

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Engineering & Environmental Services Committee held in the CVRD Boardroom, 175 Ingram Street, Duncan, on May 27, 2009 at 3:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Director Cossey, Chair
Director Haywood, Vice-Chair
Directors Dorey, Duncan, Giles, Iannidinardo, Kent,
Kuhn, Morrison

ABSENT: Director Harrison

ALSO

PRESENT: B. Dennison, P. Eng., General Manager, E & E
D. Leitch, AScT., Manager, Water Management
Jeralyn Jackson, Project Engineer
H. Huffman, Environmental Technologist
J. Bath, Recording Secretary

**APPROVAL
OF AGENDA**

New Business items NB1 and NB2 were added to the agenda.

It was moved and seconded that the agenda be approved as amended to add items under New Business - NB1 and NB2.

MOTION CARRIED

**ADOPTION
OF MINUTES**

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the April 22, 2009 regular Engineering & Environmental Services Committee meeting be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING
OUT OF MINUTES**

No business arising

DELEGATIONS

D1

The Bench School Make a Difference Club provided a presentation regarding reducing or banning the use of plastic bags in the Cowichan Valley.

The following ideas were presented by the students:

1. Reduce or eliminate the use of plastic bags
2. Encourage stores to reduce or eliminate plastic bags
3. Survey customers and community about the horrors of plastic bags.
4. Create a contest to showcase the greenest store in the Valley.

5. Work with other communities, such as the Comox Valley, on how to reduce the use of plastic bags.
6. Charge a tax to the stores that use plastic bags. The tax money could be used for recycling.
7. Apply to the BC Government for an amendment to the Local Government Act to allow the Regional District to ban plastic bags.
8. Be a trailblazer in ending the use of plastic bags.

CVRD "Zero Waste" reusable bags were handed out to each of the delegation members, their parents and CVRD Board members.

REPORTS

R1 An update on the CVRD's Plastic Bag Reduction Campaign was provided.

The General Manager, Engineering and Environmental Services, suggested that staff would look into having the Bench School video play at local stores throughout the Valley.

INFORMATION ONLY

R2 A staff report was considered regarding obtaining consent of the voters through an Alternate Approval Process and Loan Authorization Bylaw – for an operations building at the Bings Creek Solid Waste Management Complex.

Staff were asked to check funding opportunities to assist with this expenditure.

It was moved and seconded that it be recommended to the Board that:

- 1. A new operations facility and expansion of the existing staff building be constructed at Bings Creek Solid Waste Complex to support Solid Waste and Water Management operations.**
- 2. A loan authorization bylaw for approximately \$590,000 be prepared to cover the cost of the project.**
- 3. An Alternate Approval Process be carried out to obtain consent of the voters for the Loan Authorization Bylaw.**

MOTION CARRIED

R3 A staff report was considered regarding requesting that the Province provide Regional Districts with the ability to assign liability for sidewalk maintenance.

It was moved and seconded that it be recommended that the CVRD write to the Province to request a modification to provincial legislation to allow the transfer of liability for sidewalk snow and leaf removal to be assigned to homeowners within Electoral Areas of the Cowichan Valley.

MOTION CARRIED

R4

A staff report was presented providing an updated on the Four-Ways sewer development in Electoral Area D.

It was moved and seconded that Board Resolution No. 07-773 of October 24, 2007, to grant approval in principle for takeover of a sanitary sewer system for a proposed 50 lot subdivision within the Cowichan Bay Sewer System Service Area be rescinded.

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

NB1

A staff report was considered regarding obtaining Assent of the voters for borrowing funding to upgrade the recycling drop-off depots.

It was moved and seconded that it be recommended to the Board that:

1. As outlined in the approved CVRD Solid Waste Management Plan, and building on secured Gas Tax Funding, the three existing CVRD ashfills be remediated, the three existing CVRD recycling depots be updated and expanded, and a new South Cowichan recycling depot be established.
2. A loan authorization bylaw for approximately \$1,800,000 be approved to cover the cost of these projects.
3. An Alternate Approval Process be carried out to obtain consent of the voters for the Loan Authorization Bylaw.

MOTION CARRIED

NB2

A discussion took place regarding locating land for a new "Eco" Depot in the South Cowichan area.

It as moved and seconded that staff retain a Buyer's Agent for the purpose of assisting the CVRD in locating appropriate property for the establishment of a South Cowichan Eco Depot.

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Chair

Recording Secretary

Dated: _____