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Dear Ms. Blaney:

Re: Strategies to include as part of Preferred Options

Under the Environmental Management Act, regional districts are required to have a solid waste management plan (SWMP), which must be developed following the solid waste management planning guidelines provided by the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy (the Ministry) for content and process.

The Regional District of Kitimat Stikine (RDKS) is in the process of developing a new SWMP. During the last meeting with the Public and Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC), potential reduce and reuse strategies and options were discussed and PTAC members were asked to indicate their individual preferences and priorities of the strategies discussed. A copy of the votes are attached to this letter.

Morrison Hershfield recommends that the attached list of strategies and priorities (refer to Table 1) are carried over into the PTAC meeting later this spring when the overall preferred options will be selected. During this meeting the PTAC members will have a second opportunity to review the selected reuse and reduce strategies together with those for recycling, residual waste management and cost recovery. The selected preferred options will form the basis of the draft SWMP, which will be brought to public consultation in the early fall of 2020.

Sincerely,

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Table 1 Strategies to be considered for inclusion as part of the Preferred Options

REDUCE				
#	Strategy	High Priority (0-5 yrs)	Lower Priority (5-10+ yrs)	Comments on Priorities
1	Lobby for reduction of single-use items and packaging	✓		Lobby at Provincial level is highest priority.
2	Support member municipalities with implementation of bylaw(s) to eliminate the distribution of single-use items		✓	
3	Encourage voluntary reduction of single-use items by businesses	✓		Developing and implementing outreach campaigns is of key priority with potential to learn from Metro Vancouver.
4	Adopt a preferential purchasing policy for green procurement that supports reduce, reuse and the use of recycled content		✓	The majority of PTAC either assigned the strategy low priority or not to be pursued. Even though PTAC was not in full support of this strategy, it is important for the RDKS to 'walk the talk' and perform actions consistent with the guiding principles of the SWMP. RDKS already have some green procurement practices in place informally. Formalizing through policy is lower priority, but yet important to ensure a more consistent approach across all departments.
5	Promote waste reduction ideas through targeted campaigns	✓	✓	Continued efforts needed to promote waste reduction ideas using readily available campaigns. Waste reduction of clothing is suitable is a high priority since campaign materials are available and clothing make up almost 9% of the garbage collected at curbside.

REUSE				
#	Strategy	High Priority (0-5 yrs)	Lower Priority (5-10+ yrs)	Comments on Priorities
6	Support reuse through share sheds and reuse stores	✓	✓	<p>Priority to support and promote existing reuse organizations.</p> <p>Lower priority to commence pilot of share shed and/or allowing space at RDKS facility for sale elsewhere, due to due financial impacts.</p> <p>PTAC asked to include an assessment of the feasibility of partnering with the private sector to set-up a reuse store for C&D waste.</p>
7	Support reuse and/or repair events	✓	✓	<p>Seeking federal funding to run a pilot for a regional reuse event is of high priority.</p>
8	Develop a contractor's guide to reduction, reuse and recycling	✓		
9	Reuse of construction and demolition materials through deconstruction		✓	<p>Priority to the encouragement of local reuse opportunities of demolition materials by updating the Construction Site Waste Management information brochure.</p>

PREFERENCES PROVIDED BY PTAC MEMBERS BY VOTING USING STICKERS

REDUCE				
#	Strategy	High Priority (0-5 High Years)	Low Priority (5-10+ Yrs)	Not in the interest of the RD
1	Lobby for reduction of single-use items and packaging	10 (4 with A as priority, 2 with B as priority)	1	0
2	Support member-municipalities with implementation of bylaw(s) to eliminate the distribution of single-use items	1	7 (one with A as priority)	0
3	Encourage voluntary reduction of single-use items by businesses	6 (2 with A as priority)	1 - with B as priority	0
4	Adopt a preferential purchasing policy for green procurement that support reduce, reuse, and the use of recycled content	1	2	4
5	Promote waste reduction through targeted campaigns	3	4	0
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#	Strategy	High Priority (0-5 Years)	Low Priority (5-10+ Yrs)	Not in the interest of the RD
6	Support reuse through share sheds and reuse stores.	3	5	1
7	Support reuse &/or repair events	4	4	0
8	Develop a contractors guide to reduction, reuse, and recycling	6	1	0
9	Reuse of construction and demolition materials through deconstruction	3	4	0