



**MINUTES OF THE AVICC  
SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT  
HELD AT THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO  
FRIDAY, October 16, 2015**

**REPRESENTATIVES:**

AVICC 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Edwin Grieve, Committee Chair  
Director John McNabb, Alberni Clayoquot  
Director Judy Brownoff, Capital  
Director Rod Nichol, Comox Valley  
Director Ian Morrison, Cowichan Valley  
Director Alec McPherson, Nanaimo  
Director CaroleAnn Leishman, Powell River  
Director Larry Samson, Strathcona

**ALTERNATES AS OBSERVERS:**

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Mary Marcotte, AVICC

**STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:**

Russ Smith, Capital Regional District  
Debra Oakman, CAO, Comox Valley  
James Mathers, Sr. Manager, Comox-Strathcona Waste Mgt Services  
Brian Carruthers, CAO, Cowichan Valley  
Paul Thorkelsson, CAO, Nanaimo  
Dennis Trudeau, Gen Manager, Trans & Solid Waste, Nanaimo  
Russ Hotsenpiller, CAO, Strathcona  
Glen Brown, GM Victoria Operations, UBCM  
Liz Cookson, AVICC Executive Coordinator (Recorder)

**UNAVAILABLE PRIMARY REPS:**

Director Dennis Dugas, Mount Waddington  
Director Stan Gisborne, Powell River  
Director Ian Winn, Sunshine Coast

**ALSO:**

AVICC President Barbara Price, Ex-officio  
Jerry Berry, Consultant, Jerry Berry Consultants

Chair AVICC 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Edwin Grieve called the meeting to order at 11:15 am, welcoming all of those in attendance, and thanking attendees for making the time to participate in today's meeting and workshop.

**MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2015 MEETING**

On motion by Comox Valley Director Nichol, seconded by Capital Director Brownoff,  
That the minutes of the September 11, 2015 meeting be amended to correct the title for AVICC 1<sup>st</sup> Vice  
President Marcotte and for Tetra Tech was CARRIED

On motion by Cowichan Valley Director Morrison, seconded by Powell River Director Leishman,  
That the minutes of the September 11, 2015 meeting be adopted was CARRIED

## RECEIPT OF DOCUMENTS

### (1) CVRD, October 8, 2015: Tetra Tech State of Waste Management Report

Debra Oakman spoke to Tetra Tech EBA's State of Waste Management report, and noted that Jerry Berry would be facilitating a prioritization of report recommendations later in the meeting. She noted that the last bullet on page 83 is adjusted to "joint emerging technologies". Alberni Clayoquot Director John McNabb questioned discrepancies in reported landfill capacity in years between Table 2 and Figure 7. Debra Oakman to review with Tetra Tech EBA.

On motion by Comox Valley Director Nichol, seconded by Powell River Director Leishman, That the October 8, 2015 report from the CVRD and the September 2015 "The State of Waste Management" report from Tetra Tech be received.

CARRIED

### (2) CVRD, October 8, 2015: AVICC Grant Application for Capacity Building

On motion by Powell River Director Leishman, seconded by Cowichan Valley Director Morrison, That the CVRD report dated October 8, 2015 on AVICC Grant Application for Capacity Building be received.

CARRIED

### (3) Comox Valley Director Rod Nichol, September 2, 2015: Reducing Volumes of Municipal Solid Waste to Landfills

Director Nichol spoke to his report and circulated a sample of material. The CVRD staff will be undertaking research in this area, and will share the report with Committee members once completed.

On motion by AVICC 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Grieve, seconded by Capital Director Brownoff, That the September 2, 2015 report on Reducing Volumes of Municipal Solid Waste to Landfills be received.

CARRIED

## PRIORITIZATION OF REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

Jerry Berry, Consultant with Jerry Berry Consulting facilitated a review of priorities for implementing the recommendations and options for Solid Waste Collaboration that are set out as twenty-one items in Table 14 of the Tetra Tech EBA report. Participants from each RD indicated first, second and third working priorities. There was support for items 1 and 2 together as the first priority (AVICC partnership), and item 21 (Advocacy) as the second priority. Each RD reviewed and then advised again of respective third priorities from the remaining items. There was support for 3 (Long-term disposal demand forecast), 5 (Organics waste reduction strategy), 8 & 9 (Recycling collection and drop-off programs) and 17 (Disposal Bans and bylaw consistency). Items 3 and 17 were selected by consensus as short-term work priorities.

Jerry Berry will prepare a briefing report with the immediate, short-term and long-term priorities recommended to go back to each RD. He noted that no items are being removed from consideration, it is a matter of prioritization and time frames.

The session wrapped up at 2:15 pm with AVICC 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Grieve thanking Jerry Berry for facilitating today's workshop; elected and staff in attendance allowing for face-to-face networking, and the Regional District of Nanaimo for providing the meeting space.

On motion by Strathcona Director Samson, seconded by Cowichan Valley Director Morrison,  
That the AVICC: State of Waste Management (produced by Tetra Tech EBA dated September 2015)  
be sent to AVICC member regional districts seeking support for the AVICC special committee on solid  
waste management to continue working on the following recommendations from Table 14:

1. Immediate: AVICC partnership (items 1 &2)
2. Immediate: Advocacy (item 21)
3. Short-term: Long-term disposal (item 3)
4. Short-term: Regulations and enforcement (item 17)

CARRIED

On motion by Strathcona Director Samson, seconded by Nanaimo Director McPherson,  
That the AVICC special committee on solid waste management apply for grant programs to assist  
with organizational capacity building;

AND FURTHER THAT the Comox Valley Regional District support the AVICC in its application efforts.

CARRIED

#### **NEXT STEPS**

On motion by Powell River Director Leishman, seconded by Alberni Clayoquot Director McNabb,  
That the next meeting be confirmed for 9:00–10:00 am, Friday, November 20, 2015 via  
teleconference, and that the current meeting be adjourned at 2:20 pm.

CARRIED

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AVICC 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Edwin Grieve  
Chair

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Liz Cookson, AVICC Staff  
Meeting Recorder