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Sent: Monday, March 26, 2018 9:27 AM

To: Sheila Gurrie <Sheila.Gurrie@nanaimo.ca>; Mayor&Council <Mayor&Council@nanaimo.ca>

Subject: Fwd: Closure of Nanaimo Recycling Exchange and transition of service for residents

Hi shelia. I would like this Email from virwic added to correspondence. . I will be making a motion today.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Gardner, Larry" <LGardner@rdn.bc.ca>

Date: March 22, 2018 at 12:38:48 PM PDT

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Cc: Charlotte Davis <Charlotte.Davis@nanaimo.ca>, Bill Sims <Bill.Sims@nanaimo.ca>, "Carlyle, Phyllis" <PCarlyle@rdn.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: Closure of Nanaimo Recycling Exchange and transition of service for residents

Director Veenhof etal,

Both Charlotte Davies and I received the attached email from one of the VIRWIC representatives at 8:34 this morning. Although Charlotte is off work today, I have discussed this item with her and she asked that I respond on both our behaves. I have not had a chance to respond by will by day end.

In short, both the City and RDN have stepped up our communication to advise people of alternatives. I understand the City will be posting a sign near NRE advising of other alternatives. The RDN has initiated the following:

- ? Our primary tool for information on alternatives is are “RDN Curbside App” and “What Goes Where” on our website: <http://www.rdn.bc.ca/what-goes-where> This is effective, keep up to date and easy to use.
- Info to media – shared general info on where to find what goes where info in the region
 - Drop off app cards for the RDN and Nanaimo at Regional Recycling across the street from the NRE – as they do not take all materials
 - Social media – continuing our general 2 posts a week, currently focusing on what goes where, our app and illegal dumping reminders; will remain general, not engage directly in posts nor mention the NRE specifically
 - Phone call inquiries – Solid Waste Staff have received none to date from residents
 - General update on NRE closing and info to share with staff – shared with admin and landfill/transfer station teams

We have been in touch with two of the industry organizations that have offered assistance through us to NRE (e.g. moving equipment, stopping bins for clean up, shopping around resumes for any displaced staff).

Both Charlotte and I are happy to meet with the industry representatives and work with them to ease the transition. I will be responding suggesting that VIRWIC hosts and organizes the meeting. With regard to funding to industry as queried in the attached post, I will be directing them to the Solid Waste Management Plan with regards to our future strategies.

If anyone has any questions in regards to this matter, I will do my best to respond.

Further, should there be any significant development to report on, I will keep the CAO apprised so that she can get up to date information to you.

Regards,

Larry

From: VIRWIC [<mailto:virwic@shaw.ca>]

Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2018 12:14 PM

To: Bill Veenhof; Ian Thorpe; Alec McPherson; Maureen Young; bobrogers4areaE@telus.net; Julian Fell; Joe Stanhope; Bill McKay; Jerry Hong; Jim Kipp; Gordon Fuller; Bill Yoachim; mayor@parksville.ca; councillor.colclough@lantzville.ca; Teunis Westbroek; corpsrv; Bill McKay; Bill Bestwick; Diane Brennan; Gordon Fuller; Jerry Hong; Jim Kipp; Ian Thorpe; Bill Yoachim; Sheryl Armstrong

Cc: Gardner, Larry; Kim Smythe; khanson@cheknews.ca; info@nanaimonewsnow.com; Charlotte Davis

Subject: Closure of Nanaimo Recycling Exchange and transition of service for residents

City of Nanaimo Council and RDN Board –

The recent no-notice closure of the Nanaimo Recycling Exchange is undoubtedly going to cause some issues and confusion for the public. The Nanaimo area recycling and waste industry members of VIRWIC would like to assist and support the City and RDN in managing the transition of recycling services for residents.

We recommend that:

1. The City and RDN take a lead role in publically communicating the changes and recycling options for residents.
2. Residents be directed to the nearest recycling facility and/or be directed to the Recycling Council of BC's web search tool to find the nearest location to recycle different materials - <https://rcbc.ca>
3. The Staff from the City, RDN and VIRWIC Nanaimo area members meet ASAP to develop a plan to manage the no-notice closure of NRE and ensure that residents continue to receive service.

Our members have attempted to contact the City and RDN recycling staff to discuss the above approach but we have not yet received a response. We would appreciate the City Council and RDN Board leadership on this to ensure that the service disruption to residents from the NRE no-notice closure can be as minimal as possible.

Regards,
VIRWIC Administration

From: VIRWIC <virwic@shaw.ca>

Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at 4:29 PM

To: <bill.veenhof@shaw.ca>, <ian.thorpe@nanaimo.ca>, <alecmcpherson@shaw.ca>, <maureen_young@shaw.ca>, <bobrogers4areaE@telus.net>, <fjfell.at.rdn@gmail.com>, <jstanhope@shaw.ca>, <bill.mckay@nanaimo.ca>, <jerry.hong@nanaimo.ca>, <jim.kipp@nanaimo.ca>, <gordon.fuller@nanaimo.ca>, <bill.yoachim@nanaimo.ca>, <mayor@parksville.ca>, <councillor.colclough@lantzville.ca>, <mayor@qualicumbeach.com>, <corpsrv@rdn.bc.ca>

Cc: "Gardner, Larry" <LGardner@rdn.bc.ca>, Kim Smythe <ceo@nanaimochamber.bc.ca>, <khanson@cheknews.ca>, <info@nanaimonewsnow.com>

Subject: Re: Depot Services in the RD Nanaimo

Chair Veenhof and RDN Board Members –

Please find attached from the Vancouver Island Recycling and Waste Industry Coalition (VIRWIC) a letter listing the private depot companies in the RDN, and our presentation we requested to be on the RDN agenda.

We respectfully request:

1. The RDN to recognize the request for consultation with all effected recycling businesses (e.g. non-profits, Salvation Army, Re-store, Value Village, private depots) and develop a comprehensive "value for money" zero waste depot plan that serves the entire region, as part of the RDN's Solid Waste Management Plan.
2. We request the RDN and the City to reconsider joint funding a new facility and instead relocate the NRE to an existing RDN facility or facilities at either Cedar Landfill or Church Rd.

Regards,
VIRWIC Administration

From: VIRWIC <virwic@shaw.ca>

Date: Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at 4:07 PM

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Subject: Depot Services in the RD Nanaimo

Chair Veenhof and RDN Board Members –

For your discussion on depot funding tonight - We ask that you direct RDN staff to consult and meet with everyone in the recycling business (e.g. non-profits, Salvation Army, Re-store, Value Village, private depots) and develop a comprehensive "value for money" zero waste depot plan that serves the entire region, as part of the RDN's Solid Waste Management Plan.

Reasons:

1. The proposal to provide tax payer funding for new recycling infrastructure is **not** consistent with the RDN's Solid Waste Management Plan.
2. The RDN needs to take a good look at the value for money for this project as it would be much cheaper for the city/RDN to pay industry a few dollars a kg to take this material at all the private facilities across the region versus building one tax payer financed central facility.
3. The RDN should not be using tax payer money to compete with tax paying businesses in the region.
4. The recycling of packaging, electronics, beverage container, paint, oil and several other materials is now managed and paid for by industry **not** local governments

Attached are two recent letter from VIRWIC on this topic.

For more information on VIRWIC please see – www.virwic.ca

We look forward to your response.

Regards,
VIRWIC Admin.

Hi Larry, and Charlotte,

How is the City and RDN planning to manage the transition with the NRE deciding to close their doors. Private Industry wants to assist in making this transition as seamless as possible and work collaboratively with government but without either the RDN or City acknowledging our request for consultation or arranging a meeting with all effected stakeholders to establish a plan we will continue to run into unnecessary headaches due to poor transitional management which reflect poorly on all parties.

As you know there is a few key items the NRE was handling for less than market rate because of the money that was being provided from government. As they no longer provide a service I assume that government funding has been stopped. In the interim will you be spreading that funding for a period of time to private depots that are willing and able to accept those materials?

Can the City and RDN establish a meeting with all affected stakeholders to discuss and manage this transition.

Regards,

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