

Thursday, June 17, 2021

Minutes of the meeting of the Comox Valley Regional District (Comox Strathcona Waste Management) Board of Directors held on June 17, 2021 in the Civic Room of the Comox Valley Regional District offices located at 770 Harmston Avenue, Courtenay, BC commencing at 9:30 am.

MINUTES

Present:

Vice-Chair:	A. Hamir	Lazo North (Area B)
Directors:	J. Abram	Discovery Islands - Mainland Inlets (Area C)
	A. Adams	City of Campbell River
	N. Anderson	Cortes (Area B)
	D. Arbour	Baynes Sound-Denman/Hornby Islands (Area A)
	J. Colborne	Village of Zeballos
	W. Cole-Hamilton	City of Courtenay
	M. Davis	Village of Tahsis
	C. Evans	City of Campbell River
	E. Grieve	Puntledge/Black Creek (Area C)
	D. Hillian	City of Courtenay
	B. Leigh	Oyster Bay – Buttle Lake (Area D)
	R. Kerr	City of Campbell River
	W. Morin	City of Courtenay
	M. McCollum	City of Courtenay
	B. Unger	Village of Gold River
	G. Whalley	Kyuquot – Nootka/Sayward (Area A)
	C. Moglove	City of Campbell River
Alt. Directors:	A. Bissinger	Town of Comox
	N. Minions	Town of Comox
	S. Poulsen	Village of Sayward
	S. Sullivan	Village of Cumberland
Staff:	J. Warren	Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
	M. Foort	Chief Financial Officer
	M. Rutten	General Manager of Engineering Services
	J. Martens	General Manager of Corporate Services
	L. Dennis	Manager of Legislative Services
	A. Baldwin	Legislative Services Assistant

Absent:

Directors:	C. Cornfield	City of Campbell River
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ATTENDANCE:

With the exception of Directors Arbour and Grieve all members attended by electronic means.

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

J. Abram/G. Whalley: THAT item F.8 (Quadra Community Engagement and Recycling Transition) be brought forward on the agenda.

Carried

B. Leigh/G. Whalley: THAT the agenda as amended be approved.

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Carried

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

B. Unger/W. Cole-Hamilton: THAT the Comox Strathcona Waste Management Board minutes dated April 22, 2021 be adopted.

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Carried

REPORTS:

QUADRA COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND RECYCLING TRANSITION

D. Hillian/E. Grieve: THAT the report dated June 10, 2021 regarding a communications plan to engage the local community on upgrading the existing Quadra Island recycling depot to a Recycle BC depot and hosting an Extended Producer Responsibility clean up on Quadra Island be received.

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S. Valdal, Services Coordinator - CSWM, provided an overview of the report regarding a communications plan to engage the local community on upgrading the existing Quadra Island recycling depot to a Recycle BC depot and hosting an Extended Producer Responsibility clean up on Quadra Island.

J. Abram/D. Arbour: THAT staff conduct two engagement sessions with the residents on Quadra Island to gauge the interest of converting the existing recycling depot to a Recycle BC depot and expanding recycling opportunities;

AND FURTHER THAT the board support an Extended Producer Responsibility clean up on Quadra Island in September 2021 for materials such as batteries, light bulbs, ballasts, small and large appliances, scrap metal, paint, household hazardous waste and electronics.

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Carried

COMOX STRATHCONA WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

D. Hillian/E. Grieve: THAT the minutes of the Comox Strathcona Waste Management Advisory Committee meeting held May 27, 2021 be received.

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Carried

ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND COASTAL COMMUNITIES (AVICC) EARTH WEEK CLEAN-UP CHALLENGE 2022

W. Cole-Hamilton/D. Hillian: THAT the report dated June 7, 2021 regarding an inter-governmental earth week challenge in 2022 to challenge all other communities within the Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities (AVICC) to mobilize their communities to clean up illegally dumped waste during earth week be received.

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Carried

S. Valdal, Services Coordinator - CSWM, provided an overview of the report regarding an inter-governmental earth week challenge in 2022 to challenge all other communities within the Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities (AVICC) to mobilize their communities to clean up illegally dumped waste during earth week.

B. Leigh/D. Hillian: THAT the Comox Strathcona Waste Management (CSWM) Service initiate an inter-governmental earth week challenge for 2022 to the Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Community network to create awareness and mobilize the community to clean-up waste;

AND FINALLY THAT the CSWM service request each participating community to contribute \$100 towards prize money.

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B. Leigh/A. Adams: THAT staff investigate the possibility of placing garbage receptacles and garbage collection at popular beach locations in the CSWM service area.

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CVWMC CELL 2 BUDGET AMENDMENT

W. Cole-Hamilton/M. McCollum: THAT the report dated June 11, 2021 regarding a budget amendment for the new engineered landfill cell at the Comox Valley Waste Management Centre be received.

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C. Makinson, Manager of CSWM Capital Projects, provided an overview of the report regarding a budget amendment for the new engineered landfill cell at the Comox Valley Waste Management Centre.

D. Hillian/W. Cole-Hamilton: THAT the 2021-2025 financial plan and capital expenditure program for the Comox Strathcona Waste Management Service, functions 391-393, be amended by adjusting the planned solid waste infrastructure expenditures in 2021 and 2022 for the Comox Valley Waste Management Centre new engineered landfill – Cell 2 (#1050) project by increasing 2021 by \$1,000,000 and decreasing 2022 by an equivalent amount;

AND FURTHER THAT the project be funded by an equivalent increase in 2021, and decrease in 2022, in the transfer from the capital works reserve for the service.

209 Carried

CSWM MANAGEMENT REPORT

B. Leigh/N. Minions: THAT the CSWM Board management report dated June 2021 be received.

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VARY THE AGENDA:

D. Hillian/D. Arbour: THAT the agenda be varied to bring item F.7 (Recycle BC Eligibility Update) forward on the agenda.

208 Carried

RECYCLE BC ELIGIBILITY UPDATE

B. Leigh/M. McCollum: THAT the report dated June 8, 2021 regarding a status update on the existing Quadra Island and Oyster River depots, as well as a contemplated depot at the southern end of the City of Campbell River be received.

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Carried

S. Willie, Solid Waste Analyst, provided an overview of the report regarding a status update on the existing Quadra Island and Oyster River depots, as well as a contemplated depot at the southern end of the City of Campbell River.

A. Adams/C. Evans: THAT staff be directed to write a letter to Recycle BC requesting reconsideration for a Return-It Centre for South Campbell River or Oyster River due to significant growth in South Campbell River, Area D in the Strathcona Regional District and Area C in the Comox Valley Regional District, and the distance to the current Return-It Centre and Campbell River Landfill site in Northern Campbell River, and the closure of the Recycling Depot at the Sportsplex in Campbell River as there is considerable concern for illegal dumping and other unintended consequences.

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Carried

The board recessed at 10:23 am and reconvened at 10:30 am.

Directors Abram, Davis and Arbour were not in attendance when the meeting reconvened.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION - SESSION ONE: DEMOLITION AND CONSTRUCTION WASTE

W. Cole-Hamilton/N. Minions: THAT the information presented by the following individuals regarding construction and demolition waste be received.

S. Willie, Solid Waste Analyst, Comox Valley Regional District;

Chris Arkell, Sea to Sky Removal;

Tom Beshr and Pat McKenna, Habitat for Humanity;

David Behan, DEMXX Deconstruction Inc.

Adam Corneil, Unbuilders.

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Carried

D. Hillian/A. Adams: THAT item E.6 (Round Table Discussion - Session Two: Solid Waste Management Plan) be deferred to the September 9, 2021 CSWM Board meeting.

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Carried

NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION STATUTORY HOLIDAY - OPERATIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

D. Hillian/A. Adams: THAT the report dated June 16, 2021 regarding operational considerations at the Comox Valley Waste Management Centre and Campbell River Waste Management Centre for the Federal Government's adoption of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation statutory holiday on September 30, 2021 be received.

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Carried

V. Schau, Senior Manager of CSWM Services, provided an overview of the report regarding operational considerations at the Comox Valley Waste Management Centre and Campbell River Waste Management Centre for the Federal Government's adoption of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation statutory holiday on September 30, 2021.

D. Hillian/N. Minions: THAT the Comox Valley Waste Management Centre and Campbell River Waste Management Centre remain open to the public on September 30, 2021 in consideration of the limited time to adjust and the critical nature of the waste management service;

AND FURTHER THAT a consultative approach for future National Day for Truth and Reconciliation will be undertaken with the aim of either full facility closure or modification of service, in line with the statutory holiday closures that came into effect January 1, 2021.

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Carried

TERMINATION:

W. Cole-Hamilton/N. Minions: THAT the meeting terminate.

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Carried

Time: 12:13 pm.

Confirmed this _____ day of _____ 20__:

Arzeena Hamir
Vice-Chair

Certified Correct:

Lisa Dennis
Manager of Legislative Services

Recorded By:

Antoinette Baldwin
Legislative Services Assistant