

CRD Board Strategic Priorities



Climate Action and Environmental Stewardship

The CRD Board will encourage and implement bold action on climate change by enhancing its natural and built assets to achieve environmental resilience, food security and continued wellbeing of our current and future residents. **Climate Action and Environmental Stewardship**

- Board Priority



Related Initiatives

- Declaration of a Climate Emergency
- Take a leadership role to pursue regional carbon neutrality by 2030
- Work with local governments to further reduce emissions from solid waste
- Explore additional opportunities for resource recovery

Next 12 - 18 Months Landfill Gas Utilization options LANDFILL GA ORGANICS UTILIZATION PROCESSIN Green Power - Electricity = 1 Green Gas - Renewable Natural Gas Organics processing options Status quo – Out of region processing In/near region technology and location Solid Waste Management Plan • Regional plan for whole solid waste management system

• Public engagement

Landfill Gas Utilization



Expand current power plant

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Convert to Renewable Natural Gas

Status Quo is <u>not</u> an option due to provincial requirements

Social

- Increasing green power requires expansion of facility at Hartland
- RNG option requires on and off-site construction

Environmental

- Both support circular economy managing all aspects of waste cycle
- RNG has ability to reduce greenhouse gases by displacing conventional natural gas
- RNG can support fuel-switching operations and support carbon neutrality

Financial

- Capital investment for expanding green power is \$4.5 million and RNG is \$23 million
- Currently, \$27.5 million in sustainability reserve
- RNG has much higher likelihood of attracting grants

Solid Waste Management Plan

• Either landfill gas utilization facility will inform SWMP

Organics Processing



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Social

• Anaerobic digestion has greater ability to minimize impacts to public

Environmental

• Diversion of organics saves landfill space, reduces GHGs and produces nutrient-rich soil amendment

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- Both technologies can meet environmental protection regulations
- AD creates biogas that can be converted to RNG and reduce GHGs

Financial

- Capital investment for composting is \$2-8m and AD is \$25m-40m
- Operating costs for composting range from \$60-100/tonne and AD is
 \$100-135/tonne
- Higher costs of anaerobic digestion can be off set by significant revenues

Solid Waste Management Plan

- In-region organics facility will require amendment of SWMP
- Consultation planned for 2019

Potential Green Gas Synergies



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Guide to Solid Waste Management Planning -Planning Process

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Stage 1 – Initiate the Process	Stage 2 - Set the Plan Direction	Stage 3 - Evaluate Options	Stage 4 - Prepare & Adopt the Plan
	2012-2014	2019	2020
 Regional Board Resolution 2011 and 2017 Stakeholder Notification Notifications to recruit for SWAC (2017) Establish planning team and committees SWAC members appointed (2018) Develop the budget Funding in ERM budget Design the consultation process framework 	 Prepare background information 2012 Existing System Report 2012 survey Issues Memo 7 technical memos 2014 Steering Committee workshop 2018 Assess the current solid waste system 2018 Existing System Report (May 2018) Consider trends 	Develop potential strategy options • Long list of options • Short list of options Assess the financial and administrative impacts Consult the public on the strategy options Review consultation results and receive direction to proceed with preparing draft plan	Prepare draft plan Consult the public on the draft plan Prepare plan for submission Submit plan to Minister for approval Ministry review and approval CRD Board adoption of Revision 3 of the Solid Waste Management Plan
	 (May 2018) Identify principles, goals and targets In progress (June/September 2018) Develop consultation strategy In progress (June/September 2018) Consult the public As per consultation strategy (inform) 		

Solid Waste Management Planning Process – Stage 3



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- Best environmental and financial outcomes
- Significant potential synergies between renewable natural gas and anaerobic digestion

That the Parks & Environment Committee recommend to the CRD Board:

Landfill Gas Utilization

1. That staff proceed with developing the Hartland RNG project to optimize Hartland Landfill gas utilization, including execution of the tasks listed under Next Steps.

- 2. That the staff report be referred to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee for feedback on recommendation and next steps; and
- 3. That the Environmental Resource Management Capital Budget of \$23 million for the Hartland RNG project be recommended for consideration in the 2019 budget approval process, subject to all funding sources being finalized.

Organics Processing

- 1. That staff proceed with the next steps of the process for developing an anaerobic digestion facility at Hartland Landfill;
- 2. That staff report be referred to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee for feedback on recommendation and next steps; and
- 3. That staff return to the Board with the results of the next steps prior to proceeding with procurement.