

Request for Decision

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REQUEST

Approve the Solid Waste Management Plan Update for submission to the Minister of Environment.

OPTIONS

1. THAT the Solid Waste Management Plan Update be approved and submitted to the Minister of Environment for review and approval.
2. THAT the Solid Waste Management Plan Update be approved with the following changes _____, and be submitted to the Minister of Environment for review and approval

RECOMMENDATION

Option 1.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

The Solid Waste Management Plan is a document that guides the RDEK on waste management planning and initiatives for the next five to ten years. Under the Waste Management Regulations each Regional District is required to submit a Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) Update every five years. The RDEK undertook this review beginning in 2017. The goal of this review was to provide an assessment of the current system including how we reduce, reuse and recycle in the RDEK; identify the strengths of the existing system; review cost implications; and, identify opportunities for future improvement. This was conducted in three stages and we are now in the final stage.

Phase 1 – Establish a Baseline and Advisory Committee

- Review Existing System
 - Completed by Sperling Hansen
- Waste Audit
 - Completed by Sperling Hansen in July and August of 2018
- Establish Advisory Committee
 - The advisory committee was appointed by RDEK Board of Directors on October 5, 2018. The committee held seven (7) planning meetings with the final meeting being concluded November 13, 2019.

Phase 2 - Review of System

The following topics were reviewed prior to the create of the new Solid Waste Management Plan Update Draft

- **October 30, 2018** Existing System Review, SWMP Goals & Direction
- **December 13, 2018** Diversion & EPR Program Review
- **January 23, 2019** Transfer Stations and Operations Review
- **March 5, 2019** Organization Policies
- **April 2, 2019** Financial Impact Evaluation and Analysis
- **June 5, 2019** First Draft of Solid Waste Management Plan Update
- **November 13, 2019** Review of Public Consultation Comments on Draft Plan

Phase 3 –Engagement

Extensive public engagement was conducted both online and in person. This included two online surveys, three open houses, and various in person meetings at events throughout the region.

- **July – November 2019** Community and stakeholder consultation on draft plan
- **October 22-24, 2019** Open Houses
- **November 13, 2019** Review input with Advisory Committee
- **December 2019 – January 8, 2020** – First Nations Consultation

Phase 4 - Adoption / Submission

- Adoption by the RDEK Board of Directors
- Submission and Approval by Ministry

The final package delivered to the Ministry of Environment will include:

- Solid Waste Management Plan Update
- Board Resolution adopting the Solid Waste Management Plan
- Consultation Report and Appendices
- Corporate Officer Signature / Approval
- SWMP Checklist
- Letters of Support from Municipalities

Attachment **Solid Waste Management Plan**