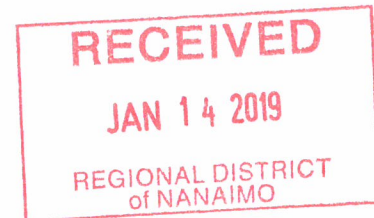




January 9, 2019

Ian Thorpe, Board Chair
Regional District of Nanaimo
6300 Hammond Bay Road
Nanaimo, BC V9T 6N2



Dear Chair Thorpe,

Re: OUT OF DISTRICT RESIDUAL WASTE DISPOSAL REQUEST

qathet Regional District (qRD) has recently updated its *Solid Waste Management and Resource Recovery Plan* inclusive of the Electoral Area 'E' (Lasqueti Sub Plan). The qRD Regional Board adopted the Plan on December 19, 2017 and the *Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy* approved the Plan acknowledged by letter September 12, 2018. As well as other initiatives identified in the 2018-2019 Lasqueti Island Sub Plan schedule, the Plan specifies the following:

- Seek approval for disposal at out-of-district landfill,
- prepare landfill closure plan, and
- begin export of residual waste.

The Sub Plan also identifies the upgrade and operational improvements to the Lasqueti Island recycling centre to facilitate all possible recycling opportunities. This will enable the proposed residual waste to go to the Regional District of Nanaimo's (RDN) Regional Landfill, through this request, to be free of divertible materials inclusive of organics and recyclables. It is estimated that in total the residual waste will be approximately 100 tonnes annually. During the Sub Plan development Lasqueti residents reported that currently bags of residual waste are taken off island and disposed of within the Regional District of Nanaimo. This proposed agreement could capture that leakage and formalize the residual disposal flow allowing for an improved understanding of the waste to landfill per capita.



Area E Lasqueti Island, is geographically a challenge for the qRD as its logistical connection to services and amenities lies within the RDN at French Creek where passenger ferry and barge landing operations and facilities exist. It is interesting to note that the majority of waste generated on Lasqueti Island is a result of purchases made within the RDN.

Please accept this letter as a formal request to dispose of out of district residual waste at the RDN waste transfer facility located on Church Road and to receive the following information:

- Cost per tonne of residual waste disposal (tipping fee)
- List of banned materials
- A date that the RDN could implement receiving this out of district residual waste at Church Road
- Any related annual incremental increases over the next 10 years

Sincerely,

Patrick Brabazon, Chair

cc: Al Radke, CAO
Mike Wall, Manager of Strategic Initiatives and Asset Management
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