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June 3, 2019

Rhona Martin, Chair
and Directors
Columbia Shuswap Regional District
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Dear Chair Martin and Directors:

I am pleased to respond to your submission of an amendment to the Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) for the Columbia Shuswap Regional District (CSRD).

Ministry staff have reviewed your amendment, consultation report and accompanying documentation. The amendment is a testament to your continued efforts to provide cost effective solid waste solutions for the citizens of the CSRD. I recognize and appreciate how this additional space supports the Zero Waste approach adopted by your regional district and provides significant cost savings to your citizens.

I have noted that your consultation process has revealed both moderate general support for the proposed expansion of the Salmon Arm landfill and strong opposition from the residents living closest to the facility. I commend the wide-ranging approach taken to public consultation on this amendment and your willingness to hear all concerns. I am satisfied that adequate public consultation has been conducted.

I also note that the amendment recognizes areas in which consultation could be enhanced and discusses strategies to improve relationships with stakeholders by sharing more information with the community and operating your facilities according to best practices. I trust that, under your leadership, executing these strategies will help improve the community's view of the CSRD's approach to waste management.

The Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy would like to take this opportunity to strengthen your plan by encouraging your commitment to best practices through the setting of dates for you to submit SWMP components that are recommended by the Province's guidelines but are currently absent from your plan. Therefore, pursuant to Section 24(5) of the *Environmental Management Act*, I hereby approve the waste management plan amendment entitled *Columbia Shuswap Regional District Solid Waste Management Plan Amendment*:

Salmon Arm Landfill Acquisition and Property Acquisition Guidelines, dated March 2018, with the following additional requirements:

1. By August 24, 2021, the CSRD will submit to the director Landfill Criteria Conformance Reviews, for the following landfills:
 - Golden Landfill with the site-specific authorization Operational Certificate 17006;
 - Revelstoke Landfill with the site-specific authorization Operational Certificate 15821; and
 - Salmon Arm Landfill with the site-specific authorization Operational Certificate MR-05479.

The Landfill Criteria Conformance Reviews must be in accordance with the *Landfill Criteria for Municipal Solid Waste*, second edition, June 2016, (Landfill Criteria) Section 2.2 Conformance of Existing Landfills and include:

- (a) a comparison and evaluation of the conformance status of each landfill with all applicable sections of the Landfill Criteria, and;
 - (b) if non-conformance(s) with the Landfill Criteria are identified, Landfill Criteria Upgrading Plan(s), including action plan(s) and schedule(s) for all proposed upgrades to conform to the Landfill Criteria, and technical and environmental justification for any proposed exceptions from the Landfill Criteria.
2. The CSRD shall develop a dispute resolution process in accordance with Section C.1.1 of *A Guide to Solid Waste Management Planning*, September 2016. The Columbia Shuswap Regional District must:
 - (a) consult with the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, Regional Operations Branch; and
 - (b) engage in meaningful consultation with potentially affected stakeholders in accordance with sections 25(4) and 27(1) of the *Environmental Management Act*.

The final version of the dispute resolution process must be submitted to the director by March 31, 2023.

3. In accordance with Section C.3 of *A Guide to Solid Waste Management Planning*, September 2016 (Guide), the CSRD shall submit, to the satisfaction of the director, a Five-Year Effectiveness Review in accordance with Section C.3.3 of the Guide by March 31, 2023. In addition to the items listed in Section C.3.3 of the Guide, the review must also include any waste composition studies completed during the plan's implementation.
4. The CSRD shall submit a full plan renewal to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy by December 31, 2028 or earlier, as applicable.

For clarity I would like to mention that the approval of the *Columbia Shuswap Regional District Solid Waste Management Plan Amendment: Salmon Arm Landfill Acquisition and Property Acquisition Guidelines*, dated March 2018, does not replace the *2009 Regional Solid Waste Management Plan* that achieved ministerial approval on July 8, 2009 and was updated on March 20, 2015, by the document entitled *Columbia Shuswap Regional District Solid Waste*

Management Plan Review and Update. Until your SWMP is replaced by a full plan renewal, all three of these reports remain active pieces of this living and dynamic document.

In closing, I commend the Board and staff of the Columbia Shuswap Regional District on their proactive approach to solid waste management and your renewed commitment to improved consultation strategies and best operational practices.

Sincerely,

George Heyman
Minister

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Rhona Martin, Chair
and Directors
Columbia Shuswap Regional District
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Dear Chair Martin and Directors:

Thank you for your email of April 4, 2018, regarding Columbia Shuswap Regional District Solid Waste Management Plan.

This email is to confirm the receipt of your correspondence and to inform you that it has been forwarded to Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy staff in the Environmental Protection Division for their review.

Staff will conduct their review as quickly as possible.

Thank you again for your submission.

Sincerely,

George Heyman
Minister

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Good afternoon,

This email message is being sent on behalf of Chair Rhona Martin, Columbia Shuswap Regional District. The email message includes a letter to Minister of Environment, George Heyman, along with the Final Report CSRD SWMP Land Acquisition Amendment document.

Regards,

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