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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_Sep13_2019

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Short Summary:

Request for CRD Chair Signature on Joint Submission to MOECCS Clean BC – Plastics Action Plan

Voting:

Corporate Vote - Unweighted

Memorandum:

The Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy (MOECCS) has recently launched public consultation around the issue of plastics reduction and they have extended their deadline to September 30, 2019.

Numerous regional district and municipal staff members held a conference call on August 14, 2019 to discuss a joint response to the Plastics Action Plan in order to provide the Ministry with harmonized feedback from local governments.

Five topic areas were determined as matters requiring specific feedback from the local government sector. Staff from the District of Squamish and the District of Tofino co-wrote the attached (Attachment #2) high-level letter based on these themes below:

1. Prioritization of Reduction and Reuse over Recycling and Disposal
2. Clarification of Local Government Authority
3. A “Stepped” or Phased Approach to Regulation
4. Improvement of Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Programs
5. Adequate Consultation, including other Ministries

CRD staff strongly support the contents of the letter.

Attachments:

1. Introductory Letter (MOECCS)
2. Joint Submission Letter (MOECCS)

Financial Implications:

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Policy Implications:

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Alignment with Strategic Plan:

- ☐ **Communication:** Facilitate communication strategies throughout the entire Cariboo Regional District that meet the needs of residents, community stakeholders, and other levels of government.
- ☐ **Planning:** Intentionally plan services and activities of the CRD to prepare for future needs of residents and community stakeholders.
- ☒ **Economic Sustainability:** Foster an environment to ensure the economic sustainability of CRD communities and the region.
- ☐ **Governance:** Ensure that CRD governance policy and practices are intentional, transparent, and respectful.

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CAO Comments:

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Options:

- 1) Endorse recommendation
- 2) Receipt and other action

Recommendation:

That the agenda item summary from Tera Grady, Supervisor of Solid Waste Management, dated September 4, 2019, regarding a joint submission concerning the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy's proposed amendments to the *Recycling Regulation*, be received.

Further, that the Cariboo Regional District Board supports and wishes to join the submission from the Districts of Squamish and Tofino in response to the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy's proposed amendments to the *Recycling Regulation* of the *Environmental Management Act*.