



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

Meeting Date & Time: Thursday, April 23, 2015 @ 1:30 pm

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

In attendance:

Kris Patterson, Chamber of Commerce
Mike Kokura, Electoral Area B Director
Lucas Banton, Electoral Area F Director
Al McGill, McGill & Associates
Wilf Taekema, City of Port Alberni
Penny Cote, Electoral Area D Director
Janice Hill, ACRD

John McNabb, Electoral Area E Director
Gary Swann, Public Representative
Jerry Kupiak, Suncoast Waste
Jack McLeman, City Councillor
Keith Wyton, Electoral Area A Director
Carey McIver, Carey McIver & Associates
Randy Fraser, ACRD

1. Call to Order

Jack McLeman called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

2. Adoption of Minutes

The minutes from the February 26, 2015 WC SWPMAC were adopted as presented.

3. ICI Disposal Bans Update (Presentation attached)

Carey McIver provided an update on the OCC (old corrugated cardboard) disposal ban and

- a) Impact of Tipping Fees – Removing the OCC from the waste stream (which is approximately 2% of the waste stream) would equal approximately 340 tonnes, would result in a loss of \$22,610 annually. Increasing the tipping fee by \$5 would cover the loss of revenue. The current tipping fee is the lowest on Vancouver Island and the increase of \$5 would still be lower than other municipalities.
- b) Bylaw Amendment – It is recommended that Bylaw R1006-5, 2013 should be amended to include OCC in the Prohibited Waste list. There are also other items that should be included in that list, (eg. garden waste, gypsum, metal, recyclable paper, stewardship materials, tires and eventually wood waste). These materials have alternative disposal methods, therefore should not be disposed of in the landfill. Removing these materials will extend the life of

the landfill and reduce methane gas emissions. A proposed bylaw amendment may be for the May 27th Board meeting and be effective July 1, 2015. Phase-in enforcement of threshold and surcharges would begin. A notice would be sent out to all generators and a public education program would also be prepared.

4. Organics Diversion Opportunities Assessment

Carey McIver and Maura Walker provided more information on the Organics diversion opportunities assessment, which will be completed and presented at the June meeting.

There was discussion on quantities of organic waste and if there would be enough for processing it locally as there may be a need for more yard and wood waste. If a backyard burning bylaw was imposed, would that provide the needed yard and wood waste?

Should a campaign on reducing food waste be carried out for a couple of years before heading into an organics collection program? If there were to be a price increase to homeowners for an organics collection program, would this promote backyard composting and reducing food waste?

Al McGill stated that removing the organics from the landfill would reduce methane gas emissions which may keep us from having to install and maintain a gas collection system at the landfill. These systems can be very costly.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Next meeting: June 25, 2015 @ 1:30 in the ACRD Board Room.

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John McNabb, Chair