

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: J. Zaffino, Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: January 18, 2024

RE: **Solid Waste Management Plan – PAC and TAC membership**

Administrative Recommendation:

THAT the Regional District appoint a Director to chair the Public Advisory Committee meetings and the Technical Advisory Committee meetings for the review and update of Solid Waste Management Plan; and further,

THAT the Regional District appoint the Public Advisory Committee and the Technical Advisory Committee members as outlined in the administrative report by Senior Manager of Solid Waste dated on January 18, 2024.

Reference:

A Guide to Solid Waste Management Planning [swmp.pdf \(gov.bc.ca\)](#)

Purpose:

To form a Technical and Public Advisory Committees to assist in the development of a Solid Waste Management plan consistent with the provincial guidelines.

Background:

Regional Districts are required to review and to undertake major updates to their Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) every ten years. The last major update to the SWMP was conducted by the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS) in 2011. As part of the provincial planning process, a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and a Public Advisory Committee (PAC) are required to be formed in compliance with the provincial “Guide to Solid Waste Management Planning.” The primary purpose of the TAC is to review and help develop solutions to manage and reduce wastes consistent with the 5 R hierarchy to Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Recover and Refuse. The PAC then reviews recommendations from the TAC in order to determine public acceptability and then provides the RDOS Board of Directors with its recommendations.

As per provincial guidelines, member municipalities, Indigenous communities, school boards, waste collectors, and provincial staff were contacted and invited to join the TAC and PAC according to the guidelines. Further, the Regional District advertised an invitation for general public participation for the PAC. Nine members of the public have applied and five have been recommended, based on their history, interest, geographic representation, and constraints on the size of the committee.

The Penticton Indian Band, Upper Similkameen Indian Band, Lower Similkameen Band, and Osoyoos Indian Band were contacted via email and regular mail letters to request their participation on the Technical Advisory Committee and the Public Advisory Committee. While requests were made to join the committees, RDOS staff also offered to undertake alternate methods, if requested, to engage with Indigenous communities.

Technical Advisory Committee member recommendation

| Representative | Geographic Representation | Qualification |
|--|---------------------------|--|
| Regional District director | Regional District | Regional District director |
| Andrew Reeder | Regional District | Regional District staff |
| Rahul Khatri | Regional District | Regional District staff |
| Devan Oldfield | British Columbia | BC representative |
| David Kassian | Penticton | Sustainability Supervisor at City of Penticton |
| Jared Brounstein | Osoyoos | Director of Operational Services at Town of Osoyoos |
| Jared Thomas | Princeton | Infrastructure Technologist at Town of Princeton |
| Cameron Baughen | Summerland | Environmental Services Coordinator at District of Summerland |
| Rachel Barnes | British Columbia | BC Interior Site Manager at Waste Connections |
| Indigenous community member as available | | |

Public Advisory Committee member recommendation

| Representative | Geographic Representation | Qualification |
|--|---------------------------|---|
| Regional District director | Regional District | Regional District director |
| Andrew Reeder | Regional district | Regional District staff |
| Rahul Khatri | Regional district | Regional District staff |
| Nicole Clark | Penticton | President at Penticton and Wine Country Chamber of Commerce |
| Clay Apps | Penticton | Manager of Facilities at School District No 67 |
| Stacey Rexin | Penticton | Manager at PACE |
| Derick Keist | Penticton | Interested Resident |
| Tim Taylor | Summerland | Interested Resident |
| Joanne Grimaldi | Penticton | Interested Resident |
| Danielle Robinson | Penticton | Interested Resident |
| Colleen Hughes | Princeton | Interested Resident |
| Indigenous community member as available | | |

Analysis:

Staff have recommended that the RDOS keep membership in the TAC and PAC open to Indigenous communities should one or more member wish to participate in the committees.

It is expected that the Solid Waste Management Plan will take one to two years to complete. Future developments and updates on the review of Solid Waste Management Plans will be provided to the Board as the project progresses.

Respectfully submitted:

“Andrew Reeder”

A. Reeder, Senior Manager of Solid Waste