



Regional District of
Kitimat-Stikine

TO: The Public and Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)
FROM: Administration
DATE: June 3, 2019
RE: PTAC “Reduce and Reuse” Feedback

ATTACHMENTS:

1. RDKS Public and Technical Advisory Committee “Reduction and Reuse” Feedback

Recommendation (s):

That the Public and Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC):

1. Receive for information the attached RDKS Public and Technical Advisory Committee “Reduction and Reuse” Feedback;
2. Provide additional input and feedback on Reduction and Reuse options to support the Solid Waste Management Plan.

At the PTAC meeting on April 16, 2019, Administration presented several options relating to reduction and reuse initiatives. PTAC members were provided a brief discussion period and were asked to provide their feedback on each option on a “PTAC Feedback Form” following the meeting. Feedback forms were received from eight members. This feedback has been compiled in the attached document.

As only eight responses were received, Administration invites members’ additional input through discussion at the June 11, 2019, meeting.

Reduction and reuse was the theme of the April 16, 2019, meeting of the solid waste Public and Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC). RDKS Administration presented each of the topics and their respective options for management. PTAC members had the opportunity to provide their feedback on each option through a "PTAC Feedback Response Form." Eight PTAC members completed and returned the forms. Their anonymous feedback is provided below.

Reduction or Reuse options	I support further consultation on this option and/or support this option	Need more information before broader consultation	PTAC members' comments regarding each option:							
REDUCE										
Lobby for Reduced Packaging	100%	0%							Province-wide effort	UBCM item
Adopt and Promote a "Greening Government" Strategy	88%	13%	Need buy-in from member municipalities							Provide sample policies and options for municipalities
Low Waste Holiday Campaign	88%	0%								
Textile Waste Reduction Campaign	75%	0%					KUTE is exploring taking on a textile collection program - need more space at depot	Support the Hazelton Thrift Store by storing surplus materials and unsellable textile donations in a semi-trailer at the landfill (as is done at the Thornhill TS); encourage reuse of textiles (i.e., Hazelton's Makerspace group sewing cloth shopping bags)		Most important option, required good diversion options provided by other sectors
Zero Waste Party Supplies	63%	0%	Social network item							
REUSE										
Support Re-Use Store(S)	100%	13%			Have satellite station where re-usable items can be accessible 7 days per week; have public drop off open 24/7/365; Use old Carnaby Mill site in Hazelton				Support re-use store; there is a local group in Hazelton ready and willing to implement: Skeena Bakery society and Makerspace Group	Needs more consultation with successful operators in other locations
Support Reuse and/or Repair Events	88%	0%								Unsure of viability...potentially lots of staff time preparing events and finding fixers
Develop a Contractor's Guide to Reduction, Reuse and Recycling	88%	13%	Home owner education important	Geier Waste pulls out most recyclable products				Would like to see RDKS push municipal gov'ts to ban/divert construction waste		Most important option

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REDUCE SINGLE USE ITEMS										
Develop model bylaw for member municipalities	50%	38%	Likely wasted effort							Maybe provide support and info to municipalities instead of a sample bylaw, bylaws already available from other jurisdictions
Ban Disposal of SUI	50%	38%	Ban disposal of targeted items	But targeted items	Need greater spread: Canada wide ban				Ideally yes, but will be difficult to ban disposal. Banning sale would be better	
Focus on Education/Outreach/ Behaviour Change	100%	0%			Educate on the value of re-use (i.e., costs of single use disposable and extent of SUI public waste); Host events		KUTE is doing education campaign this year			
Support Pilot Projects for Exchange of Dishware, Containers Or Cups	88%	0%	RDKS should not be involved except to enable online advertisement		Develop incentives for non-disposables			Fina a social enterprise or youth group to implement	Exchange is perfectly fine from a legal standpoint for food. "Bring your own" is trickier.	Consult with NHA
Lobby Senior Governments to Take Action On SUI	88%	13%	Only way to see enforceable change							change is required on a provincial or federal scale to make effective
FOOD WASTE REDUCTION			Website app support for residential food/garden sharing							
Focus on Residential Sector	100%	13%						Work with local community groups to develop similar program to Cowichan's Food Rescue Project	NHA is happy to support all food waste reduction ideas.	I was shocked that half of all food waste occurs at the consumer level
Focus on the ICI Sector	63%	25%	ICI has own incentives to pursue this							ICI is working towards solutions
Develop and Implement a Comprehensive Strategy	75%	13%	Good idea but focus on residential					Promote and distribute the free Love Food Hate Waste toolkit		Too much effort for return
Minimal Effort	25%	13%								Priority option

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WASTE MANAGEMENT SPACE REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW ICI CONSTRUCTION			Focus on residential construction education							
Set Requirements for RDKS-Regulated Areas	50%	38%								
Encourage Member Municipalities to Implement Requirements	63%	25%								
Develop Model Bylaw/Guidelines	25%	38%								Stand alone bylaw would be awkward... just educate Municipalities and developers
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BUILDING DECONSTRUCTION VS. DEMOLITION			Focus on renovation market							Effective re-use store is a priority before further work in this area
Voluntary Deconstruction Pilot Program	63%	25%	Not good option for allocation of RD resources		Encourage a shift in practices and priorities			Support Skeena Bakery Board to pursue a restore in Hazeltons		If a builder/ developer shows an interest a pilot could be jointly developed
Increase Tipping Fee Differential	50%	38%		Good idea		Need a place for materials to go before implementing	Only concern is, would this encourage illegal dumping? Is there a more convenient way to fees than what is currently done?			I prefer incentivising clean wood loads, tipping rates are already a issue in the community