

TO: Solid Waste Management Select **MEETING:** May 9, 2019
Committee

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Subject: AVICC Special Committee on Solid Waste Management

RECOMMENDATION

The Board receive this report for information.

SUMMARY

The Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) Special Committee on Solid Waste Management requires yearly endorsement from the AVICC membership and support on the Special Committee's vision and goals. At the last Special Committee meeting the committee members supported the revised vision and goals which were presented at the AVICC Convention April 12-14th, 2019 as executive resolution ER1 – AVICC Special Committee on Solid Waste Management. The Executive Resolution was endorsed on April 13th, 2019 at the AVICC Convention.

BACKGROUND

The AVICC Special Committee on Solid Waste Management supported the following executive resolution at the recent regional district representatives meeting held on March 25th, 2019:

WHEREAS the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities' (AVICC) Special Committee on Solid Waste Management, with representatives from nine regional districts, was formed in 2015 to research, prepare and present the findings and recommendations to the 2016 convention on this mandated service;

AND WHEREAS the Special Committee reported out to the AVICC membership at the 2016, 2017 and 2018 conventions, the membership endorsed the action plans and further directed the Special Committee to report back to the 2019 convention with outcomes;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AVICC endorses and supports the Special Committee's vision and goals as:

Vision:

That local governments on Vancouver Island, qathet and the Sunshine Coast are working together to address the opportunities and challenges of managing solid waste

and our residents are aware of; support the need to reduce and manage our waste in a sustainable manner; and to work toward achieving zero-waste in our communities.

Goals:

1. Ensure information is shared between AVICC local governments to encourage best practices and common solutions in solid waste management and consistent messaging to our residents.
2. Collect and maintain appropriate and consistent data associated with solid waste management within the AVICC.
3. Support an informed and unified voice to assist efforts with the Province, NGOs and other partners in developing effective waste management solutions and policies.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the AVICC endorses and supports the continuation of the Special Committee on Solid Waste Management with areas of work focused on: Organics Management, Long-Term Disposal Options, and Single-Use Plastics;

AND FINALLY THAT regional district staff continue to discuss opportunities for collaboration and alignment related to those areas of work in the following areas:

1. Communication and Outreach
2. Mandatory Source Separation
3. Solid Waste Comparative Data
4. Disposal Bans
5. Varying Tipping Fees, and
6. Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)

Resolutions Committee recommendation: Endorse

Resolutions Committee comments:

The AVICC Executive Committee supports the work of the Special Committee on Solid Waste Management and the continuation of the Special Committee for another term.

The Executive Resolution was endorsed by the AVICC Executive Board. RDN Director Craig, who serves as the elected official on the AVICC Executive Board, suggested the following change to the final statement prior to being brought forward to the AVICC Convention:

AND FINALLY THAT AVICC endorses and supports the committee's recommendation that regional district staff continue to discuss opportunities for collaboration and alignment related to those areas of work in the following areas: [...]

The Executive Resolution was endorsed on April 13th, 2019 at the AVICC Convention. The AVICC Special Committee on Solid Waste can continue to work collaboratively on the priorities outlined in the resolution with guidance from the ongoing tasks of the technical working group and communications group which include:

- Communication and Outreach;
- Solid Waste Comparative Data;
- Mandatory Source Separation;
- Landfill Disposal Bans;
- Varying Tipping Fees;
- Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR); and
- Solid Waste Advanced Technologies¹.

ALTERNATIVES

1. The Board receive this report for information
2. That staff be provided with alternate direction.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The AVICC Special Committee on Solid Waste Management has a budget of \$20,000 funded by the membership to provide funding of research, technical expertise and other shared costs. Based on the fair cost allocation formula for regional members, the RDN has committed to contribute \$2,942; this contribution was anticipated in the approved 2019 Solid Waste Services budget.

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS

Focus On Relationships- We Look For Opportunities To Partner With Other Branches Of Government/Community Groups To Advance Our Region

The RDN partnership with AVICC provides an opportunity to actively engage with other regional districts to advocate for common solid waste management concerns; align solid waste management regulations, bylaws, and tipping fees; and identify shared service and cooperative effort opportunities.



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¹ The Resolution was endorsed with the addition of Solid Waste Advanced Technologies to be included in the ongoing.