

In Attendance:

Voting Members

Bob Cutts	Area B
Diane Tammen	City of Cbk
Joe Tress	Dist of Sparwood
Hal Anderson	Ind. Advisor – SE Dis.
Darcy Edison	Ind. Advisor – Waste Mngmt
Gaetane Carignan	Community Energy Assoc., Vice-Chair
Karen Bergman	Baynes Lake, Area B
Nadine Rake	City of Cbk/Community Grp
Vassa Stein	Dist of Invermere

Non-Voting Members

Zabrina Pendon	City of Fernie
Duane Allen	Dist of Elkford
Nikolaas Morissette	City of Kimberley

Directors

Mike Sosnowski	Director, Electoral Area A
Gerry Wilkie	Director, Electoral Area G
Stan Doehle	Director, Electoral Area B
Ange Qualizza	Alternate Director, City of Fernie, Chair

STAFF

Shawn Tomlin	Chief Administrative Officer
Kevin Paterson	Environmental Services Manager
Jim Penson	Solid Waste Superintendent
Loree Duczek	Communications Manager
Lynne Newhouse	Environmental Services Secretary

Regrets:

Arlene Ridge	Area C
Jim Kennelly	City of Cbk
Cailey Chase	City of Kimberley
Bill Swan	Area F
Kate Bennett	Area G
Mark Read	Village of Radium
Heather Rennebohm	Akisk'nuq First Nation

RDEK Presentation:

RDEK gave a presentation on the Survey Results being released to the general public

Welcome and Introductions

The Chair brought the meeting to order at 10:33 am. Kevin introduced the consultants leading the project Mairi Dalgleish and Dr. Tony Sperling, President of Sperling Hansen.

Minutes from March 5, 2019 Meeting

The minutes from the March 5, 2019 meeting were discussed.

Recommendation:

That the minutes of the Regional District of East Kootenay Solid Waste Management Plan Advisory Committee meeting dated March 5, 2019 be adopted as circulated

Stan Doehle Moved

Gerry Wilkie Seconded

Solid Waste Management Financial Implications Report

Presentation from the Consultant:

Planning Process:

Sperling Hansen reviewed where the committee is in the Solid Waste Management Plan Update planning process:

- Near the end of Phase 2 in the Financial Implications
- Sperling Hansen will be putting all the information together
- Phase 3 Community and Stakeholder Consultation

Sperling Hansen presented the goals of the meeting to include:

(Refer to RSWMP April 2 Advisory Committee Meeting #5 powerpoint provided in DropBox)

- Key Drivers
- What we heard throughout the process so far
- Support of Key Drivers from Survey Results of Public consultation
- BC's Guiding Principles

Questions from the above Topics:

Are the key drivers that are listed in this document the ones that the Government requires as part of an updated SWMP and is the Government going to make the principles mandatory.

Answer: The Government has provided a guideline for updating SWMP. When a Regional District is updating their SWMP they focus on certain areas of the key drivers more than others that provide the outcome that works for their area. The guidelines is a goal for achieving things on a basis that they can compare with other regions on a per region basis and the size of the area involved. Services can be expensive to be provided and will not always make sense to be provided. I.e: comparing a large region like Vancouver to a rural area like the RDEK. As long as the spirit of what the government requires is being met.

Do you have a sense of what has made the biggest impact of the volume of waste/person.

Answer: It was decided to track only the wastes going to landfill rather than the diverted wastes as there were too many variables. The areas that have composting have the lower rates of waste/capita. The communities that are the highest waste producers are those that do not have organics diversion.

Sperling Hansen presented the goals of the meeting to include:
(Refer to DRAFT AC Report_Financial Implications)

Costs Estimates are based on the information available at this time.

Waste Reduction and Recycling
Organics Diversion
Residual Waste Management
Policies & Bylaws
Promotion and Education
Plan Monitoring & Measurement
Staff Implications
Financial Summary (New Proposed Expenditures)
Benchmarking Analysis
Diversion Potential

General Observations:

- The advisory committee discussed at length the opportunities regarding recycling options, and scenarios that affect the costs associated with the service.
- The advisory committee also discussed the new Recycle BC Depot at the Kimberley Transfer Station and the need to provide businesses with a way to continue recycling as Recycle BC is not for the business sector.
- Discussion also took place around reducing single use plastics with suggestions being given to do this through advocacy to work with provincial government.
- Discussion took place around composting and the financial support being offered for centralized composting. The Elk Valley is not in support of backyard composting due to possible conflicts with bears.
- The advisory committee talked about limiting the hours at the unmanned rural sites and the possible closure of some.
- Potential changes to increase or decrease services is something that would have to be further discussed and decided through the municipality and the Regional District of East Kootenay Board.

Questions for further analysis:

- Will taxation be increased as well as the addition of more tipping fees, it was felt that there is a need to have more consultation with the public before moving forward with changes.
- Do we have a strategy now for illegal dumping, there is a program in the Elk Valley for back country clean up and no tipping fee for clean up on public lands.
- When putting forward communication around the savings that a person could have by not producing more garbage if additional user fees are introduced, but a reduction in taxation could be a way to have a positive outcome.

Next Steps:

After June 5 mtg, there will be a consultation process with the public, we will then meet again with the review committee, the plan will then go to the Board for consideration and then be submitted to the ministry.

Final meeting with the committee may be in September or October depending on the public input portion.

Next meeting

June 5, 2019 (11 am to 2 pm)
Draft Solid Waste Management Plan
The meeting adjourned. 1:55 pm

Action Items

	Person Responsible	Completed
Based on the Provincial Targets graph – would like to have the Costs/tonne for waste produced for all the Regional Districts listed	Sperling Hansen	See: RDEK_AC_Mtg1_30Oct18_.pdf Page 38 2016 Per Capita Disposal Rates & Systems Costs
When providing information to the public involving numbers/costs – it is important to provide the information in a method that is straight forward to understand	Sperling Hansen	
We will need a briefing document providing more information around the costs for recycle BC and how it's beneficial to shift to this program from what we currently are doing.		