



## MEETING MINUTES

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

Tuesday, September 29, 2021  
9:00 AM – 12:30 PM  
Location: Zoom

**FINAL** Minutes of the SWRMP Monitoring Advisory Committee of the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District held via Zoom on September 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

**Lauren Harrison** - Resort Municipality of Whistler (RMOW), Solid Waste Technician

**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

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

**Shannon White** - District of Squamish (DOS), Integrated Solid Waste Specialist

**Margaret Lampman** - Lillooet Resident

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

**Sue Senger** – Lillooet Resident

**Lori Pyne** – Whistler Community Services Society, Operations Manager

**Tom Laviolette** – Lil'wat Nation, Director of Infrastructure

#### Regrets:

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 from June 29, 2021 are approved as circulated by committee.

### 4. Regional Roundtable Discussion

Committee members with updates were invited to share.  
Notes provided by members and outlined as received.

**Shannon White** – *District of Squamish (DOS), Integrated Solid Waste Specialist*

Contamination Remediation Plan:

- Plan is required by Recycle BC because of high levels of contamination within the curbside recycling.
- Recycle BC Target: Reduce Not Accepted Materials by 25% from December 2020 audit result.
- Not Accepted Materials: include all non-packaging and paper products (PPP) material, such as durable products, books, metal, garbage, bagged materials.
- Timeline: Within one year from Contamination Remediation Plan submission (August 2022) the target must be met.
- Regular audits are being conducted by Recycle BC.
- District of Squamish is focusing on educational campaigns paired with progressive enforcement (3 warnings and then a fine).

Zero Waste Strategy (ZWS):

- Was adopted by Council in 2016 and is subject to review / update every 5 years (as per our OCP).
- 2022 review and update of ZWS.
- Launching Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) drop-off at the landfill through Product Care.
- If you have heard of amazing transfer stations/recycling depots, please shoot Shannon the name of the town/site to look into.

**Tom Laviolette** – Lil'wat Nation, Director of Infrastructure

- Hired a third Transfer Station Operator. Currently working on training and certification of Operators through IZWTAG.
- With three operators we can now provide operating hours for 6 days out of 7 and are testing different operating hours to determine what is best for the community.

- Considering a tire remover machine. We are receiving at our transfer station tires that are still on rims. Experiencing difficulties getting the on rim tires serviced by BC Tire Stewardship.
- Testing out processing of mattresses by removing the material and recycling the metal and wood. Labour intensive, but likely less costly than the fee charged for disposal.
- Having problems with bears damaging our transfer station perimeter fencing. Doing repairs and looking at ways to fortify including electrification.

**Rory Card** – *District of Lillooet, Director of Public Works and Utilities*

- Looking forward to the Biosolid Management Plan and Composting Feasibility Study report.
- Council would like to see more solid waste information being published.

**Lori Pyne** - *Whistler Community Services Society, Operations Manager*

- In comparison to pre-pandemic numbers WCSS is seeing 3 times the number of foodbank visits, 2 times the number of mental and emotional health visits.
- Consistently over 1000kg of donations a day (as high as 1400!!) at the social enterprises.
- Mattresses are an issue and we are deconstructing but labour intensive.
- Textile is being recycled by Diabetes Canada but we are no longer receiving revenue for this product.
- Launching an online platform, called Re-Love it, where unique items will be sold for a larger amount than what they can be sold for at the storefront.
- Installed an EV station, grant was received from BC Hydro. Glad Whistler put EV bylaws in place.

**Sue Senger** – *Lillooet Resident*

- Interested in food waste – launching a food abundance program next year.

**Roundtable closed at 9:45 am.**

## **5. Waste Education in the SLRD Overview**

**Claire Ruddy** presented an overview of the Waste Education program including:

- Metrics and deliverables from the 2020-2021 school year.
- How the program will be delivered for the 2021 -2022 school year.

## 6. Solid Waste and Resource Management Plan (SWRMP) Update

### 6.1 Squamish Landfill Expansion Focus Amendment

**ML** updated committee on required next steps: The SLRD, in partnership with the District of Squamish, will present the Solid Waste and Resource Management Plan Focus Amendment to the SLRD Board for approval.

**Shannon White** presented an overview of the Squamish Landfill Expansion project:

- There are many critical milestones within the project. The hope is to accept waste by 2029.
- The District is currently working with a consultant to conduct an Archaeological Impact Assessment on the proposed land.
- We have also started the land acquisition application process.
- The District of Squamish is working with the Province and SLRD to sort out if this expansion will trigger the update of the whole SWRMP or only the landfill-related sections.
- The intention is that the site moves beyond business as usual and supports zero waste and circular economy. This will be built into the Concept Design Request for Proposal.

### 6.2 Pemberton Curbside Collection Amendment

**ML** informed the committee that an amendment will not be required from the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy (MoECCS) as a result of the circumstances. The Pemberton Transfer Station move is necessary as the land where it currently operates is owned by the operator who is not renewing the contract.

## 7. Waste Reduction Discussion (*open floor*)

## 8. Terms of Reference Changes Accepted by MoE

**ML** informed members that the suggested changes to include 4 more committee members at large was accepted by MoECCS.

**Lauren Harrison** suggested we let multiple members from member municipalities attend but only one can vote. **CARRIED**

### Member suggestions:

- School District 48
- Naturalist Society from one of the communities.

- Lillooet Community Connect HUB
  - Squamish Climate Action Network
- CARRIED**

#### **9. Next Steps and Close of Meeting**

1. **SLRD** to invite new members to join committee.

#### **10. Next Meeting / Adjournment**

Next meeting date to be confirmed.

Date: February 2022

Location: Online

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 11:40 pm.