



**CENTRAL COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
MAY 2015 REPORT**

TO: Darla Blake, CAO
CC: Board Chair Reginald Moody and Board Members
DATE: June 4, 2015
FROM: Ken McIlwain, R.P.F. Public Works Manager
SUBJECT: Public Works Monthly Report

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1. THAT the May 2015 Public Works Report be received.

**PUBLIC WORKS FUNCTIONS AND SERVICES
MAY 2015 HIGHLIGHTS**

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

- 1. Collection and recycling of paint, paint cans, household hazardous waste, aerosols, flammables, small appliances and electronics is well under way at Thorsen Creek Recycling Depot. Public response has been excellent. Two full totes of paint cans have been diverted from the landfill. Two containers of DDT and numerous other poisons have been collected for recycling.
- 2. One of two modified shipping containers has been installed next to the transfer bins, along with a collection tank for used oil. The second shipping container and remaining tanks will be installed in June.
- 3. The two weeks of extended landfill operating hours and tipping fee discounts is nearly over. Revenues have been slightly less than projected. This is largely due to the increased amount of materials we accept for free under our new recycling programs. Fortunately the extra costs associated with this initiative have come in a bit lower as well.

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The Nuxalk Nation has crews involved with picking up refuse from residences. Recycling staff are working with the crews to help maximize loads of free recyclables and the result has been excellent sorting and reduced costs to the Nuxalk Nation.

4. Request for Proposals for removal of the scrap metal pile at Thorsen Creek Landfill have been reviewed and evaluated. A contract has now been signed with the front runner proponent Schnitzer Steel Ltd. of Surry B.C.. The project is expected to be completed by August or early September.
5. The BC Ministry of Environment has published a news release announcing they will be updating the guidelines which steer the preparation of solid waste management plans. The province has not released many details, but will incorporate the following principles:
 - Promote the 3 R's (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle)
 - Maximize beneficial use of waste materials and manage residuals appropriately
 - Separate organics and recyclables out of garbage wherever practical
 - Establish and enforce disposal bans
 - Level playing field within regions for both private and public companies
 - Manage tipping fees

The province commits to consulting with stakeholders and local governments before final guidelines are delivered in 2016. Further information will be released later this summer and we will be better able to assess the potential impacts on our Regional District.

6. A flyer was mailed out to Bella Coola Valley Residents with notification of the 2 weeks of extended hours and also a new list of recyclables accepted for free.
7. Significant Expenditures: None

RECREATION FACILITIES

1. **Walker Island & Snootli Parks:** Final plans have been received for the new concession building. An RFP package is being prepared and will be published shortly. Park facilities are in good condition.
2. **Centennial Pool:** The pool has opened as of June 4th. Repairs to change room walls are still under way. New processes were tried this year for algae removal from the pool liner. Muriatic acid was applied prior to pressure washing the surface. The results appear to be very satisfactory.
3. **Nusatsum Park:** No news to report.
4. **Skating Rink:** No news to report.

5. Significant Expenditures and Contracts: Chris Roose was paid \$6281.05 for hourly contract services related to pool renovations and pool startup.

BELLA COOLA TOWNSITE WATER SYSTEM AND FIRE PROTECTION

1. Nuxalk have reported higher than normal usage and have requested we alert our customers to keep an eye open for possible leaks or unnecessary water usage. A mail out is being prepared asking our customers to check for potential leaks or unnecessary usage.

BELLA COOLA AIRPORT

West end field renovation is completed. The field has been seeded and we are hoping for suitable growing conditions over the next few months.

STRATEGIC PUBLIC WORKS INITIATIVES

SHEARWATER WATER SYSTEM

An application to the Gas Tax Strategic Priorities Fund has been submitted. The project is on hold until grant funding can be accessed.

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE

Minimal work has taken place on the solid waste management planning process during the month of May. This is due to other projects taking priority.

TOWNSITE WASTE WATER

The Public Works Manager was contacted by the engineering firm completing the design work for the wastewater facility in an attempt to collect information about any wells that might be in the vicinity. The engineer was advised that the Regional District has no wells in the vicinity that are active, but that they should follow up with the Ministry of Environment to determine if there are any other registered wells and their location.

Respectfully submitted,



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