

Questions for North and South Pender Islands Trustee candidates and CRD Director candidates

From: Pender Island Recycling Society

We request that you reply with you answers by e-mail by Tuesday, November 11, 2014

1. Do you believe that developing a Solid Waste Management Plan for the Penders is primarily the responsibility of the CRD?

Ken: Back in September I forwarded information to the PIRS Board on the jurisdictional issues surrounding management of solid waste. A Solid Waste Management Plan is a legally binding document mandated by the province and each regional district is required to have one. As you are likely aware, jurisdiction at the Islands Trust is limited to zoning and solid waste management is a regional government responsibility and in turn is governed by provincial legislation. The original plan for the CRD, approved by the Minister of Environment in 1989, has previously undergone two revisions and seven amendments. More information is available on the CRD web site at the following link:

<https://www.crd.bc.ca/project/management-plan>

2. Would you instead support the creation of a Pender Islands Solid Waste Management Plan (involving recyclables, food scraps, and garbage) that is locally designed to specifically meet the needs of the Pender Islands?

Ken: When I was CRD Director, I had every confidence in the CRD staff in Resource Recovery to understand our specific needs and as the person representing the community I assisted in identifying issues unique to the gulf islands. As far as requesting a Pender focus, at the LTC we already have. In May of 2013, the North Pender Local Trust Committee directed staff to contact the Capital Regional District and request that North Pender be included in the Integrated Solid Waste and Resource Management Plan Review which is currently in progress.

3. Can you provide us with details as to how a Penders-driven Solid Waste Management Plan would be developed, by whom, and how high a priority this project would be on your to-do list, as you start your term in office?

Ken: As above, but the extent to which it includes Pender will be up to CRD and the Director. According to our information, the details of the process so far are as follows: Stage One of the review has been completed and Stage Two, which involves review of technical memos, is at completion. Stage 3 of the review includes the revised Solid Waste Management Plan's public consultation phase and consideration of adoption by the CRD Board. It is scheduled to begin this fall. Copies of the Stage Two Technical Memoranda which has been reviewed by the CRD staff and Technical Advisory Committee are available on the CRD web site. In them you will find direct reference to North Pender Island as a result of the local trust committee's request for inclusion in the Integrated Solid Waste and Resource Management Plan. The memoranda, of which there are seven, goes into some detail on regulatory and community issues around solid waste management and resource recovery. I expect the CRD

will involve continue to involve, the North Pender LTC as per our request and the community as well.

4. Can you explain what specific role(s) the CRD Director, CRD staff, North and South Pender Island Trustees, Trust staff, and a new Solid Waste Management Plan planning team would play in developing this islands-tailored plan?

Ken: The CRD is responsible for defining roles in a Term of Reference for their consultation. The lead has to be CRD as it's their legislated responsibility to have a SWMP. I am optimistic about North Pender being included in this important solid waste management planning process by the CRD. I hope that PIRS has being given ample opportunity to make representation and assist with CRD deliberations as the planning process nears the consultation phase. The questions being asked seem to indicate otherwise.

5. Do you agree that a Pender-initiated Solid Waste Management Plan should engage the community in an open and transparent process in developing the plan and finding the best location for waste management facilities on the Penders?

Ken: All planning processes and should be open and transparent. As we are the only southern gulf island that has identified this as a priority by asking to be included, I expect there to be a special focus on North Pender and an open and transparent process provided. Certainly as a trustee I would hope that the Local Trust Committee is consulted I would expect the CRD's consultation to be community-wide. I certainly hope PIRS has been involved in the process to date as the CRD is the major funder.

6. Do you have any ideas how to fund the creation of a locally-initiated Solid Waste Management Plan for the Penders?

Ken: CRD has funded the work on the SWMP to date because it's their legislated responsibility. They have the expertise and have already committed to including North Pender in their plan and the upcoming consultation phase. Longterm funding options for service provision, If not the current combination of non-profit society/tipping fees from Hartland (household recycling) and private enterprise/user pay (commercial recycling and garbage) would likely have to be funded by the CRD property tax roll.

7. Do you support the creation of a Penders-driven Solid Waste Management Plan, involving wide community consultation, prior to approving any bylaw applications relevant to waste management currently before or forthcoming to the Islands Trust?

Ken: I support North Pender being included or would have asked in May of 2013. With regards to applications, the law requires trustees to keep an open mind and current applications are still in the information gathering stage. Upcoming CRD-imposed deadlines re. inflow to Hartlandt should be timed with their SWMP consultation which was according to their timelines, supposed to begin this fall. If there are concerns about how well the community is being reflected in the CRD's process, then they should be raised directly with the CRD.