



RESOLUTION SUBMISSION

To: AVICC

From: Board of Directors, Central Coast Regional District

Date: February 26, 2021

Subject: AVICC/UBCM Resolution: Funding for Landfill Compliance and Closure

Issue/Background Summary:

Provincial legislation in British Columbia governing solid waste management in general, and legislation governing landfills in particular, has tightened over the years to address various environmental concerns. CCRD, as part of its Solid Waste Management Service for Electoral Areas C, D, and E, has been operating the landfill portion of Thorsen Creek Waste and Recycling Centre under a “grandfathered” Certificate of Operations for several years. Current, updated legislation for landfills includes exemptions to allow for operation and closure of older landfills under outdated legislation. CCRD meets all the exemptions except for one, which is annual rainfall. This means that the CCRD cannot continue to operate the TCWRC under the outdated legislation certificate indefinitely.

Despite the significant financial pressure this updated and improved SWM legislation places on CCRD and other local governments, the Province has yet to offer financial strategies or new funding to help offset the additional costs to local governments to comply with current provincial legislation. Landfill operation and closure under current legislation will require significantly more financial commitment from CCRD’s tax base in the Bella Coola Valley, as well as other sources of funds yet to be identified. Grant funding for landfills is extremely difficult to find, given current provincial policy prioritizing Zero Waste province-wide.

The CCRD Board of Directors has opted to submit a resolution to the AVICC 2021 Convention for endorsement in the hopes of further consideration for member support at UBCM 2021. The Board resolution supporting the resolution submission will be available to AVICC upon the adoption of the CCRD’s February 25, 2021 Special Board Meeting minutes.