



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

Meeting Date & Time: Thursday, June 25, 2015

Location: ACRD Board Room, 3008 Fifth Avenue, Port Alberni, BC

In attendance:

John McNabb, Electoral Area E Director
Penny Cote, Electoral Area D Director
Keith Wyton, Electoral Area A Director
Maura Walker, Maura Walker & Associates
Andrew McGifford, ACRD
Janice Hill, ACRD

Alan McGill, McGill & Associates
Guy Cicon, City of Port Alberni
Carey McIver, Carey McIver & Associates
Jerry Kupiak, SunCoast Waste
Gary Swann, Public Representative

1. Call to Order

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

2. Adoption of Minutes

The minutes of the May 27th meeting were adopted as presented.

3. ICI Disposal Bans Update

- a. Advertisements in local newspapers and letters were sent out to local business license holders regarding the ICI Cardboard Disposal Ban. Positive response so far. City of Port Alberni reports very little negative feedback. Staff will continue with advertising and education and will start to work with landfill operators on enforcement protocols.
- b. Committee would like to proceed with a ban on gypsum but agrees we need to have proper disposal options available prior to the ban.
- c. Committee is interested in developing an illegal dumping strategy along with creating reuse opportunities for Construction and Demolition debris, eg. Habitat for Humanity Restore, similar to the one in Nanaimo, BC.

4. Organics Diversion Strategy

- a. Carey McIver and Maura Walker shared information on the Organics Diversion Strategy to date, including showing the amount of food waste generated locally and the amount of carbon required to successful compost. Carbon sourcing may be an issue.
- b. The committee discussed options for facility location and operation as well as collection options. Everyone strongly agreed that siting is very important and that the facility should be ACRD owned but the operations should be contracted out.
- c. The committee agreed that involving the Tseshaht FN in this project is very important and would like their input and would like them to partner in the project from the start.
- d. There was also a lot of discussion on ways to reduce food waste going to the landfill. The committee is very supportive of reduction initiatives such as upstream reduction (Love Food Hate Waste) and encouraging back yard composting.
- e. Al McGill, McGill Engineering and Associates, is preparing cost estimates for a LFG collection system at the landfill and will undertake a preliminary cost-benefit analysis of composting versus LFG collection. He should have an estimate for the next meeting.
- f. The committee also discussed the viability of doing a pilot project and researching funding opportunities for such.
- f. The City of Port Alberni is still finalizing the cost estimates to collect organics in the City of Port Alberni under several options. Numbers should be available by the next SW PMAC meeting.

Meeting adjourned: 3:40 pm

Next meeting: August 27th, 2015