

COLUMBIA SHUSWAP REGIONAL DISTRICT

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VIA EMAIL: <u>ENV.Minister@gov.bc.ca</u>

The Honorable George Heyman Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy PO Box 9047 Stn Prov Govt VICTORIA , BC V8W 9E2

Dear Minister Heyman:

RE: 2018 Solid Waste Management Plan Amendment

Please find enclosed for your approval, the Columbia Shuswap Regional District's (CSRD) updated 2018 Solid Waste Management Plan. The Plan was approved by the Board of Directors at its March 29, 2018 regular meeting where the following resolutions were authorized:

THAT: the Board endorse the 2018 updated Solid Waste Management Plan amendment;

AND THAT: the Board authorize staff to submit the amended Solid Waste Management Plan to the Ministry of Environment for approval.

The CSRD would like to acknowledge the guidance and direction received from Ministry of Environment regional office staff members Mr. Kirk Phair and Mr. Luc Lachance, who advised that an amendment to the CSRD's Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) would be necessary in order to facilitate the purchase of a 20 acre parcel of land for solid waste management purposes. As a result, CSRD staff, along with the assistance of a qualified professional, conducted a robust public consultation program and have prepared a comprehensive report for your review.

The report entitled "Columbia Shuswap Regional District Solid Waste Management Plan Amendment: Salmon Arm Landfill Acquisition and Property Acquisition Guidelines" summarizes the results of the public consultation work and is submitted to support the approval of both the purchase of the subject property and the requested SWMP amendment. The report also seeks endorsement of the criteria established for future land acquisition opportunities for solid waste purposes.

We would very much appreciate an expedited review and approval of the amended SWMP due to the fact that the CSRD has entered into a purchase agreement, subject to various conditions, for the land proposed as future landfill expansion. The CSRD is confident you will find the amended 2018 Solid Waste Management Plan satisfactory and inclusive, and we look forward to receiving your approval.

Yours truly, COLUMBIA SHUSWAP REGIONAL DISTRICT

Per:

Rhona Martin, Chair

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