



REGIONAL
DISTRICT
OF NANAIMO

VANCOUVER ISLAND AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE ON SOLID WASTE AND CIRCULAR ECONOMY

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Board approve the Terms of Reference for the Vancouver Island Coastal Communities – Special Committee on Solid Waste Management, and
2. That the Board appoint an elected representative to participate in the Committee.

BACKGROUND

On June 29, 2023, the Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities – Special Committee on Solid Waste Management (AVICC-SCSWM) met to discuss the best way to continue supporting island communities' needs with respect to solid waste management, and the future of the committee itself. During the meeting, it was agreed that the efficacy of the committee would be best achieved by transitioning to a member-led “Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities Committee on Solid Waste and Circular Economy” (VICC-CSWCE). The new committee will be comprised of one (1) elected representative and one (1) staff person from each member regional board.

The AVICC-SCSWM was formed from Resolution 8 at the 2015 AVICC AGM to:

- Summarize solid waste management plans.
- Analyze and review legislative frameworks to inform joint solutions.
- Develop a long-term strategy for solid waste management ensuring that the affected local governments have reached a consensus.
- Present the findings and recommendations of the analysis as requested by AVICC.
- Report on the work of the Special Committee.
- Present a briefing to the Province of BC.

The new committee intends to continue working on these initiatives and goals while also prioritizing the circular economy, increasing waste diversion, recycling market efficacy, and advocating for solid waste initiatives at the provincial level.

Annual funding for the AVICC-SCSWM was provided by member communities and at present AVICC holds approximately \$12,300 in reserve for use by this committee. The intent is to use this money to fund future facilitated committee meetings. Upon adoption of the Terms of Reference, the funds will be transferred to the RDN to administer the future use.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There will be minor costs associated with this initiative, primarily in the form of additional staff time to administer the funding and pay bills. However, these costs can be achieved with current staffing levels.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

Environmental Stewardship - Achieve the 90% waste diversion target as per the Solid Waste Management Plan. By working together island communities can better support each other in achieving circularity, while also driving change at a provincial level.

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ATTACHMENT

VICC-CSWCE Terms of Reference – Final Draft