

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: June 28, 2006 DATE: July 12, 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
 Sky Sigal Lake Country Environmental Society
 Ruth Witson Lake Country Environmental Society
 Bert Put Chair, Peachland EDC
 Bill Scutt Downtown Kelowna Association/Business Owner
 Lydia Reith North Westside Ratepayers Association
 Jan Enns Jan Enns Communications

REGRETS: Erin Scott Thomas Scott SignCraft Ltd.
 Deanne Stephenson Metro Materials Recycling
 Tom Loewen BFI
 Mark Koch
 Brian Galton Westbank Residents Association
 Stan Brynjolfson Lake Country Environmental Society
 Edith Brynjolfson Lake Country Environmental Society
 Graham Kershaw OUC, Property & Custodial Services
 Colleen Bryce Kelowna General Hospital
 Brad Talbot Rutland Senior Secondary
 Shelley Benson
 Bill Gladstone
 Lance Shaw OK Environment Waste Systems
 Gillian O’Sullivan Earth Tech
 Tim Teeple Waste Management of Canada

PURPOSE:

- Last meeting of PAC
- Outcomes from Public Consultation process
- Discussion and feedback on Draft Stage Two Report to go to Board

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1 Welcomes and Introductions

Jan and Carol welcomed everyone to the final meeting of the Public Advisory Committee. The purpose of the meeting is to get feedback on the Draft Solid Waste Management Plan prior to bringing forth to local governments and Regional District Board for final adoption.

Hard to believe it is almost a year to the date that we went to “Garbage School”!

2 Presentation

Draft Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) by Carol Suhan and Jan Enns

- Jan gave a recap of the Public Consultation (PC) process to date. See attached handouts: Overview of PC process and, Appendix A, a list of PC activities by date. PC falls into three categories:
 - Process Communications: News releases, media interviews, and ongoing coverage about the process to review the plan and gather feedback from the public being underway
 - Committee Communications: In-depth feedback from both the Technical and the Public Advisory Committees to ensure the Plan’s recommendations are feasible (doable), affordable (what are the costs), and acceptable (how might the public respond). Note that PAC members have been instrumental in developing a solid, workable plan! Thank you!
 - Public Consultation: Open house events, extensive media coverage. Thank you to all the PAC members that participated and assisted in spreading the word!
- Carol reviewed the Draft SWMP using attached handouts of the Power Point presentation. The Draft SWMP incorporates the information and feedback from the PC and the TAC and PAC. More information was included on aggregate costs, as previous costs were listed by option. The following discussion points ensued:
 - Social marketing essentially uses consumer marketing strategies combined with information about how people learn to influence longer term behaviour changes. It is used more commonly in health promotion and environmental issues such as increasing physical activity or recycling rates.
 - Agreed that DLC waste diversion is a priority.
 - The extra cost for adding all plastics would be minimal as they are now worth much more than they were, even one year ago. The extra revenue from the sale of the plastics would help offset the cost of collection and processing.

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- Increase education about taking old medicine/prescription drugs to pharmacies that accept at no charge as part of the provincial Product Stewardship program.
- mercury vapour lights that contain small amounts of mercury be included in the year-round haz waste depot.
- collection may be necessary, even to the extent of not collecting it in blue bag program.
- Requested that the new energy efficient lights, fluorescent lights, and Glass is a concern as the paper mills are reporting that the small glass shards are contaminating and devaluing the paper we collect, meaning it is worth less money than before. It is possible that changes to glass
- 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!

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3 Comments from committee continued:

- Working out the financials between City and RD, Peachland and Lake Country is included in the plan to ensure equity across the region. The City owns the Glenmore landfill which will be the sole landfill for the entire region once the Westside Landfill closes. Also, this will help plan for funding needed for any pilot projects so costs are borne fairly.
- Phase 2 and beyond is really focused on doing more research, including the potential for partnerships. Carol gave example of Carney Waste Systems in Squamish. They partner with local gov't and operate a composting facility. In return the City bans disposal of organics in the regular household garbage and collects separately to ensure a steady stream of material for the private composting facility. Also, need to see how Glenmore Landfill bioreactor project works before moving forward.
- Recyclable DLC materials would be banned from being buried in landfill. For example, \$10 per tonne for materials that are separated and ready for recycling and \$100 for materials that are not sorted and buried in landfill.
- Westside Landfill is due to close within next 10 years, likely 2012 thereabouts. Cannot be used for anything with grass lawns that require watering as a potential hazard to put water on landfill sites as the water can leach waste through and downstream. The detailed closure plan for the Westside Landfill will be developed separately from this SW Plan.

4 Comments from TAC

- Carol shared comments and recommendations that TAC provided at meeting earlier that day:
 - Consider having permits for construction and deconstruction waste so that proper disposal and recycling are ensured
 - Noted that recent solid waste bylaw changes make it mandatory for landlords to provide recycling opportunities for tenants

5 Future recommendations for PAC Process

- Committee members provided feedback on the Public Consultation process; most felt it to be quite successful. Best part was the “Garbage School” session, necessary at a time when the information was getting too deep – time out to regroup, focus, and learn. Members commented on the engineering consultants, in general, as not being responsive to the committee’s suggestions and providing information that was too technical. Overall, since then, the main plan components have been identified and prioritized. Appreciated how the RD has responded to, and incorporated the input from the committee.

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6 Next Steps

- Presentation of report to Engineering Committee July 13, 2006. If no further changes, then presentations to local governments and forward to Board for final approval and adoption.
- Ministry is happy with PC process undertaken. (Thanks to all for your involvement!) With adoption by RD Board of Directors, Earth Tech will seek approval from the Ministry of Environment.
- ACTION: Keep PAC apprised of outcomes of above meetings.
- ACTION: When ready, send everyone a copy of the draft and a link to where hosted on website.
- ACTION: Add further recommendation to hire more staff as needed as plans are to be implemented. Resources will be required to put plans into action.

Final Note:

Carol and Jan gave their sincere thanks for everyone's thoughtful and enthusiastic participation throughout the process. Your input and feedback has helped create a meaningful plan for the future of Solid Waste in the Central Okanagan. THANK YOU!!!

- Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.
- Any questions, please call Wendy Rudder, at Earth Tech 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!