



Date: 13/03/2019

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

To: Chair and Directors, Cariboo Regional District Board

And To: John MacLean, Chief Administrative Officer

From: Tera Grady, Supervisor of Solid Waste Management

Date of Meeting: Cariboo Regional District Board_Mar22_2019

File: 5360-08

Short Summary:

South Cariboo Sustainability Society - Inquiry Regarding Single-Use Plastics

Voting:

Corporate Vote - Unweighted

Memorandum:

The attached letter from the South Cariboo Sustainability Society inquires about what policies or encouragement activities the CRD Board is perusing to reduce the use of single-use plastics in the Region. The letter goes on to offer the Societies' support and participation in development of policies or awareness programs that the Region may be developing.

The CRD supports the efforts of the Cariboo Chilcotin Conservation Society in Williams Lake, through "Waste Wise" education funding. The CCCS introduced a "STOP SUCKING" campaign in which local restaurants were asked to stop supplying straws to customers, or only supply them upon request. This campaign has been very successful with over 15 businesses participating.



Local governments do not have the authority to ban the use of single-use plastics, such as shopping bags, straws, or cutlery; however, the CRD as an organization can choose to lead by example and implement a policy on the use of single-use plastics in its day-to-day operations.

A strategy or goal regarding reduction of single-use plastics could be discussed in the development of the next Solid Waste Management Plan.

Attachments:

Letter from South Cariboo Sustainability Society, dated March 6, 2019, regarding single-use plastics.

Financial Implications:

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Policy Implications:

Not at this time.

Alignment with Strategic Plan:

- ☐ Ensuring Sufficient and Sustainable Funding
- ☒ Building on our Relationships
- ☐ Providing Cost Effective High Quality Services
- ☐ Focusing on Being Well Governed

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CAO Comments:

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Options:

- 1) Endorse recommendation;
- 2) Receipt and other action;
- 3) Defer.

Recommendation:

That the agenda item summary from Tera Grady, Supervisor of Solid Waste Management, dated March 13, 2019, regarding the March 6, 2019 letter from the South Cariboo Sustainability Society concerning the use of single-use plastics, be received. Further that:

1. Staff provide the Board with a policy that the CRD as an organization could introduce to reduce the use of single-use plastics and disposable items in the day-to-day operations of the CRD.
2. Staff draft a response letter to the South Cariboo Sustainability Society and invite them to join the Advisory Committee for the upcoming Solid Waste Management planning process.