



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

Meeting Date & Time: Thursday, October 15th, 2015 @ 1:30 pm

Location: Ucluelet Community Center, 500 Matterson Drive, Ucluelet, BC

In attendance:

Dianne St. Jacques, District of Ucluelet
Maura Walker, Maura Walker & Associates
Josie Osborne, District of Tofino
Janice Hill, ACRD

Tony Bennett, ACRD
John Bird, SonBird Refuse
Jackie Godfrey, PRNP

1. Call to Order

Dianne St. Jacques called the meeting to order at 1:30 p m.

2. Adoption of Minutes

- a. June 18th, 2015 SWPMAC Minutes

The minutes from the June 18th, 2015 Solid Waste Plan Monitoring Advisory Committee meeting were approved as presented.

3. ICI Disposal Bans Update

- a. John Bird provided a history of SonBird's recycling business and operating costs. Higher diversion rates will reduce the costs of collection for cardboard on the West Coast and the hope is that the cost of providing the service will be reduced if there is a Cardboard ban. The struggles of providing services on the West Coast were communicated and Sonbird is looking for efficiencies which may help both disposal bans and ensure the delivery of the service is efficient to lessen the costs of local businesses. Sonbird will work with the ACRD to support the disposal bans that are put in place.

The committee received SonBird's report for information.

4. Organics Diversion Strategy Technical Memo

- a. Carey McIver provided a technical memo of the organics diversion strategy assessment to the committee. Carey was not able to attend the meeting, but Maura Walker was in attendance to answer any questions arising from the memo.

The draft organics diversion strategy section of the memo recommended that the following actions be implemented over a two to three year period:

Reduction Program

1. Collaborate with Metro Vancouver and the BC Ministry of Environment (MOE) to implement a *Love Food Hate Waste* type program in the ACRD (West Coast and Alberni Valley) using communication graphics and messaging developed by Metro Vancouver and the BC MOE.
2. Expand the current subsidized backyard composter program to include enhanced education activities such as a compost coaching and Bear Aware programs to divert food waste from disposal.
3. Engage in linking up social service organizations (e.g. Mustard Seed) with ICI locations with “waste” food.

Collection and Processing

4. Review the viability of establishing a food waste composting facility at the West Coast landfill when there is a need for local biosolids management upon completion of the District of Tofino Liquid Waste Management Plan (estimated to be in four or five years). Consider the potential to include fish waste to improve the economies of scale of a composting facility.
5. Assess the cost-benefit of transferring food waste to a composting facility in the Alberni Valley when and if a facility is established there.

The committee received the draft organics diversion strategy report and recommends it be forwarded to the public for consultation.

5. **Other**

- a. Andrew McGifford shared an analysis of costs per tonne for the WC Landfill and a spreadsheet showing the cost per capita for both the AV and WC Landfills.

Meeting adjourned at 2:55 pm.

Next meeting: TBD