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**Public participation needed for Solid Waste Resource Management Plan update
*Regional District seeks members for public and technical advisory committee***

Pemberton, BC – The Squamish-Lillooet Regional District (SLRD) is undertaking a multi-year process of reviewing and updating its Solid Waste Resource Management Plan and is looking to the public to help shape that process and inform a new plan for the region.

The Environmental Management Act requires that all regional districts develop plans for the management of solid waste and recyclable materials. The SLRD's current Solid Waste and Resource Management Plan was adopted by the SLRD Board in March 2016 and approved by the Ministry of Environment in 2019. Regional districts are required to review and update these plans every 10 years.

The SLRD anticipates this project will span three years, from 2026-2028. Broad community engagement will begin in 2027, with a draft plan anticipated in 2028.

Forming the Public and Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC) is an integral first step in driving this important process.

"Shaping the future of how we reduce waste and protect our environment starts with the voices of the people who live in the region," said SLRD Board Chair, Jen Ford.

"We are calling on the community to help inform this important work," she said. "By joining the technical advisory committee, you help ensure that our new Solid Waste and Resource Management Plan reflects the priorities, values and lived experiences in the communities we serve. Your perspective matters, and it can make a lasting difference."

The SLRD is seeking residents, business members and representatives from community organizations with an interest or expertise in solid waste and related matters to serve on the Solid Waste and Resource Management Plan Update Public and Technical Advisory Committee.

Applications are due by March 30, 2026.

Applicants should:

- Reside or conduct business within the region.
- Demonstrate community/ committee involvement and the ability to work collaboratively with others.
- Be interested in and/ or demonstrate a commitment to waste reduction, sustainability and climate action.
- Be experienced with waste, waste diversion and recycling.
- Be available to commit to 4-6 three-hour sessions over the duration of the project, which is anticipated to take place over three years (2026 – 2028).

To learn more about the role of the PTAC and to access the application form, visit:

<https://www.slrld.bc.ca/PTAC>

More information on the Solid Waste and Resource Management Plan and application form available at

slrd.bc.ca/SWRMPUpdate

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About the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District

Located in southwestern BC, the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District (SLRD) is a local government federation consisting of four member municipalities (the District of Lillooet, the District of Squamish, the Village of Pemberton and the Resort Municipality of Whistler) and four unincorporated, rural electoral areas (A, B, C, and D). Headquartered in Pemberton, which is the approximate geographic centre of the region, the SLRD delivers a wide range of local, regional and sub-regional services to approximately 50,496 residents (2021 Census as certified by the Minister of Municipal Affairs).

The Squamish-Lillooet Regional District is found within the traditional territories of several First Nations, including the Sḵwx̱wú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), St'át'imc and Lílwat. Small parts of the SLRD also overlap with the traditional territories of the Stó:lō, Tseil-Waututh, Nlaka'pamux, Tsilhqot'in, and Secwepemc Nations. While the SLRD does not provide direct services to the residents of the First Nations communities located within the region, the organization is committed to enhancing relations with the Indigenous communities and First Nations within whose territories the SLRD operates.

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