

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO**

**REGIONAL SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2016, 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM  
RDN Board Chambers**

**A D D E N D U M**

**COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE**

- 2-2           **J. Finnie**, re comments regarding Zero Waste and HHW diversion.
- 3-3           **W. Wells**, re proposed Zero Waste Definition.

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- In the minutes of the last meeting, page 3, J.Finnie comments, it would be better to say there are *insufficient resources* to deliver on the systems, not *no resources*.
- A comment about Zero Waste (which you are all aware of): Zero Waste is just that, a GOAL. Its like Cathedral Thinking. We may never get there, at least not in our lifetimes, but its a good goal and sets the tenure of our programs, and a continuing direction for future generations. Note that ZWIA's definition of Zero Waste states that ZW is a goal that is ethical, ECONOMICAL, EFFICIENT and visionary. That implies to me that we do not intend to get there at any cost. One of the keys to ZW is the front end, i.e. the design of products, packaging, etc., so as to reduce or eliminate the associated waste. This is kind of like Jim's song - pressure should be placed on the manufacturers. We cannot do this as single jurisdiction or regional district. At the very least, that cry must come from Vancouver Island.
- With today's lifestyles, and my cynicism, I find it difficult to imagine reaching a point where we could avoid producing (at least some) waste that will require disposal (burning, burying, etc.). To get there, we need to adopt a significant lifestyle change. Are people willing to make that change?
- HHW diversion will continue to be limited if people have to take it to a HHW depot. Many will (continue) to put in the garbage. But we need to do the best we can with what we have, our resources, etc. Although there is a cost, might be worthwhile looking at staging an annual collection event, perhaps in cooperation with the private sector. So an HHW Round-up.

**W. Wells**, re proposed Zero Waste Definition.

I am in Atlantic Canada and will not be back on time for our Solid Waste Advisory Committee next Thursday.

If my vote can count, I am in favour of the zero waste definition as proposed being put in the plan.