred with the recommendation of the WC PMAC that the implementation schedule be revised to allow for a more detailed confirmation of the current level of recycling activity in the ICI sector as well as the impact on tipping fees.

Consequently the Committee recommended that while implementation of the OCC Ban should be a priority, and that 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 2:45 pm.

**Next meeting: February 26, 2015 @ 1:30 in the ACRD Board Room.**