



To: Courtney Kirk, CAO

CC: Board of Directors, CCRD

From: Alison Sayers

Meeting Date: February 10 - 11, 2021

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

Recommendations:

Recommendation 1:

THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District receive the Request for Decision AVICC/UBCM Resolution: Sponsorship for Small Local Government Attendance at Area and UBCM Conventions.

Recommendation 2:

THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District authorize and send the resolution "Sponsorship for Small Local Government Attendance at Area and UBCM Conventions" to the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities by February 26th, 2021, for consideration at their May 28th, 2021 virtual convention.

Or:

THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District direct Administration to revise the resolution "Sponsorship for Small Local Government Attendance at Area and UBCM Conventions" to the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities for further board review and authorization prior to submission for consideration at AVICC's May 28th, 2021 virtual convention.

Issue/Background Summary:

The Central Coast Regional District has the smallest tax base of any regional district in the province, and like many small municipal governments, elected official attendance at area and ubcm conventions presents inequitable strain on local tax payers, in comparison to local governments who enjoy greater flexibility in budgets due to significantly higher tax revenues supporting civic governance.

As UBCM and Area Associations exert considerable influence on provincial policy, regulatory and legislative development impacting local governments, .

]Insert reference to Jayme’s resolution requesting an AVICC resolution be developed on this topic...]

Despite the significant financial pressure this updated and improved SWM legislation places on CCRD and other local governments, the Province has yet to provide a fiscal framework to help offset the additional costs to local governments to comply with current 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 identifying Zero Waste province-wide.

The CCRD Board of Directors has the option to undertake political advocacy to the Province of British Columbia for CCRD’s and the region’s interests, including submitting a resolution to the AVICC 2021 Convention.

Resolution:

Funding for Landfill Compliance and Closure

Whereas provincial legislation governing solid waste management in British Columbia has increasingly tightened over the past several years to address important environmental concerns, thereby increasing costs for local governments to operate landfills and comply with current legislation, including landfill closures,

And whereas the Province of British Columbia has not provided an adequate fiscal framework to offset increased costs to local governments, including landfill closure costs, arising from this tightened legislation,

And whereas local governments have been severely financially impacted by the current criteria, and are therefore being forced to operate and consider retiring their landfills under “grandfathered”, outdated, and environmentally unsound legislative criteria in order to cope with these unforeseen costs,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM call upon the Province of British Columbia to provide the necessary resources to local governments for landfill compliance-related projects to meet current operations and closure standards, so that landfills may be operated and retired in an environmentally sound manner.

Policy, Bylaw or Legislation:

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Asset Management (H,M,L)

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IT (H,M,L)

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Business Continuity (H,M,L)

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Financial/Budgetary Implications:

If the Board of Directors wishes to advance the resolution *Landfill Compliance and Closure* to the April AVICC virtual convention, one elected official will need to register to attend AVICC to introduce the resolution to the assembly. Cost for registration has not yet been determined, but is expected to be very low.

Time Requirements – Staff and Elected Officials:

If the Board of Directors wishes to advance the resolution *Landfill Compliance and Closure* to the April AVICC virtual convention, at least one elected official will need to attend AVICC during resolutions debate to introduce the resolution to the assembly.

Time requirements for staff to advance the resolution are minimal.

Options to Consider:

1. As recommended
2. Do not advance the resolution to AVICC

Submitted by:



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