



MEETING MINUTES

Solid Waste Resource & Management Plan Monitoring Advisory Committee

Tuesday June 29, 2021

9:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Location: Microsoft Teams meeting

FINAL Minutes of the SWRMP Monitoring Advisory Committee of the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District held via Microsoft Teams on June 29, 2021 at 9: 00 AM.

In Attendance:

Marie-Lou Leblanc (ML) – Squamish-Lillooet Regional District (SLRD), Resource Recovery Coordinator

Vanessa Lafontaine - SLRD, Communications & Projects Coordinator

Andrew Tucker - Resort Municipality of Whistler (RMOW), Engineering Technologist

Claire Ruddy - Association of Whistler Area Residents for the Environment (AWARE), Executive Director

Denise Imbeau - Green For Life Environmental Inc. (GFL), General Manager

Jaye-Jay Berggren – Director and Operator, Sea to Sky Soils

Scott Kerr – Operations Manager, Sea to Sky Soils

Lisa Pedrini - Village of Pemberton (VOP), Manager of Development Services

Nicole Steglich - District of Squamish (DOS), Integrated Solid Waste Specialist

Margaret Lampman - Lillooet Resident

Lucinda Philips - Indigenous Zero Waste Technical Advisory Group (IZWTAG), Executive Director

Regrets:

Rory Card – District of Lillooet (DOL), Director of Public Works and Utilities

Sue Senger - Squamish Resident

Lori Pyne – Whistler Community Services Society (WCSS), Operations Manager

Tom Laviolette (Lil'Wat Nation)

Representative from Squamish Nation

Representative from Nquat'qua Nation

1. Call to Order

ML called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of Agenda

2.1 Opening

Welcome and overview of meeting Agenda/Objectives

ML reviewed meeting objectives and agenda.

3. Approval & Receipt of Minutes

The Solid Waste Resource Management Plan Monitoring Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of February 26, 2019 are approved as circulated by committee.

4. Terms of Reference Verbal Discussion

4.1 Request for Decision

ML reviewed current Terms of Reference (TOR), suggested an amendment be made to allow more members at large to participate. Consensus was reached that committee memberships be increased from 6 members at large to 10.

4.2 Subcommittees

Committee members requested that subcommittees be created as deemed necessary. Consensus was reached for subcommittees to be added to TOR amendment.

5. Regional Roundtable Discussion

Committee members shared updates.

Lucinda Philips – Indigenous Zero Waste Technical Advisory Group

- Recycling Champions training program available to community members.
- Training for level 1 and 2 operations, training from BC Used Oil Management Association (BCUOMA) and other Extended Producer Responsibility programs.
- Circuit Rider program is in high demand. The Circuit Rider travels to first nation transfer stations to provide guidance on policy and operations improvements. Many communities have requested assistance.
- N'Quatqua mobile depot currently being developed.

Lisa Pedrini – Village of Pemberton

- The Village of Pemberton (VOP) does not oversee waste management/resource recovery – this is handled by the SLRD – and unfortunately does not have the resources at this time to investigate the feasibility of one-day providing curbside collection. All multi-family developments must provide onsite garbage collection, recycling and composting.
- The VOP is in the process of developing a Community Climate Action Plan that features 6 Big Moves, one of which is waste. Marie-Lou Leblanc was invited to engage as a Key Stakeholder in its development and has been asked to review the draft section on “Closing the Loop on Waste”.

- The VOP is helping to facilitate a new location for the Pemberton Transfer Station by agreeing to subdivide and sell a lot to the SLRD located at the Pemberton Industrial Park.

Andrew Tucker – *Resort Municipality of Whistler*

- Zero Waste Action Plan is going to council.
- Lauren Harrison, Solid Waste Technician, has been employed full-time since February. She has taken on much of the outreach.
- The Zero Waste Action plan will provide a framework to reduce the greenhouse gas footprint of waste disposal.
- Developing a plan for gypsum disposal with the goal of reducing the amount of illegal dumped gypsum from DIY's.
- Transfer stations now part of the MARR program. Does not include commercial appliances.
- Working on streetscape program. Updated the decals.
- Partnered with AWARE to provide engagement and education in two of the larger parks to educate visitors on waste disposal and diversion
- Zero Waste Committee – Reduce construction waste. The committee was pivotal in creating the Zero Waste action plan.
- Waste diversion programs and initiatives continue to be underway.
- New Waste Operations Coordinator has been hired to assist with the operations, maintenance and new program implementation at the transfer station, composter and depots.

Claire Ruddy – *Association of Whistler Area Residents for the Environment (AWARE)*

- Waste reduction events are currently on hold.
- Working with the Whistler Farmers Market.
- Engagement and education currently underway in two of the larger parks to educate visitors on waste disposal and diversion.
- Delivered 77 workshops in schools before COVID-19. Modified delivery to virtual in response to COVID-19. Less traction thereafter.
- Creating a central hub for zero waste education and opportunities. From supply chain to accessing training on waste disposal and flow management.
- Pilot project: garbage room makeover to demonstrate to Strata's the potential of their spaces. To encourage them to take ownership of their waste and recycling rooms.
- Solutions guide: targeting food and beverage businesses. Does not include retail and guest accommodations at this time.

- Wrapped up the programs with the youth. The first program focused on Fast Fashion, while the second focused on waste. Students wrote a petition for better management of waste throughout the school district.

Denise Imbeau – *Green For Life (GFL) Environmental Inc.*

- GFL Squamish continues to support all of our municipal partners throughout the regional district on all solid and liquid waste items.
- Residential Bagged Drywall Pilot starting at the Squamish Landfill and the Whistler Transfer Station. This will relieve the residents in our corridor from the rigors and expense of having their drywall tested. This program is rolling out presently at both locations.
- Mixed Waste diversion programs with Squamish and Whistler municipalities, trying to clean up the streams of waste that still have contamination in them. Having a bit more success with Squamish simply because of the logistics of available space in Squamish to sort.
- Education and promotion of contamination issues in Squamish by having a Residential Tote Auditor starting to flip lids and give residents notice of contaminations in their totes.
- GFL has started a 95-gallon waste tote program in Whistler, to allow customers to have a host of recycling totes in their limited space waste sheds.
- We have been doing some waste room makeovers, so we will work with Claire Ruddy from AWARE to be sure we are using each other's best practices. Claire has a Solutions Guide which we will also look at with the thought of circulating on her behalf.

Jaye-Jay Berggren & Scott Kerr – *Sea to Sky Soils*

- Finalized a recent expansion project - Organic Infrastructure Program.
- Hosted many school tours of the facility. Over 120 grade school kids in 2021 already.
- Ongoing projects with local certified organic farms.
- Donations to numerous organizations, regional schools, first responders and health care workers, the Lil'wat Nation Farm and band members, Squamish CAN, AWARE, Stewardship Pemberton Society, Pemberton Lions Club and others.
- Members of SLRD Food Security Task Force.
- Significant cash donation in 2020 to the Nature Conservancy of Canada to help secure the Ryan River Property.
- Winner of the Whistler Chamber of Commerce 2019 - Sustainable Business of the Year Award.
- Winner of the 2020 BUILD Recycling and Waste Management Award.
- Over \$600,000 annually to Lil'wat Nation through direct wages to members and lease payments.

- Continued Organic Materials Review Institute (OMRI) certification of compost to support local farms.

Nicole Steglich – *District of Squamish*

- Sustainability Outreach Coordinator position for Zero Waste has been made permanent.
- Waste composition audit conducted last summer.
- GFL is working hard to reduce wildlife access to residential totes. Last year’s proactive tote repairs decreased the number of totes needing repairs this year.
- Contamination Remediation Plan requested by Recycle BC. Plan to be submitted in early August.
- Landfill expansion has been approved by Squamish Nation with conditions and in principle by District of Squamish Council.
- Landfill gas collection and flaring system to be commissioned shortly. Planning on conducting studies for beneficial use of landfill to further reduce GHG emissions.
- The diversion of wood waste from disposal as garbage is a high priority. The new Demolition Recycling Bylaw requires a minimum diversion rate of 80% in order to recover the associated deposit.

Margaret Lampman – *Lillooet area resident*

- Need for Lillooet to implement a curbside recycling pickup program.
- Loss of the free store at the landfill site and what would it have to look like in order for it to reopen.

<p>6. SWRMP Update</p>

- The community of Furry Creek currently has a community glass depot serviced by GFL. The community of Britannia Beach implemented a glass depot pilot project this summer running until September 30, 2021. The success of this project will inform if a year-round bottle depot will be implemented in the community.
- Curbside services in Britannia Beach and Furry Creek for organics were established in June 2019. In 2021 weekly organics collection is being provided for the summer months.
- Partnered with WildSafe BC to promote wildlife education throughout the region.
- SLRD contracted Tetra Tech in 2020 to conduct waste audits at the Pemberton Transfer Station, Lillooet Landfill, Britannia Beach and Furry Creek curbside services.

- Updating Fees and Charges Regulation Bylaws for the SLRD facilities throughout the region.
- Currently focused on diverting recyclables and organics from landfill through education and engagement.

6.1 Squamish Landfill Expansion Major Amendment

ML informed committee that a major amendment must be made to the SWRMP now that the Squamish Landfill Expansion has been approved by DOS council and the public. Amendment was supported by committee.

6.2 Pemberton Curbside Collection Initiative – No longer Pursued

ML informed committee that on February 6, 2018 the Village of Pemberton Council resolved that the Solid Waste Management and Resource Plan Curbside Pick Up Initiative, including the proposed public consultation program, be put on hold as a result of concerns respecting the financial impacts and wildlife interface challenges and to allow focus on other elements of the SWMR Plan including the development of the new Pemberton Transfer Station. At the February 28, 2018 SLRD Board meeting, it was resolved that the request would be upheld. An adjustment must be made to the SWRMP to reflect this decision. Submission of adjustment was supported by committee.

<h3>7. Other Business / Discussions</h3>

1. It was suggested by members that a topic of focus be chosen for the next meeting.
2. Discussion took place around better sharing of information and material among the organizations within the district, as well as event collaboration and funding sharing.

<h3>8. Next Steps and Close of Meeting</h3>
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1. **SLRD** to create and submit an amendment to the Terms of Reference of the SWRMP from 6 to 10 members at large.
2. **SLRD** to create and submit an amendment to the Terms of Reference to allow the creation of subcommittees as deemed necessary.
3. **SLRD** to work with the DOS on the Landfill Expansion Amendment to be submitted to the Ministry.
4. **SLRD** to create and submit an amendment for the Pemberton Transfer Station Relocation as the immediate focus. Curbside collection initiative to be put on hold as per the VOP Board Meeting and the SLRD Board resolution.
5. **SLRD** create a list of amendments before the 5-year review for committee members to review.

6. Topic of focus for next meeting to be chosen.

9. Next Meeting / Adjournment

Next meeting date to be confirmed.

Date: September 2021

Location: Online

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm.