

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

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

DATE OF MEETING: October 18, 2005 DATE: October 20, 2005

TIME OF MEETING : 4:00 – 6:10 P.M.

PRESENT: Ron Brown Previous PAC member
Gillian O’Sullivan Earth Tech
Carol Suhan RDCO
Rae Stewart RDCO
Tim Teeple Waste Management of Canada
Jim Dixon Lakeview Heights Community Association
Gary Morris Central Okanagan Bear Aware
Lloyd Manchester Canadian Earth Care Society
Terry Molden Hayer BFI Canada Inc.
Bill Scutt Downtown Kelowna Association/Business Owner
Lance Shaw OK Environment Waste Systems
Lisa Cameron Boys and Girls Clubs of the Okanagan
Bert Put Chair, Peachland EDC
Daniel Almond Resident, Forestry Consultant
Colleen Bryce Kelowna General Hospital
Ron Brown Resident, previous PAC member
Stan Bryn Jolfson Lake Country Environmental Society
Edith Bryn Jolfson Lake Country Environmental Society

REGRETS: Erin Scott Thomas Scott SignCraft Ltd.
Graham Kershaw OUC, Property & Custodial Services
Deanne Stephenson Metro Materials Recovery
Brian Galton
Brad Talbot Rutland Senior Secondary
Rebecca Whidden
Mark Koch
Shelley Benson
Lydia Reith North Westside Ratepayers Association
Bill Gladstone
Tony Sali Trader’s Cove Resident’s Association
Mark Flett UDI and CHBA

PURPOSE: Discussion and approval of Interim Strategy Report

DISTRIBUTION TO Gillian O’Sullivan, Earth Tech Canada
ALL ABOVE AND: Jan Enns, Jan Enns Communications

WRITTEN BY: Rae Stewart, Carol Suhan

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| 1 | <p>Welcomes and Introductions</p> <p>Carol welcomed everyone back from summer hiatus and to the fifth meeting of the Public Advisory Committee. The purpose of the meeting is to get feedback on the Interim Strategy Report that Earth Tech has put together since our last meeting.</p> <p>Carol explained that Jan Enns is away at university and introduced Gillian O’Sullivan from Earth Tech, who is taking over for Sarah Wilmot who also is returning to university.</p> | |
| 2 | <p>Presentation</p> <p>Interim Strategy Report by Gillian O’Sullivan.</p> | |
| 3 | <p>Gillian reported on the recommendations to the Interim Strategy Report made by the TAC earlier in the day:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rather than reducing bag limits in the near future, the document should be reworded to indicate that a one-bag limit should be the ultimate goal and enforced when more waste reduction programs are introduced; • Multi-family collection of recyclables should be managed under a separate contract from the residential collection contract; • Zero Waste was accepted as a new policy initiative; • Yard waste collection should be researched further and a monthly collection should be investigated instead of the recommended by-weekly collection; • The focus of the report and of waste reduction initiatives should be DLC and ICI waste; and • More information was required about landfill best practices. | |

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4 Round Table Discussion of Interim Strategy Report

Lloyd Manchester brought up the need for a comparative cost analysis, actual costs versus revenue. He says this is critical, as the number one thing the public wants to know is “How much is this going to cost us?” Carol indicated this has not happened yet as we want to keep all options and programs separate for now. In agreement that the Strategy needs to provide the cost to the individual taxpayer.

Lisa Cameron brought up the point that these costs don’t compare to the cost of having to purchase a whole new landfill by continuing with the existing program as is, and residents need to be made aware of this.

Tim Teeple of Waste Management was curious if any consideration was given to landfill bans, penalties, and how the hauling industry may react to additional costs. Says penalties and fines could find their way back to the consumer, and the Plan needs to be cognizant of this. Gillian O’Sullivan pointed out RDCO position is that the word “ban” will be enough of a deterrent, that enforcement will be the last resort. Carol cited cardboard ban and voluntary compliance as an example.

Jim Dixon asked about the closure of the Westside landfill in six years. Also concerned about governance issue and that Westside residents are particularly sensitive to cost. With respect to penalties and bans, is it possible to use incentives instead of bans and enforcement? Discussion ensued about effectiveness of variable tipping fees and how a ‘pay-as-you go’ system might provide incentive for waste reduction.

Terry Molden questioned the multi-family collection of recyclables recommendation. What type of collection would be considered? Carol said this would have to be researched and the earliest any implementation would be several years away.

Stan Bryn Jolfson asked questions about environmental product stewardship (EPR). Eg. tires, if there isn’t recyclable reuse for some of these things, where are we going to ensure that we have a closed loop? Oil for example, wonders who takes it? Carol responded that materials in EPR programs are being reused or recycled and that it is the manufacturers of the products responsibility to ensure that this is done.

Colleen Bryce asked about what happens with glass when it is recycled? Carol said that due to processing changes the RDCO may not be able to include glass containers in its blue bag program by late 2006.

Bill Scutt felt there will be a high degree of compliance with the public. Added that residential collection program is in good shape, the landfill is well run, but the ICI sector needs some work! However he was unsure about the concept of residential organics sitting around for a whole week. Gillian reassured that organics collection is managed well in other jurisdictions and has not created problems for residents.

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Carol suggested that the recommendation to place a landfill ban on all recyclables should be moved to the end of Phase I, instead of Phase II.

Bert Put talked of CTV showcase on Vancouver based company and the process to make SIN fuel. Remarked on the fantastic technology! Interested in knowing if the Regional District would take an interest in this? Carol says we should be looking into this.

Daniel Almond says at bare minimum, every person on this planet should at least make the commitment, take the time to recycle as much as possible.

Lloyd Manchester said that cost factor has to be delineated more clearly in the Interim Strategy. What will be the cost to residents in Kelowna? Does not want to leave lobbying product stewardship plan to politicians. Felt that composter plans should be monitored. He also recommended that an emphasis on education and social marketing be made, that landfill bans should be implemented as quickly as possible, and multi-family collection programs should have outreach policies for strata councils. Lastly, he felt that variable tipping fees would be effective, particularly when dealing with businesses and the construction sector and that the public doesn't want incentives, but wants to feel part of the solution.

5 Public Presentation Format

Gillian described the likely format for presentation of the Strategy to the public for input. Will include handouts and, at actual displays, a presentation similar to the one today. Also storyboards and as many staff as possible on site at to answer questions. Public consultation meetings will be held in Kelowna, the Westside, Peachland, Lake Country and Killeney Beach at the end of November or middle of January.

Lloyd Manchester said that he doesn't believe hand outs, story boards, power points, and AV presentations cut it. He feels what is needed is actual interaction with people.

Lloyd: will work with Jan Enns to help prepare public consultation education materials and presentations

- **Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m. Next meeting date TBA.**
- **Any questions, please call Gillian O-Sullivan at 604-298-6181 or Carol Suhan at 469-6259. Jan Enns will moderate the next meeting and coordinate next steps.**
- **Any ideas or comments can be emailed to:**
solidwasteplan@earthtech.ca

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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!