



Regional Board Report

TO: Regional Board

FROM: Jodie Foster,
Director of Communication and Information Services

DATE: April 27, 2020

SUBJECT: Solid Waste Management Plan – Final Approval

Voting Entitlement: All Directors – Unweighted Corporate Vote – Simple Majority – LGA 208.1

Purpose: The Regional Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) has received final approval from the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy with a requirement for amendments. This report is to update the Regional Board on the Minister's requested amendments to the plan and to receive approval from the Board on the Final Solid Waste Management Plan.

Executive Summary:

The British Columbia Environmental Management Act mandates regional districts to develop plans for the management of municipal solid waste. From 2016-2017, the Regional District of Central Okanagan's Waste Reduction Office, with the assistance of a consultant, a public advisory committee and public consultation, updated the region's Solid Waste Management Plan. On February 2, 2020, Honorable Greg Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy gave final approval of the plan with the requirement for two amendments to the draft final plan including a five-year effectiveness review by December 31, 2024 and a re-evaluation of organics waste diversion by December 31, 2030.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Regional Board approve the final Solid Waste Management Plan with amendments required by the Minister of Environment in his letter dated February 2, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jodie Foster".

Jodie Foster, Director of Communications

Approved for Board's Consideration

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Reardon".

Brian Reardon, CAO

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Implications of Recommendation:

Strategic Plan:	The Solid Waste Management Plan contents supports the Boards 2019-2022 strategic priorities, specifically supporting efforts to reduce our environmental footprint, adapt to climate change and connect with nature.
Organizational:	The Solid Waste Management Plan guides the Regional District in the development of initiatives and programs that will support the management and reduction of municipal solid waste in the region.
Legal/Statutory Authority:	The Provincial Environmental Management Act mandates Regional Districts to develop plans for the management of municipal solid waste and recyclable materials.

Background:

In late 2015, the Regional District Waste Reduction Office commissioned consultants Morrison Hirschfield to assist the Regional District with updating its Solid Waste Management Plan. The plan update included formation of a Solid Waste Technical Advisory Committee who advised on the development of the new plan's goals and initiatives. Public consultation on proposed initiatives in the plan was required and took place through surveys and open houses in 2016.

The final draft plan was completed by October 2017 and the Regional Board approved submitting the final draft to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy on October 17, 2017.

The final draft report was submitted to Honourable Greg Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy in June 2017.

On February 2, 2020, the Regional District received a final approval letter for the Solid Waste Management Plan, from Honourable Greg Heyman, which included the following required amendments:

- a. The RDCO shall complete a Five-Year Effectiveness Review as recommended under the Section C.3.3 of a guide to Solid Waste Management Planning. A review report should be submitted to the ministry by December 31, 2024
- b. The RDCO shall re-evaluate organic waste diversion opportunities and assess effectiveness of maintaining landfill gas collection and use at the landfill. A report should be submitted to the ministry by December 31, 2030

The Minister also noted that the Regional District's Board may now commence implementing the amended plan.

Attachment(s): Approval Letter from Ministry of Environment
Final Approved RDCO Solid Waste Management Plan