

APPENDIX

Report to the HIRRA Membership September 2013

Another busy summer has past at the Hornby Island Recycling Depot and we are now enjoying the slower season to catch up with the influx of recyclables the summer has brought us.

The BC provincial government introduced a "Printed Paper & Packaging" (PPP) legislation requiring that the producers of PPP are responsible for the recycling of the PPP they produce. This legislation will take effect May 19th 2014. In response, Producers of PPP have created and funded a new stewardship association called "Multi Material BC" who will oversee and distribute incentives to collectors, post collectors and recyclers. \$100 million dollars are to be divided amongst collectors, post collectors and recyclers. Rough estimates using MMBC fee structure show that the recycling depot could be awarded \$20,000-\$25,000 in incentives. Currently the cost of transport is part of the municipality's budget; after May 19th the post collector chosen by MMBC will absorb that cost.

It is also MMBC's plan is to increase the scope of recycling by introducing more products into the recycling stream such as Expanded Polystyrene (Styrofoam), Soup Containers, paper coffee cups and coffee cup lids etc.....

MMBC will be launching a large province wide advertising campaign to inform the public of the new items accepted in recycling.

Initially MMBC wanted to control scavenging at any MMBC affiliated depots. Due to much outcry from recycling depots all around BC, they changed their definition on scavenging and the new definition only states that no incentive will be paid on scavenged materials.

The recycling committee has recommended that the Hornby Island Recycling Depot partner with the MMBC Stewardship plan.

We have had a request from an Island resident to considerably improve the roadway up to the recycling depot. This request was also forwarded to the regional district. We have heard from the regional district and they are interested to find out how many individuals on Hornby Island feel the need for major road improvement on the depot road. If there is a large enough demand to have major road improvements done at the depot, the CVRD would look into possibilities to have this work done. Funding for such a project would be tax based and the CVRD estimates roughly \$500,000 would be needed. Direction from the HIRRA membership would be the first step towards such major road improvements. Please contact myself or any of the recycling committee members if you are interested that this topic should be put on the HIRRA agenda.

During a recent meeting with CVRD staff we were informed that their structural engineer would not sign off on rebuilding the free store because it is cost prohibitive to bring it to the required code. We will get a NEW "Free Store" but not in 2013. The next project that will commence is the province wide prescribed bin wall improvements and the "Product Care Building". Both are to be completed by the end of the year. Bin Wall and Product Care are to be done simultaneously since it is mostly concrete work. We have received a new "oil containment unit" through the CVRD which will allow us to collect petrochemical oils without the Product Care Building being ready so soon we will be able to make those oils part of our Hazardous Fridays.