



MEETING MINUTES

**Solid Waste Resource & Management
Plan Monitoring Advisory Committee**

Wednesday, June 21, 2023

1:00 PM – 4:06 PM

Location: Zoom & SLRD Administration Office

DRAFT Minutes of the SWRMP Monitoring Advisory Committee (PMAC) of the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District held via Electronic Facilities on Friday, November 18, 2022 at 1:00 PM. Meeting location: SLRD Administration Office, 1350 Aster Street, Pemberton, BC.

In Attendance electronically:

Committee: C. Stacey; D. Imbeau; A. Tucker; S. White; M. Cossette, S. Maxwell;
S. Kerr; M. Lampman; A. Bandel

Staff: ML. Leblanc (Chair – SLRD Resource Recovery Coordinator)

Public: None

In attendance at the SLRD Administration Office:

Staff: V. Lafontaine (SLRD Communications and Projects Coordinator)

Regrets: C. Ruddy; S. Senger; L. Phillips; T. Laviolette; J. Aeyelts; L. Pyne

1. Call to Order

ML called the meeting to order at 1:10 pm.
Welcome and land acknowledgement.

2. Adoption of Agenda and Meeting Notes

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the agenda be approved.

CARRIED (MOTION 1)

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the November 18, 2022 minutes be approved.

CARRIED (MOTION 2)

3. Actions from Last Meeting

1. SLRD to explore with PMAC an advocacy sub-committee
Discussed in section 4
2. SLRD to share the Illegal Dumping Strategy and Action Plan
Completed
3. SLRD to share information regarding the modified shipping containers used at the new Pemberton Transfer Station.
Completed
4. SLRD to organized a Pemberton Transfer Station tour in 2023.
Not completed

4. Committee Structure Board Resolution

ML the Board Rescinded Previous Board Appointments to the Solid Waste Management Plan Monitoring Advisory Committee It was moved and seconded:

THAT the appointments of Director Vivian Birch-Jones (North) and Director Russell Mack (South) to the Solid Waste Management Plan Monitoring Advisory Committee be rescinded, as the Solid Waste Management Plan Monitoring Advisory Committee is not a select committee of the Board.

ML asked the group if they thought having elected officials could be beneficial to the group its tasks.

SM Elected officials could be beneficial to the group.

ML This item could be included in the 5-year review.

5. Solid Waste Advocacy

VL The SLRD does not currently have the capacity and resources to support a sub-committee. Zero Waste BC has a functioning advocacy working group.

SM BC Consultations group for organizations to develop feedback to consultations such as federal, provincial, EPR, etc.

AT Zero Waste BC has been doing great work sharing information from various organizations which has enabled local governments to respond to consultations.

6. SWRMP Committee Update

2020 the SLRD had a disposal rate of 489 kg/person as per the Provincial database.
2021 the SLRD had a disposal rate of 440 kg/person as per SLRD data.

Tasks completed in 2022:

- Illegal Dumping Strategy & Action Plan
- Pemberton Transfer Station Relocation
- Reuse Shed - reopening & rebranding
- Squamish Landfill SWRMP Focus Amendment
- Bylaw updates:
 - Gold Bridge Transfer Station
 - Pemberton Transfer Station
- Waste Composition Study
 - Britannia Beach & Furry Creek
 - Lillooet Landfill & Recycling Centre
 - Gold Bridge Transfer Station
- Gold Bridge Septic Trench Risk Assessment

Tasks scheduled in 2023:

- Recycle BC Curbside Collection Contamination Remediation
- SLRD Emergency Debris Management Plan
- Bylaw update:
- Lillooet Landfill & Recycling Centre
- RFEOI Waste Educator - School Workshop
- RFEOI Waste Outreach Ambassador Initiative
- RFP Lillooet Landfill & Recycling Centre
- Gold Bridge Transfer Station Septic Trench
- Invasive species training at:
 - Pemberton Transfer Station
 - Lillooet Landfill & Recycling Centre
- Diversion Room Technical Guidelines
- SWRMP Focus Amendment - Final Approval
- Devine Transfer Station Recycle Facility - Upon Tenure
- SWRMP 5 Year Review

VL AWARE was awarded the RFEOI Waste Educator – School Workshops. The service agreement has a 2-year term and 2 possible 1-year extensions.

SW The District of Squamish would like additional school workshops. To be discussed with AWARE.

Solid Waste & Resource Management Plan initiatives status group review.

7. SWRMP 5 Year Review – Sue Maxwell

BC Guidelines recommend that Solid Waste management Plans be reviewed every 5-years and updated every ten. Ecoinspire started conducting the review.

Solid Waste & Resource Management Plan review consists of:

- Action review
- Waste disposal analysis
- GHGs
- Economic Development
- Compliance
- Significant changes
- Effectiveness
- Recommendation

Significant changes that need considering discussion points:

SK Upcoming regulation updates may be impactful to smaller facilities, as it may be difficult to meet requirements.

AB Fast fashion and online shopping continues to impact our waste management systems.

SW Since COVID businesses are continuing to use single-use food ware rather than returning to using dishes.

Wood waste is not being used as fuel by some industries as it was in the past and is becoming a management issue. There is a need for more diversion solutions. A large portion is made up of pallets.

DI Lithium batteries are disrupting many recycling streams. Propane cylinders and fire extinguishers are also difficult to manage.

VL Household hazardous waste not managed under an EPR are concerning.

8. Regional Emergency Debris Management Plan

VL A debris management plan consists of a:

- Debris management plan
- Resource acquisition plan
- Financing plan
- Health and safety plan
- Communication plan
- Waste management facility plans

Rough concept - The plan would be broken up into:

1. Electoral Area C & D
2. Electoral Area A & B
3. Each municipality develops their own detailed plan (including a plan for the waste facilities they manage).

SM It would probably be possible to make one plan and have varying appendices for the different areas, rather than multiple documents.

9. Discussion/ Round Table

ML We are looking for local industries in Electoral Area B and the District of Lillooet to step forward or for suggestions of businesses that may benefit from a diversion partnership.

AT Transfer stations received training on invasive species.

An assessment of food service business waste rooms was recently awarded. The work is scheduled to be completed in 2023.

Working with AWARE on a food service solution guide to support them towards their diversion goals.

Ongoing household hazardous waste education.

SW Squamish CAN employed a recycling auditor in partnership with the DOS rather than continuing with periodic Curbside Tune-Ups. The auditor will send letters related to contamination to owners of offending totes as per DOS contamination remediation plan and bylaws.

Currently accepting proposals to conduct an assessment of the DOS's curbside program. DOS received a circular economy grant from the province to develop a circular economy program with businesses.

DI GFL also has a curbside recycling auditing team. Initiating a furniture and car seat collection pilot with the RMOW.

AB Very successful Reuse Fair and Repair café in the DoS. Looking to offer another Repair Café in the fall. Recently completed a Tune-Up for the SLRD in the communities of Britannia Beach and Furry Creek.

SM Zero Waste BC held a workshop on managing waste contracts. Working with local governments, environmental groups and First Nations to prepare them for the upcoming provincial circular economy strategy. The province has also contracted an organization to host webinars on circular economy concepts.

10. Next Steps

Actions:

1. SLRD to organize a Pemberton Transfer Station tour in 2023.

11. Next Meeting / Adjournment

Next meeting date to be confirmed.

Date: October 2023

Location: Online and SLRD Administration Office.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 4:06 pm.