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TO: Chair and Directors
Comox Valley Regional District
(Comox Strathcona Waste Management) Board

Supported by Russell Dyson
Chief Administrative Officer

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RE: Additional Regional Organics Siting Analysis

Purpose

To provide the Comox Valley Regional District (Comox Strathcona Waste Management (CSWM)) Board (Board) with the previous siting analysis completed for the regional organics project.

Recommendation from the Chief Administrative Officer:

This report is provided for information as requested by the board at the February 7, 2019 meeting.

Executive Summary

At the February 7, 2019, Board meeting, staff were asked to provide past siting analysis work to the Board. On February 13th staff sent out (by email to the board) a 2016 staff report regarding the submission of a grant application for the regional composting facility. Included as a link in this staff report is the 2015 Morrison Hershfield report comparing the cost of locating a regional organics processing facility at the NWECC or at the CVWMC with the cost of locating two separate facilities at each location. [A link to the report is provided here.](#) The backhauling analysis requested by the Board on February 7, 2019, will be addressed within another report.

In addition to the above historical siting analysis, the regional organics municipal working group discussed and reviewed siting costs associated with the facility being located in Campbell River at the Norm Wood Environmental Centre. Within the group some felt the information completed in the Morrison Hershfield report may not be accurate in 2018 and that further review of all the siting options should be undertaken. In an effort to move the project forward and secure municipal commitment for feedstock, CVRD staff completed additional internal desktop analysis. This additional analysis is not presented separately within a standalone report as the analysis has not been supported by our consultant or vetted by the municipal working group. Additional effort would be required to formalize the analysis and its conclusions.

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