

**REPORT TO ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2020**

SUBJECT **Solid Waste Management Plan – Phase One Engagement and Next Steps**

ISSUE SUMMARY

To present the results of the first phase of public engagement on the Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) and outline next steps.

BACKGROUND

At its July 3, 2020 meeting, the Solid Waste Advisory Committee received the Phase One Public Engagement Summary Report for information (see Appendix A).

The Capital Regional District (CRD) has engaged Judith Cullington & Associates (JCA) to provide communication and consultation services for the SWMP. The public consultation process took place between October 18 and December 1, 2019, and included a media launch event, public open houses, stakeholder meetings and extensive social media outreach. Staff created a dedicated web page where people could sign up for project updates, review background information, and fill out a feedback form. A total of 1,030 responses were received, with 946 respondents completing the form online and 84 people submitting a hard copy. Six email submissions were also received.

CONCLUSION

The provincial Environmental Management Act requires regional districts to develop plans for the management of municipal solid waste and recyclable materials. In the fall of 2019, the CRD conducted the first phase of public consultation to develop a new Solid Waste Management Plan. The results show a high level of support for the proposed waste reduction target; guiding principles, goals and objectives; and strategies. Staff will work with the Solid Waste Advisory Committee to prepare the draft plan, which is expected to go to a second phase of public consultation later this year.

RECOMMENDATION

The Environmental Services Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:
That this report be received for information.

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ATTACHMENT(S)

Appendix A: Solid Waste Advisory Committee Staff Report: Solid Waste Management Plan – Phase One Public Engagement Results and Next Steps (June 5, 2020)