



STAFF REPORT

Date: 14 December 2022
To: **Chair Worley and Board of Directors**
From: Janine Dougall, General Manager of Environmental Services
Re: Recycle BC – Packaging and Printed Paper Product Extended Producer Responsibility Plan – Consultation Draft – September 29, 2022

File ES – Solid Waste

Issue Introduction

A Staff report from Janine Dougall, General Manager of Environmental Services regarding the results from the procurement process for the general construction works and other components associated with the McKelvey Creek Landfill Upgrade Project.

History/Background Factors

Recycle BC has been the stewardship organization responsible for the implementation of collection and recycling of residentially generated packaging and printed paper since the inclusion of the materials in the BC Recycling Regulation and program launch in 2014.

Recycle BC collection programs within the RDKB primarily consist of curbside blue box and depot services. Depot services are both private (Grand Forks, Trail) and located at RDKB solid waste facilities including Rock Creek Transfer Station, West Boundary (Greenwood) Landfill, Christina Lake Transfer Station and McKelvey Creek Landfill. The RDKB also collects packaging and printed paper at the Beavertown Transfer Station, however this depot is not supported financially by Recycle BC.

Beginning January 1, 2023, additional materials, including designated single-use products and designated packaging-like products, will be included in the definition of packaging and printed paper products.

Recycle BC has released a document titled "Packaging and Printed Paper Product Extended Producer Responsibility Plan – Consultation Draft – September 29, 2022" (Draft Program Plan). Responses are to be submitted by December 31, 2022.

Implications

Environmental Services Staff have reviewed the Draft Program Plan and have a number of concerns regarding the content, language and implications for access to recycling services. Specifically, language that could ultimately result in either the closure of two depot facilities or transition of these depots to “satellite” facilities. These depots are currently located in the Boundary portion of the RDKB.

A letter has been drafted for submittal to Recycle BC and is presented for information and to receive approval to submit.

Advancement of Strategic Planning Goals



Having adequate access to waste reduction programs is directly related to the “Environmental Stewardship/Climate Preparedness” strategic priority area.



Changes to collection and acceptance of materials for recycling will require additional public education initiatives.



Changes to recycling opportunities and downloading of additional costs to local government has implications to be cost effective and efficient services.

Background Information Provided

- Draft Letter Re: Comments on Recycle BC Packaging and Printed Paper Extended Producer Responsibility Plan – Consultation Draft, September 29, 2022
- Recycle BC Packaging and Printed Paper Extended Producer Responsibility Plan – Consultation Draft, September 29, 2022
- Statement of Work for Depot Collection Services

Alternatives

1. That the RDKB Board of Directors approve the submission of the letter that has been drafted in response to the Recycle BC Packaging and Printed Paper Extended Producer Responsibility Plan – Consultation Draft, September 29, 2022
2. That the Board of Directors provide alternate direction to staff.

Recommendation(s)

That the RDKB Board of Directors approve the submission of the letter that has been drafted in response to the Recycle BC Packaging and Printed Paper Extended Producer Responsibility Plan – Consultation Draft, September 29, 2022, as presented at the December 14, 2022 Board Meeting.