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TO: Chair and Directors
Comox Strathcona Waste Management Board

FROM: Russell Dyson
Chief Administrative Officer

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RE: CVWMC Cell 2 Budget Amendment

Purpose

To obtain approval for a budget amendment to the 2021 – 2025 financial plan for the Comox Valley Waste Management Centre (CVWMC), function 391, for the engineering and construction of Cell 2.

Recommendation from the Chief Administrative Officer:

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.

Executive Summary

The 2012 Comox Strathcona Waste Management (CSWM) Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) commits to the disposal of residual solid waste within expansion landfills that meet the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy (Ministry) Landfill Criteria for new landfills including bottom liners, leachate systems, LFG systems, groundwater control systems and monitoring. The Cell 2 capital works is critical in the long term infrastructure needs of the CSWM service, as well as meeting our regulatory obligations with the Ministry.

The Cell 2 project has an overall budget of \$8,838,000 and was approved through the 2021-2025 financial plan, function 391, in March 2021. Planned spending was approved at \$803,000 in 2021 for engineering and design, and \$8,035,000 in 2022 for construction of the works.

As part of further design and upon review of the construction schedule it has been determined that some of the construction work originally planned for 2022 should be brought forward and completed in 2021. The new access roads, landfill gas collection infrastructure, some leachate collection infrastructure, and a vegetative screening berm along Bevan road should be completed this year in an effort to minimize operational impacts during Cell 2 construction. Advancing these tasks to 2021 does not change the overall project budget or the overall five year financial plan.

Amendments to the 2021-2025 financial plan are approved by CSWM Board resolution during the year and compiled into a financial plan amendment bylaw to be adopted by the Comox Valley

Regional District Board later in the year. A budget amendment is required ahead of confirmation and agreement to proceed with the works.

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