

Committee Terms of Reference

Name

Solid Waste Management Plan Monitoring Advisory Committee (SWMPMAC)

Members

The Committee shall consist of no more than 10 members appointed by the qathet Regional District (qRD) Board. Membership shall include representation of the various interests as follows:

- a) One member of the qRD Board representing the City of Powell River (non-voting);
- b) One member of the qRD Board representing an electoral area (non-voting);
- c) qRD Manager of Operations (or equivalent senior staff person in charge of solid waste operations);
- d) Staff representative of the City of Powell River;
- e) Representative from Tla'amin Nation (staff and/or Council);
- f) One private sector representative with experience in the recycling business;
- g) One person with experience in public education relating to solid waste management;
- h) One private sector representative with experience in the collection and management of solid waste;
- i) One person with experience in the recovery of resources from solid waste;
- j) One member of a local environmental group with interests in solid waste.

Appointment to the Committee will be subject to qRD Board (Board) approval.

All members will conduct themselves in a responsible manner and respect the qRD Policy 4.16 - Workplace Bullying and Harassment Policy; and any superseding revisions or editions.

Terms of Membership

All regular appointments will be for terms of two (2) years. All initial members will be appointed for staggered terms in one (1) year increments.

Subsequent regular appointments will be made at the December Board meeting. Members may be re-appointed at the option of the Board.

Vacancies may be filled as they arise. Members appointed as a result of a resignation will serve for the remainder of the former member's term.

Formation Details

The Advisory Committee involved in the development of the Solid Waste Management Plan (Plan) recommended that an ongoing monitoring and advisory committee be established to oversee the implementation of the Board adopted and Ministry approved Plan.

Purpose

The purpose of the SWMPMAC is to advise the qRD Board and staff on the implementation of the SWMP.

The Committee will remain in place for the 10-year duration of the Plan (no later than December 31, 2028.)

Continuation of the Committee will be discussed during the next Plan renewal.

Goals

The long-term vision for the qRD as stated in the SWMP is to have Zero Waste requiring disposal. It is the intention of the plan to guide the qRD to incrementally reduce, reuse, recycle and manage our waste. The SWMPMAC will monitor the implementation of the Plan and make recommendations to increase its effectiveness.

Deliverables

An annual report to the Board on the implementation of the Plan.

Recommendations to the Board on changes required to the Plan implementation.

Scope / Jurisdiction / Authority

The Committee shall:

1. Review information related to implementation of the Plan, including waste quantities, populations, and diversion rates for each Plan component
2. Advise on each major Plan review which will occur roughly every five years
3. Provide recommendations regarding disputes arising during implementation of the Plan that pertain to:
 - i. interpretation of a statement or provision in the Plan, or
 - ii. any other matter not related to a proposed change to the actual wording of the Plan or an operational certificate
4. Ensure adequate public consultation in matters affecting the public, such as landfill siting and transfer station siting
5. Review new facility applications and making recommendations to the Board

Guidance from the Board / Lead Group

As outlined in the *Local Government Act*, the governing body of the qRD is the Board, and the powers, duties and functions of the qRD are to be exercised and performed by the Board.

Therefore, the Committee can only act in an advisory capacity to the Board and does not have any powers or authorities to direct, instruct or make unilateral decisions.

Resources and Budget

qRD provides the meeting space and any refreshments, and staff to take minutes. Funds for any projects are from the Plan budget and subject to normal budgetary review and approvals.

Participation in the committee is voluntary and there is no remuneration for members' time. Travel assistance, if required, can be provided for members on request, following qRD travel guidelines.

Governance

The Chair will be elected annually from amongst the voting membership. The Chair will be selected at the first/inaugural meeting.

The Manager of Operational Services is the direct liaison between the qRD and the SWMPMAC. The Manager of Asset Management and Strategic Initiatives will liaise with the Committee with regard to any capital infrastructure solid waste projects. Both managers report to the Chief Administrative Officer who reports to the Board.

qRD staff will provide advice and act as a resource to the Committee.

These terms of reference (ToR) are subject to the provisions of the SWMP, qathet Regional District Bylaws, and any other applicable law or regulatory provision.

Unless otherwise specified in the ToR, the Committee shall operate in accordance with the Board Procedure Bylaw No. 479, 2013; and any superseding revisions or editions.

Quorum shall be the majority of voting members (i.e. 50% plus one).

All Committee members are equal and have equal opportunity to contribute at meetings, and must respect the opinions of others.

Members are encouraged to work collaboratively and to be committed to reaching consensus where possible, taking into account the best interests of the community. Any members unable to agree with the decision may have their objections noted in the minutes.

In any proceeding, members must declare any real or perceived conflict of interest. The member involved should excuse themselves from proceedings that relate to the conflict unless explicitly requested to speak, on a majority vote to do so. Any subsequent information provided by the member will clearly be identified in the minutes as coming from a source perceived to be in a conflict of interest.

Members of the public may observe meetings but will not have voting rights or speaking rights unless invited to speak by the Chair.

Frequency of Meetings

The Committee will meet annually, or at the call of the chair.

Meetings will take place at the qRD Boardroom unless otherwise specified. Members are expected to attend in person unless arrangements are made to participate by phone or online.

Record of Meetings

The Committee shall operate in accordance with the following procedures:

- a) Staff is responsible for recording minutes for each meeting. Minutes will be recorded without note or comment. A copy of the minutes will be submitted to the qRD office seven (7) business days following the respective meeting. Minutes of the prior meeting will be circulated as part of the agenda package and adopted at the following meeting. Bylaw No. 479, 2012, paragraph 4.73 which states:
“Draft minutes of the proceedings of the Board shall be posted to the Regional District website and made available for public inspection at the Regional District office within one week after the date of the meeting.”
- b) The Chair will prepare the agenda. Members are to contact the Chair at least one (1) week in advance of the meeting to advise them of items they would like included on the agenda. Wherever possible, information will be circulated in advance by email or fax.
- c) Members who miss three consecutive Committee meetings may have their membership revoked at the Board’s discretion and a replacement representative will be sought.

Reporting Mechanism

The SWMPMAC reports to the qRD Board through the staff representative.

Additional Notes

The Committee shall operate at the pleasure of the Board.

The Solid Waste Management Plan Advisory Committee was active during the Draft Plan development stage and was concluded upon Plan completion.

A Solid Waste Management Plan is a legally binding document that is mandated by the Ministry of Environment & Climate Change Strategy (MOECCS).

The ToR will be reviewed every year and updated as required. Changes to the ToR must be approved by the Regional Board.

Regular communications between meetings is by email or other acceptable form of electronic communication.

Committee information, such as plans and contact information, will be stored within the qRD system.

Primary reference material for the Committee is the MOECCS Waste Management Act, the qRD SWMP and the qRD Waste Management Conversion and Service Establishment Bylaw No. 532.