



## Solid Waste and Resource Management Plan Monitoring Advisory Committee

A meeting to discuss the past and planned initiatives from the attendees and to discuss opportunities for collaboration. The previous meeting was held April 6, 2017. The meeting was held on February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 in Pemberton BC. It began at 12:35 pm and was facilitated by Marie-Lou Leblanc, Resource Recovery Coordinator with the SLRD.

### Attendees

Allen McEwan – Pemberton Wildlife Association  
Shannon White – District of Squamish (DOS)  
Lisa Pedrini – Village of Pemberton (VOP)  
Denise Imbeault – Green For Life (GFL)  
Claire Ruddy – AWARE  
Taniell Hamilton – Whistler Blackcomb Resort  
Scott Kerr – Sea to Sky Soils  
Jaye-Jay Berggren – Sea to Sky Soils  
Sue Senger – Lillooet area Wildlife biologist  
Sue Maxwell – Ecoinspire  
Marg Lampman - Lillooet  
Lori Pyne – Whistler Community Services Society - Rebuildit  
Rod Pleasance – Public Works Director District of Lillooet  
Tom Laviolette – Lil'wat Nation  
Andrew Tucker – Resort Municipality of Whistler (RMOW)  
Marie-Lou Leblanc – SLRD

### Introduction

**Marie-Lou:** Welcomed the group and reviewed the Agenda.

### Roundtable Discussion

#### Pemberton Wildlife Association

##### Allen McEwan

- Illegal dumping is a huge concern. The Association worked with the SLRD and the Deputy Director on this before
- They have done clean-ups of illegal dumping around Green River.

- One of the main things seen in illegal dumping is yardwaste. Enforcement is the key
- Excited to see what the Transfer Station in Pemberton will look like.
- Working on a Grizzly program and want to ensure that bear attractants are managed so there is minimal conflict.

### District of Squamish

#### **Shannon White**

- Has recently conducted waste audits in 2018 and found high rates of contamination of recyclable and organic material in the garbage.
- Focused on developing materials for residents on What Goes Where and launching the Waste Wizard app, so residents can use it to find disposal options for anything in Squamish.
- Solid Waste Bylaw was updated in 2017 to require source-separation of organic and recyclable materials in MFH and ICI. Current focus is on enforcement and education and a new part-time person will be hired to help with this.
- Squamish joined Recycle BC to manage and own their curbside recycling material
- Conducting an analysis on next steps for waste once the Landfill is closed.
- Local events for 2019 (in partnership with Squamish CAN and GFL) include: Repair Café with TINKERbell Station, ReUse It Fair, Zero Waste Series and Curbside Tune-ups
- Council has directed staff to move towards banning single-use plastics, starting with straws and plastic bag by the end of 2019.

### Village of Pemberton

#### **Lisa Pedrini**

- There is currently no program or capacity for curbside collection
- Recently amended the Zoning Bylaw to broaden the types of land uses that permit resource recovery
- Working on a downtown enhancement program, that will include bearproof garbage cans
- Developing a list for landscaping that includes no wildlife attractants

### Green For Life

#### **Denise Imbeau**

- GFL continues to work with all its partners in the Corridor and is happy to continue building those relationships.
- Volume of collected material is high and growing, highlighting the importance of reduction and diversion, which is also part of GFL's mission statement
- Looking into options for C&D separation for Spring 2019
- Looking at offering a tote-cleaning pilot in Squamish in 2019

## AWARE

### **Claire Ruddy**

- Has been working largely with the RMOW, and has recently expanded services to include neighbouring communities
- A large focus on waste management at events has been a speciality of AWARE. Over the past 5 years, they have seen 75,000 users of their zero waste stations at events
- Working with the Ironman in 2019, and have gotten many of the smaller events in Whistler to a zero waste status and keep pushing those who haven't reached it yet.
- Running the SLRD workshops in elementary schools in the Corridor. They have 40+ schools signed up for 2019.
- Working on a deep-dive with the Whistler Secondary School into behaviour change and waste management
- Have developed a zero waste education station that can be used
- Hosts many zero waste lifestyle workshops in Whistler, including Clothing Swap and Repair Café
- Conducted a pilot in Whistler on visitor accommodation, testing different toolkits in various accommodation styles.
- Have developed many different frameworks and toolkits and are happy to share to be replicated.
- Launched an accreditation program for cleaning companies in Whistler. Making it easier for Property Managers to know which companies are trained on proper diversion and have staff who have been through the program.

## Whistler Blackcomb Resort

### **Taniell Hamilton**

- Have moved to specific coloured bags per stream to ensure that operators are disposing of material in the right manner
- Have seen a significant decrease in tonnage in garbage (72% decrease) through a focus on diversion. Food and Beverage team have been incredible champions, with most of their sorting happening back-of-house and doing a great job at it. They have not seen an increase in labour costs since the focus on diversion and sorting of waste, only slightly in infrastructure.
- Report cards are given out to different departments based on the level of contamination in the bins.
- Vale Resorts has a commitment to Zero Waste by 2030. The WB team is use as an example and is overseeing the development of the strategy for the whole company and the development of toolkits for activities such as the Report Cards, Audits, etc. The Strategy is comprehensive and addresses generators, procurement, what is sent out as garbage, etc.
- WB has moved to zero straws and has had significant success in this

- Municipal/Regional District Bylaws and Waste Management Plans play a key role in helping resorts move towards zero waste and to get funding through the organization for the initiatives needed.
- Working on achieving TRUE Zero Waste Certification

### Sea to Sky Soils

#### **Scott Kerr & Jaye-Jay Berggren**

- Accepts both material as organic waste and then sells compostable material
- The company is growing a lot and accepts the majority of the organic waste in the region
- Working closely with, and employs quite a few of folks from, the Lílwat Nation
- Supports the agricultural and community groups by donating soil
- Continues working with children and schools by offering tours on-site
- Are interested in seeing how they can help with the illegal dumping of yardwaste issue as they offer a service to residents for yard waste disposal.
- Hoping to expand their site as they have applied for a Federal Government grant

### Lillooet area Wildlife biologist

#### **Sue Senger**

- Is promoting the management of wildlife attractants
- Is on the SLRD Agriculture Committee and part of the review of the bylaw that addresses backyard chickens
- Is concerned about how SLRD funding for invasive species management, in relation to the green bin program, will work. And that the funding will go towards addressing the issue of yardwaste illegal dumping because that can often include invasive species.

### Ecoinspire

#### **Sue Maxwell**

- At the federal level, the Zero Waste International Alliance has rejigged the definition of Zero Waste
- The MOE has a few contracts out on topics addressing waste reduction/diversion/management, including:
  - o What is Circular Economy
  - o EPR programs and their effectiveness, gaps and solutions
- City of Victoria is developing a Zero Waste Strategy. They also banned plastic bags and even won a lawsuit from the Plastic Bag association.
- FCM is doing a refresh of the sector for best practices and how the funding is allocated amongst communities who apply.
- RCBC conference is May 8-10<sup>th</sup>, they are looking for Speakers right now (free day entry)
- Developing a bike rack for Whistler residents to use when recycling

## Lillooet

### **Marg Lampman:**

- Lillooet doesn't have a big team and it is proving difficult to convince the Council to invest in curbside collection truck (*people recommended Rod reach out to Recycle BC*)
- The depot in Lillooet gets great reviews and people enjoy using it, however, people aren't interested in driving their recyclables out to the Landfill.
- Interested in the District utilizing their Facebook account to provide information to residents that can be accessed by many (versus in a paper, which is a one-time ad).  
Inexpensive
- Illegal dumping is an issue
- Need to keep the Free Store, as it's a great resource and helps in diversion

## Whistler Community Services Society-Rebuildit

### **Lori Pyne**

- Funding linked to the Whistler Community Services Society
- Interesting trend is developing in that social media is helping move materials around the RMOW, however, the ReBuild It Centre is seeing a decrease in revenue as not as many materials coming to them.
- Diverting about 120,000kg of waste annually
- Tool library is now up and running for Whistler residents
- They see a lot of electronics come in to be recycled.
- Not a lot of contractors are coming into the site with materials to bring in or to buy

## District of Lillooet

### **Rod Pleasance**

- No curbside recycling is in place yet. Residents have to drive to the landfill and this is an obstacle to them recycling.
- Wildlife Attractant stickers were used by Bylaw and the Conservation Officers. They stickered bins a night and the next day
- ½ of the bins in Lillooet are picked up by Public Works and ½ by a private contractor. The Public Works team uses the stickers on bins with infractions, however the private contractor doesn't really enforce the contamination issue, affecting levels.
- Looking into biosolid composting (early stages). The veneer plant in town has woodchips that can be used. There was a recent stop in services (temporary), however, it was determined that a back-up option needed to be explored.

## Lílwat Nation

### **Tom Laviolette**

- Curbside Collection is happening, and there are 2 transfer stations with compactors
- The garbage goes through the Callaghan transfer station
- See contamination of household garbage and recycling

- Transfer Stations need to be upgraded/renovated, including, fencing, pavement, etc.
- Have implemented a compost program, where the material is going to Sea to Sky Soils
- Interested in partnering with organizations in the Region, such as AWARE

### Resort Municipality of Whistler

#### **Andrew Tucker**

- In 2017 recyclables and organics were banned from the landfill waste
- Focus on diverting recyclables and organic material out of the garbage
- Working with commercial entities to educate staff and divert waste, as well to put in the infrastructure that is needed. Worked with AWARE on this, and continues to do so.
- Looking into Streetscapes and how to divert. With all of the tourists and visitors, the municipality is looking into the best way to cost effectively handle the material, and have no contamination (container type, location, etc.). Soon they will release an Expression of Interest to see if someone can assist on this.
- The new depot at Nester's was put in 2018. It is larger and users can move around easier and safer. They are seeing a drop in visits/tonnage at the Function Junction depot, corresponding with a slight increase in the material flowing through the Nester's Depot. The for-profit bottle depot manages the EPR beside the depot.
- The Communication campaigns are seasonal as the RMOW sees a fluctuation in people due to the seasons.
- Looking at the transfer station and its function and logistics to see if they can be improved.
- The depots are part of Recycle BC. Since joining they have begun comingling cardboard and paper. Allowing them to get rid of 1 compactor and open up some space.
- Have hired a Solid Waste Technician, who will start soon.
- Will soon start a Zero Waste Committee that will highlight diversion and community goals.

### Absent

#### Sea to Sky Removal

#### **Cinci Csere**

Cinci provided us with a complete report - see attachment

The meeting concluded at 2:45 pm and SLRD thanked everyone for attending

### Next meeting

Date: Early June of 2019 – Exact date TBD

Location: Pemberton