

PROJECT NAME: Regional Solid Waste Management Plan Update: Public Advisory Committee Meeting

LOCATION: Regional District of Central Okanagan office, PAGE: 1 of 4
1450 KLO Road, Kelowna

DATE OF MEETING: May 17, 2005 DATE: May 21, 2005

TIME OF MEETING : 4:00 – 5:30 P.M.

PRESENT:	Ron Brown	Previous PAC member
	Erin Scott	Thomas Scott SignCraft Ltd.
	Sarah Wilmot	Earth Tech
	Carol Suhan	RDCO
	Konrad Fichtner	Earth Tech
	Jan Enns	Jan Enns Communications
	Mark Koch	Resident
	Gary Morris	Central Okanagan Bear Aware
	Lloyd Manchester	Canadian Earth Care Society
	Tom Loewen	BFI Canada Inc.
	Lydia Reith	North Westside Ratepayers Association
	Lance Shaw	OK Environment Waste Systems
	Lisa Cameron	Boys and Girls Clubs of the Okanagan
	Deanne Stephenson	Metro Materials Recovery
REGRETS:	Colleen Bryce	Kelowna General Hospital
	Alan Newcombe	Earth Tech
	Graham Kershaw	OUC, Property & Custodial Services
	Bill Scutt	Downtown Kelowna Association/Business Owner
	Brian Galton	Westbank Resident's Association
	Brad Talbot	Rutland Senior Secondary
	Rebecca Whidden	Environment Studies Student
	Tim Teeple	Waste Management of Canada
	Shelley Benson	Island Ink Jet
	Jim Dixon	Lakeview Heights Community Association
	Bill Gladstone	Central Okanagan Homeowners Association
	James Pengilly	Constable Neil Bruce Middle School
	Bert Put	Chair, Peachland EDC
	Richard Soneff	Soneff Construction & Knight Gate Prop. Ltd.
	Tony Sali	Trader's Cove Resident's Association

PURPOSE: Discussion of future waste management options and evaluation criteria.

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

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ITEM	DESCRIPTION	ACTION BY
1	<p>Welcomes and Introductions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jan welcomed everyone to the third meeting of the Public Advisory Committee for the discussion of future waste management options and evaluation criteria. 	
2	<p>Further to input received from some committee members and an improved approach suggested by Earth Tech, an excellent round table discussion was held to discuss how to make the information on potential options clearer and easier to understand. The discussion focused on what some of the next steps should be to assist everyone in better understanding the options and being able to more comfortably make suggestions and recommendations on the various waste reduction and management options that could work in our community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Konrad Fichtner, Manager of Environmental Services with Earth Tech Canada, presented an improved approach that would involve looking at the different options by waste source (residential, commercial, construction, etc) to get a better sense of how each option would work for that waste stream. • Earth Tech could develop a series of options that would work together as a comprehensive strategy for each stream. These options could then be presented to the committee for their input. The committee agreed that this approach would help make things easier to understand 	
3	<p>Jan asked the committee what they thought the next steps should be to develop the scenarios.</p> <p>Comments about next steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns over ranking criteria. Need to look at examples first. How does a program work elsewhere and how might it work here. Need to look at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Costs ◦ Diversion rates ◦ Acceptability • The use of “proven” as an essential criteria may eliminate new ways of doing things, like the “Quest” program in Vancouver that collects food from grocery stores and takes to food banks. Need to share this info in order to make decisions. • The long list was intended to be more abstract and not focus on specific examples of implementation, but more examples can be included so that the long list is more meaningful. • Even if we look at waste by “streams” (residential, commercial, construction, etc.) there may be some commonalities, for example, social marketing works for both residential and commercial, and we need to make sure we maintain links between the three streams. Or, larger waste disposal systems could handle waste from all three streams (e.g., residential and commercial waste). • When breaking the waste into three streams, it is important to look at it from the source to the final destination • The SWM Plan has a 20 year horizon, but we also need to consider beyond that – keep future in mind. 	

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4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to take growing population into account as well • Possibly look at joint options with other regional districts to the north and south Carol has been doing some of this already. Regional District Representatives from north and south also sitting on Technical Advisory Committee. • The Westside Landfill is due to close 2010/2012 and the Glenmore lifespan is about 35-40 years • Continue use of pilot projects or trial basis before implementing anything new to make sure it does work • Likes idea of looking at by users (residential, commercial, etc.) Need to look at what is working elsewhere. For example, what about worm composting on a large scale – make a success story like Ogogrow. <p>Comments about Future Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prefer to increase length of meeting, not number of meetings • 4pm is too early, consider starting at 4:30pm • Prefer earlier time, perhaps 2 or 3pm If we segment the meetings into sessions dedicated to each waste stream, we could start with the construction/demolition discussion earlier, so that residents and businesses can come later in the afternoon. • Each session could start with an inside view of one type of strategy (like composting or incineration or recycling, etc). The sessions could be opportunities for industry experts to talk about different options. • Have a meeting or education session just on the different technologies/options – this would be like Garbage School 301! For each type of technology, we would look at how materials are handled, costs, health implications, etc. Include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Energy from waste ◦ Composting ◦ Policies instruments (e.g. Bans, tipping fees, social marketing) ◦ Recycling (looking at more materials, different systems) • End the session with group being able to provide feedback on some of the preferred options for further investigation (For example, if there is one idea everyone hates right off the bat, Earth Tech won't bother to investigate any further.) • Follow up with a session on the strategies or options that can apply to each waste stream. For example, what are the things we can do to address residential, commercial waste, etc. The strategies would look at different technologies; how materials can be handled; costs, what works, what doesn't, etc.) • This second meeting could also be longer and divided into the three waste streams (residential, commercial, construction & demolition). People could attend the parts that interest them most. • It was noted that everyone is a resident, so many people represent more than one interest group (both residents and commercial or construction). • We may need to find some more construction industry representatives as well. 	

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	<p>ACTION: Pencil in your calendar!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 7th: 4:00pm – 8:00pm is date for the next meeting (Garbage School 301: an overview of garbage/waste systems). You will be able to attend all or the session of interest to you. More info to come! • June 21st is the tentative date for a follow-up meeting to look at strategies for each waste stream. The strategies will be developed by Earth Tech and will be based on preferred options identified at Garbage School 301. • Any questions, please call Jan Enns at 769-3627 or Sarah Wilmot at 604-298-6181. • Any ideas or comments can be emailed to: solidwasteplan@earthtech.ca <p>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!</p> <p><i>Thank you for your time, energy, and interest!</i></p>	