

PROJECT NAME: Regional Solid Waste Management Plan Update: Public Advisory Committee Meeting
 LOCATION: Regional District of Central Okanagan office, PAGE:
 1450 KLO Road, Kelowna
 DATE OF MEETING: April 4, 2006 DATE: April 17, 2006
 TIME OF MEETING : 4:00 – 6:30 P.M.

PRESENT:	Ron Brown	Previous PAC member
	Carol Suhan	RDCO
	Jim Dixon	Lakeview Heights Community Association
	Lloyd Manchester	Canadian Earth Care Society
	Lisa Cameron	Boys and Girls Clubs of the Okanagan
	Bert Put	Chair, Peachland EDC
	Colleen Bryce	Kelowna General Hospital
	Lydia Reith	North Westside Ratepayers Association
	Mark Koch	
	Brian Galton	Westbank Residents Association
	Stan Bryn Jolfson	Lake Country Environmental Society
	Edith Bryn Jolfson	Lake Country Environmental Society
	Graham Kershaw	OUC, Property & Custodial Services
	Jan Enns	Jan Enns Communications
	Tom Loewen	BFI
	Deanne Stephenson	Metro Materials Recycling
REGRETS:	Erin Scott	Thomas Scott SignCraft Ltd.
	Brad Talbot	Rutland Senior Secondary
	Rebecca Whidden	
	Shelley Benson	
	Bill Gladstone	
	Tony Sali	Trader's Cove Resident's Association
	Mark Flett	UDI and CHBA
	Daniel Almond	Resident, Forestry Consultant
	Lance Shaw	OK Environment Waste Systems
	Gillian O'Sullivan	Earth Tech
	Tim Teeple	Waste Management of Canada
	Terry Molden Hayer	BFI Canada Inc.
	Bill Scutt	Downtown Kelowna Association/Business Owner
	Gary Morris	Central Okanagan Bear Aware

PURPOSE: Discussion and feedback on Draft Stage Two Report and Information for Public Consultation

DISTRIBUTION TO ALL ABOVE AND: Gillian O'Sullivan, Earth Tech Canada

WRITTEN BY: Jan Enns, Carol Suhan

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ITEM	DESCRIPTION	ACTION BY
1	<p>Welcomes and Introductions</p> <p>Jan and Carol welcomed everyone back and to the sixth meeting of the Public Advisory Committee. The purpose of the meeting is to get feedback on the Draft Stage Two Plan and the information for the broader public consultation.</p>	
2	<p>Presentation</p> <p>Draft 2 Report by Carol Suhan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carol reviewed the Draft Plan. The Draft Stage 2 plan incorporates the information and feedback on the Interim Strategy Report. It also includes more information on costs as requested by the PAC and TAC committees, as well as more information on Phase 2 around the future landfilling and composting options. • Carol explained that the Phase 2 section has some new information around costs and is also broken down into simpler terms. • Many of these options talk about what we can do, but not the “how”. Any new programs would be subject to the principals of the plan – to further research options, pilot and consult with stakeholders before starting. • Goal is to look at what is feasible or do-able, what is affordable (costs involved) and acceptable (to PAC, TAC, and broader public consultation process). • Gave update on Bioreactor Pilot Project that City is doing at Glenmore Landfill. Collecting enough energy to heat 50-70 homes. Mark Watt to join meeting at 6pm and provide more detailed info on the bioreactor landfill as well as answer questions. • The PowerPoint presented will be amended based on feedback from this committee and used as the basis for the public Open House events. A copy will be sent to the committee for comments as soon as done. Thank you for your help! 	

3 Comments from committee

- Need to be clear on “bans” – e.g.: being banned from burial in the landfill, but composted or collected for recycling at the landfill site.
- Concern over homeowner renovation waste. Would it be included in the reduced rates if it was separated? Carol responded yes it would. A good incentive for small home projects to separate.
- Technologically, paper towels may be recycled and/or composted and at some point be added to recycling stream.
- In 2007, the province is introducing new legislation around electronic waste (e-waste). This means that things like computers, TV’s etc, will have to be taken back for recycling as provided by the industry. This is similar to other product stewardship programs like tires, and batteries. Cost is borne by those who manufacture and use the products.
- Concerns raised around enforcement. To date enforcement has not been a priority, however, it is recommended in the plan to increase enforcement. This may be done through spot checks and general awareness campaigns. May not get all but has shown to decrease amount of abuse.
- Questions raised about disposal of fluorescent tubes. Carol explained that small quantities, fewer than five, can be landfilled. Larger quantities need to be commercially recycled (about 0.15 cents per tube). Lloyd noted that they have mercury vapour in them. Ministry currently permits small amounts in landfill. Suggested that in future we could lobby to have included in product stewardship program.
- Question whether figures include population growth. Answer: Carol has confirmed that yes, they do.
- Question whether new landfill is factored into costs of a bioreactor landfill. Answer: Carol confirmed that no, this is not factored in.
- Concern voiced over City pursuing a bioreactor landfill without any public consultation. Concern expressed in terms of role of PAC in looking at other options if the City is already moving in this direction. Discussion ensued that the bioreactor wasn’t de-facto, but is presently a pilot project to determine future feasibility and that leachate and methane collection are part of the Glenmore Landfill’s requirements by law. Carol said that if people were concerned about the possibility of a bioreactor landfill, this was a good time to start the discussion as this is the decision that the Plan is recommending be made in Phase 2.
- Comments made about the need to know more about the bioreactor project before making any recommendations or offering for public consultation. Need to wait to see results of City’s pilot project. Also recognized that this is only a pilot project.
- For example, if the City chooses to continue with a bioreactor landfill, then they would want to keep the organic material in the landfill to help with the bioreactor process. Therefore, it doesn’t work to propose the option of a separate organics collection at this time. In addition, committee members expressed a concern around the lack of in-depth knowledge at this point in time about other types of waste management such as incineration, pyrolysis, etc. Making recommendations decisions at this time about which direction to go was considered too soon.

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- Recommendations for public consultation information are to keep it simple; to include costs as symbols for Phase 1; to change Phase 2 from making people choose between A & B, and rather to ask a series of questions that start the discussion, given the talk of knowledge about these options.
- Graham gave update on Okanagan College's For Less Mess program, initiated by some keen students and facilitated by OC.
- More information was required about landfill best practices.
- Expressed a need to educate, to start the conversation about these bigger, longer term options, but to leave the actual decision on which way to go for future consideration once the pilot is done at Glenmore and we can compare to other options such as separate composting for organics or incineration, etc.
- Also recommended that polling be used to show people what questions are being asked and how people are responding.

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Mark Watt, manager of the City of Kelowna's Environmental Division arrived at 6pm to provide an overview of the bioreactor pilot project and answer any questions on the Glenmore Landfill.

- Indicated that the City is required by law to collect leachate and methane, which is part of a bioreactor landfill. The City plans to continue to monitor as part of the pilot. If successful, it would need to keep residential organics in the landfills to keep it running. Another challenge for the bioreactor landfill is lack of water necessary for the composting process, among other pros and cons discussed.
- Should the City pilot prove successful and the decision made to make Glenmore Landfill a permanent bioreactor landfill, this has implications for future decisions around composting of organics.
- Further Mark answered questions about the types of materials needed, green house gases, etc.

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Public Presentation Format

Jan gave an overview of the "Let's Talk Trash" Open Houses (info had been sent previously to committee for feedback) and publicity activities.

Posters were distributed. Anyone wanting more can simply contact Linda Schupsky at the RD at 469-6250.

Also, members were asked if they would be willing to help out at event. Interested parties to contact Jan at 769-3627.

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- Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m. Next meeting date TBA.
- Any questions, please call Gillian O-Sullivan at 604-298-6181, Carol Suhan at 469-6259 or Jan Enns at 769-3627.
- Any ideas or comments can be emailed to: solidwasteplan@earthtech.ca

These minutes are the writer's best interpretation of discussions held during the meeting. Please let Jan know of any noteworthy omissions or errors. Thanks!

Thank you for your time, energy, and interest!