



Solid Waste Management Plan Review Public Advisory Committee

Welcome, and Thank You!

Thank you for agreeing to participate on our Public Advisory Committee for the Solid Waste Management Plan Review. Your mission is to boldly go where few have gone before – to talk about the future of our garbage for the next 20 years!

The Future of our Garbage

The Regional District of Central Okanagan is updating its Solid Waste Management Plan to lay the ground work for managing and reducing our garbage over the next 20 years. Topics for planning include recycling, composting, waste collection, and disposal for residents and businesses throughout the Central Okanagan, as well as setting new goals to work towards, such as Zero Waste.

The Review Process

The Regional District has hired Earth Tech as a consultant to facilitate the plan review process. Specifically, the review will look at current programs and evaluate their effectiveness at reducing and managing solid waste. This includes garbage, recyclables, and organics generated by Central Okanagan residential, business, institutional, and the construction and demolition sectors. Earth Tech is looking at the programs implemented to date and the impact these programs have had on the solid waste stream. The next step involves the development of a range of options for future waste reduction and management.

Consultation is Key

These options will be presented to two committees: the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and the Public Advisory Committee (PAC). The TAC consists of representatives from local and provincial governments, including Westbank First Nation, and is tasked with reviewing all proposed programs and passing the information to the PAC. The PAC consists of people like you who represent a wide range of community interests, such as neighbourhood groups, businesses, service clubs, construction groups, and institutions to name a few.

How it Works

The PAC will review information from the TAC and provide input on behalf of the groups they represent. The TAC will integrate this input into the proposed programs and strategies and will pass the final result to the Engineering Committee for approval by the Regional Board and its member municipalities.

Prior to the development of the draft plan, the proposed programs and strategies will be presented to the general public through community meetings. Public input will guide the development of the draft plan. This reflects the RDCO's commitment to including public input in planning long-term strategies.

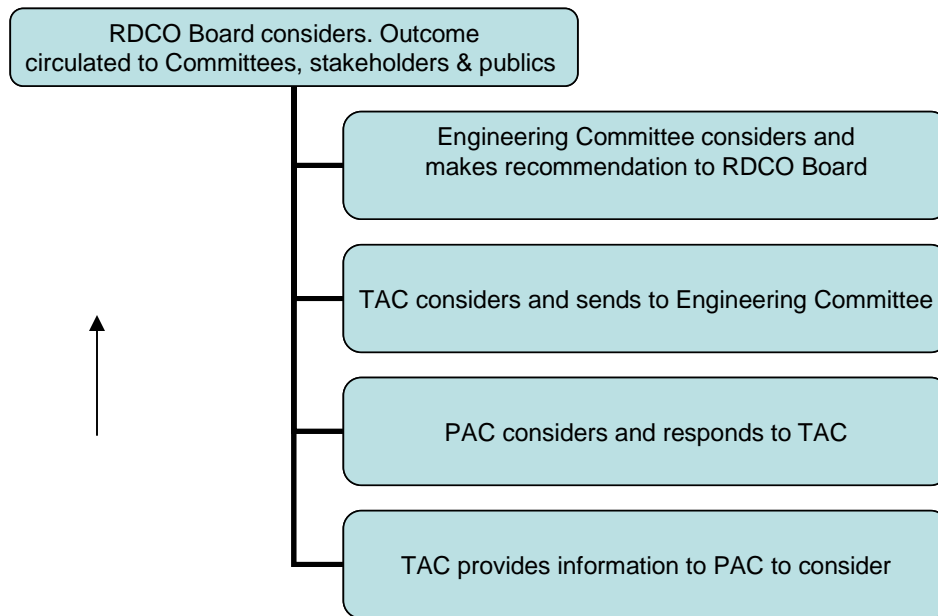
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Your Role

As a member of the Public Advisory Committee, you have three roles:

1. Review information provided by the RDCO and its consultants, and provide comments, concerns, ideas, and opportunities to be considered in developing the SWMP Review.
2. Assist in the development of plans for public consultation.
3. Act as a representative of the larger stakeholder group you represent, where applicable (and we will provide a printed summary to help!)

Here is how the flow of information will look:



As you can see, the PAC is integral to helping us develop a workable plan to meet the needs of our communities.

Thank you for your participation!

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