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To: Chair and Directors, Cariboo Regional District Board

And To: John MacLean, Chief Administrative Officer

From: Tera Grady, Supervisor of Solid Waste Management

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Short Summary:

BC Recycling Regulation Intentions Paper Feedback

Voting:

Corporate Vote - Unweighted

Memorandum:

The BC government released a Recycling Regulation Policy Intentions Paper in September and is asking for feedback on adding more products to the Recycling Regulation. The specific products and the questions being asked are provided below:

- Mattresses

Questions:

- Do you have comments or suggestions on the intention to add mattresses and foundations to the regulation?
- Are there exemptions to this new product category that you believe should be considered?

- Moderately hazardous products

Questions:

- Do you have comments or suggestions on the intention to regulate more product types?
- What product types should be prioritized for regulation?
- Do you have comments or suggestions on how to clearly define/classify product categories in the regulation that are user friendly?
- Are there product types you believe should be exempt from the regulation, beyond products such as cleaners that are intended for use down the drain?

- Electronic and electrical products and batteries

Questions:

- Do you have comments or suggestions on the intention to regulate more electronic and electrical products, including batteries?
- What product types should be prioritized for regulation?
- Are there product types you believe should be exempt from the regulation and may be better managed through alternative policy approaches?

- Packaging and paper products beyond residential sources

Questions:

- While EPR for ICI packaging and paper has been suggested by some stakeholders, there are also other approaches that have been advanced for commercial business waste management. Do you have comments or suggestions on EPR or alternative policy approaches that address the need for greater diversion from landfills and to better manage ICI materials?
- Are there sources of ICI waste that should be the primary focus for better management, such as food services, office buildings, or sports stadiums?

There is also a section on the management of lost fishing gear.

Feedback is due by November 20th, 2020. Staff supports the addition of all of the suggested products and would like to advocate that agricultural plastics also be added to the recycling regulation. At this time, staff cannot provide suggestions for alternative policy approaches for the management of ICI packaging and paper and would recommend that the current EPR program for packaging and paper would be best positioned to manage the ICI material.

Attachments:

Intentions Paper

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 the recommendation;
- 2) Receipt and other action.

Recommendation:

That the agenda item summary from Tera Grady, Supervisor of Solid Waste Management, dated November 4, 2020, regarding the BC Recycling Regulation Intentions Paper Feedback, be received. Further, that the Board instruct staff to respond to the intentions paper.