



**REPORT TO ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2022**

SUBJECT **Hartland Area Road Access Mitigation**

ISSUE SUMMARY

Presentation of options to mitigate the community impact of changing Hartland Landfill's commercial vehicle access from Hartland Avenue to Willis Point Road.

BACKGROUND

The Capital Regional District (CRD) is required to move Hartland Landfill's commercial vehicle access point from Hartland Avenue to Willis Point Road for a number of operational reasons, including safety considerations for landfill staff, commercial vehicles and residents accessing Mount Work Regional Park.

At its May 12, 2021 meeting, the CRD Board recommended that staff prepare a package of Hartland area road access mitigation options costing up to \$4 million, funded by the CRD's Environmental Resource Management division, review these options with District of Saanich staff and area residents, and return to the CRD Board for direction on next steps.

To support a decision on road and recreation enhancement options that the CRD Board will fund and implement, the CRD hired Kirk & Co. as an experienced facilitator to lead the three community associations (Highlands, Prospect Lake and Willis Point) through a collaborative engagement process.

Kirk & Co, in its September 8, 2022 engagement summary (Appendix A), outlined the eighteen community-generated options (Appendix A, pages 12-13) that formed the basis for the final consultation process. The following options were recommended by Kirk & Co., as they received the most community support during the engagement process (in order of popularity):

- Option No. 7: Intersection enhancements where Wallace Road meets Willis Point Road
- Option No. 11: Intersection enhancements where Wallace Drive meets West Saanich Road
- Option No. 14: Intersection enhancements where Hartland Avenue and West Saanich Road meet Interurban Rail Trail/Interurban Road
- Option No. 3: Development of a new parking lot/Mount Work Regional Park access point on Willis Point Road

The following four options also received community support. However, these options will not be considered as part of the \$4 million community fund for reasons outlined below:

- Option No. 5: Passing lane on the uphill portion of Willis Point Road between Wallace Drive and the landfill entrance (safety concerns raised in traffic studies)
- Option No. 4: Renaming portion of Willis Point Road between Wallace Drive and Ross Durrance Road (outside of CRD jurisdiction, requires community request directly to District of Saanich)

- Option No. 9: Winter weather condition road maintenance enhancements (de-icing, plowing, etc.) on Willis Point Road (CRD/District of Saanich have agreed on this measure and it will be funded out of the Hartland Landfill operations budget)
- Option No. 18: Enhanced illegal dumping education for the region and signage in problem areas near Hartland Landfill (to be considered/funded as part of the CRD's Solid Waste Management Plan)

ALTERNATIVES

Alternative 1

The Environmental Services Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:

1. That Kirk & Co.'s recommended community options be approved and funded to a maximum of \$4 million from the 2023 Environmental Resource Management capital budget; and
2. That staff work with the District of Saanich to finalize the identified intersection improvements prior to moving forward with the Willis Point Road parking lot.

Alternative 2

That staff be directed to evaluate additional community options.

IMPLICATIONS

Intergovernmental Implications

The CRD has worked closely with District of Saanich engineering staff to incorporate technical feedback regarding any proposed community options that would result in changes or improvements to District of Saanich roads. District of Saanich staff feedback has been incorporated into the community options that were being considered (Appendix A).

The CRD, through the WSÁNEĆ Leadership Council (WLC) Solid Waste Working Group, shared information regarding engagement work that has occurred with Hartland area community associations in relation to the movement of Hartland commercial vehicle (large garbage truck) access to Willis Point Road starting in 2023-24. Feedback to date indicated a need for cultural monitors in place during any required excavation part of the project. In addition, the WLC would like to see a more detailed plan for any parking expansion. Further discussion has been offered by CRD staff, and may result in additional feedback.

Financial Implications

Kirk & Co. recommended community options, in priority order, fit substantially within the Board's recommended funding envelope:

- Intersection Enhancements – \$1.35 million-\$3.9 million (depending on intersection design options)
- Parking Lot/regional park access point on Willis Point Road – \$400,000.

CONCLUSION

The recommended road and recreation community enhancement options are in response to the direction from the May 12, 2021 CRD Board meeting. Upon approval, staff will work closely with the District of Saanich on the proposed intersection enhancements prior to moving forward with the parking lot option, if funding allows.

RECOMMENDATION

The Environmental Services Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:

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2. That staff work with the District of Saanich to finalize the identified intersection improvements prior to moving forward with the Willis Point Road parking lot.

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ATTACHMENT

Appendix A: Kirk & Co. Hartland Landfill: Commercial Vehicle Road Access Change Report
(September 8, 2022)