

**TO:** Regional District Board  
**FROM:** Administration  
**DATE:** March 20, 2009  
**RE:** **New appointments to Solid Waste Management Plan Advisory Committee (PMAC)**

Administration is recommending that the Board appoint the following seven individuals and the organizations they represent to the Plan Monitoring Advisory Committee. The next PMAC meeting is scheduled for April 8, 2009. All appointees will be notified of the Board's decision by March 31, 2009. Information related to the work of this committee including the Terms of Reference is posted on the RDKS website, under the **Zero Waste Program** section.

The original appointed members from 2004 together with all local First Nation Band managers were invited to the PMAC regrouping meeting held in December 2008. A total of five members attended with three more sending regrets. Four other members are not longer available due to relocation or other personal choices. At that meeting, it was identified that both a new membership profile and an increase in the total number of members was needed. The ideal PMAC membership profile reflects the diversity of geographic, social, and economic interests of the region and brings a balance of technical and non-technical perspectives. A target of 12-15 members in total was established, and we hoped to received at least five applications.

The recruitment strategy to meet these objectives consisted of: 1. Print and website advertising and direct invitation 2. Submission of applications by interested individuals 3. Review of applications with follow up telephone interviews for all candidates that met recruitment objectives. A total of seven applications were received, all of which met the criteria set out for the new PMAC membership profile. Two of these applications were received in response to the ad campaign, while the remaining five responded to direct invitations to the organizations they work for or fell out of existing relationships with the RDKS related to the Landfill Diversion Credit Pilot Program or unsolicited offers to volunteer for Zero Waste initiatives. All applications are attached for the Board's information.

The recommended candidates represent a broad range of educational and professional backgrounds as well as a comfortable mix of age and gender. All candidates are full-time residents residing within RDKS boundaries and have declared commitment to the environmental and financial sustainability of the RDKS Solid Waste Management Plan as part of the application process.

<b>Name and Association</b>	<b>Sector represented</b>	<b>Geography represented</b>
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Larry Merrill Business Analyst - 16/37 Community Futures Dev. Corp.	Non-government, economic development	Regional
Lazlo Ratkai North West Watch	Non-government, environmental	Terrace with strong connections to all Skeena watershed communities
Ken Maitland Individual	Public with Industry ties (Senior Environmental Technologist with Rio Tinto Alcan)	Kitimat
Gary Snider Individual (retired)	Public with non-government ties (Terrace and District Multicultural Assn.)	Terrace
Kathy Davies Individual (retired)	Public with background in medical technology and healthcare	Greater Terrace area
Kasey Lewis Do Your Part Recycling	Business and Recycling	Terrace/Thornhill
Beth DeMaio Individual	Public with non-government and community development ties (Storytellers Foundation/Learning Shop)	Hazelton

With the addition of these seven new members the total membership for PMAC will be increased to 15, which includes two First Nation representatives (Gitanyow and Gitanmaax Bands), one non-government and recycling sector representative (Kitimat Understanding the Environment), one member of the public (Stew Christensen, Terrace), one BC Ministry of Environment representative, and three local government representatives (City of Terrace, District of Kitimat, and Village of Hazelton).

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board appoint the seven listed individuals to the Plan Monitoring Advisory Committee.

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