

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF CENTRAL SAANICH

Minutes of the **WATER & WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE** Meeting
Monday, April 26, 2010, at 8:54 p.m.
Central Saanich Municipal Council Chamber

PRESENT: Councillor Adam Olsen, Chair
Mayor Jack Mar
Councillors: Bryson, Garrison, Mason, and Siklenka
Gary C. Nason, Administrator
Susan Brown, Municipal Clerk
Nirmal Bhattacharya, Municipal Engineer
Hope V. Burns, Director of Planning & Building Services

ABSENT: Councillor Kubek

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

321.10 **MOVED AND SECONDED**
That the Agenda for the Water & Waste Management Committee Meeting held on April 26, 2010, be approved as circulated.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Discussion Re: Collection and Processing of Household Organics

- a) Correspondence Received Pertaining to this Issue:
i) Peninsula Agricultural Commission, April 15, 2010

Councillor Bryson introduced this item and invited Mr. Michael Doehnel, the District's Community-At-Large Representative on the Agricultural Area Plan Steering Committee, to comment on the Capital Regional District's two Requests for Proposals concerning the collection, processing and marketing of household organics.

Mr. Michael Doehnel commented on the parameters of the RFPs and the comments made in the correspondence from Peninsula Agricultural Commission concerning Regional farmers' access to organic matter from the CRD waste management system, and attaining Greenhouse Gas emission reduction targets.

Councillor Bryson provided additional comments on the issues raised by the absence in the RFPs of any stipulation concerning the end use of the materials. He noted that in an open market, the processed matter would be beyond the means of the local agricultural community, and suggested Committee might consider passing along to the CRD the District's interest in the opportunity for regional sustainability through access to the organic materials.

The Chair provided a brief update on the process leading up to the issuance of the RFPs, and advised that although the issues of regional agricultural access to the organic matter and Green House Gas emissions were raised during the process, the RFPs were prepared without a provision concerning end use. He noted that the RFP process would be closing soon.

322.10 **MOVED AND SECONDED**
That it be recommended to Council:

That Council communicate to the Capital Regional District Board, appropriate CRD Committees, and each municipality in the Region, the interest of the District of Central Saanich in the opportunity that the availability of processed Household Organic matter for the regional farming community represents to the Region, by forwarding a letter in this regard and through representations of members of Council to appropriate bodies.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion, the Water & Waste Management Committee Meeting held on April 26, 2010, adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Councillor Adam Olsen, Chair

Recorded By: Susan Brown
Municipal Clerk