



REGIONAL
DISTRICT
OF NANAIMO

March 2, 2021

**ENGAGEMENT PLAN FOR MANDATORY WASTE SOURCE SEPARATION AND
WASTE HAULER LICENSING**

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board approve the Engagement Plan for developing bylaws for Mandatory Waste Source Separation and Waste Hauler Licensing.

BACKGROUND

Consistent with the Solid Waste Management Plan, the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) is proposing two bylaws: one for Mandatory Waste Source Separation (MWSS) and the other for Waste Hauler Licensing (WHL). Both bylaws require specific authority from the Province before they can be introduced. Provincial review of the bylaws will consider the consultation carried out by the RDN in preparing the bylaw.

A draft engagement plan for consulting on the bylaws has been developed (Attachment 1). In preparing the engagement plan, a third-party expert¹ on public consultation regarding solid waste matters was engaged to provide advice. The draft has been shared with the Province for any input, and, the Province will be sent a final version once it is endorsed by the Board.

Draft bylaws are currently being prepared and are expected to be ready for Board approval for consultation in May. Following Board approval, consultation will take place between May and October of 2021. The finalized bylaws, reflecting the consultation process are expected to be complete and ready for Board approval in the last quarter of 2021.

The following highlights the key messages of the consultation. More information can be found in Attachment 1.

- Both the MWSS and WHL programs are included in the Solid Waste Management Plan, which was thoroughly consulted with residents, the waste industry, and other stakeholders and has received approval by the Minister.
- These bylaws and the associated programs are key for the RDN to reach our 90% waste diversion goal.
- The purpose of the consultation is to involve stakeholders in the review of the bylaws; what is included in the bylaws, and how they will be applied.
- The purpose of WHL is create an economic model to develop the waste industry and promote waste diversion over disposal.

¹ Maura Walker & Associates, Environmental Consultants

- The purpose of the MWSS is to require all business, multi-family dwellings and institutions have bins for garbage, food waste and recycling, or a contract for post-collection sorting

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The cost to complete the engagement plan is approximately \$16,000 for engagement and \$15,000 for legal review. These funds are included in the 2021 Solid Waste Budget.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

Environmental Stewardship - Achieve the 90% waste diversion target as per the Solid Waste Management Plan.

The Mandatory Waste Source Separation and Waste Hauler Licensing are key programs to ensuring that the RDN can reach the 90% waste diversion target. Both bylaws will result in environmentally sound and cost effective waste diversion.

REVIEWED BY

L. Moilanen, Engagement Coordinator
L. Gardner, Manager, Solid Waste Services
R. Alexander, General Manager, Regional and Community Utilities
P. Carlyle, Chief Administrative Officer

ATTACHMENT

1. Engagement Plan - Mandatory Waste Source Separation and Waste Hauler Licensing