

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

From: Pender Island Recycling Society (PIRS)

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

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

It is mandated by the province that each Regional District (in this case the CRD) must have a Solid Waste 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 and to specifically meet the needs of the Pender Islands?

The CRD is coming up to the public consultation phase and review. I think it would be wise to continue this process and make sure that the Pender Islands needs are met during this review. As the Province has legislated that it is the Regional District is responsible for the plan then we would be best at this point, to make the plan work for the Islands by ensuring the CRD plan for the Penders is designed to specifically meets the needs of the Penders. If this becomes unworkable then lets look at other options if they are available.

3. What help could the CRD staff provide to the Penders community in the creation of our Solid Waste Management Plan?

The CRD Staff during the continuing review process should listen and design the plan to meet the community needs.

4. 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?

As I mentioned above that at this time the CRD is continuing the review process to create a Solid Waste Management Plan. I would also hope that PIRS helps in the Plan development. If I were to take office, making this Plan work for the islands would at the top of the list along with finding a solution for the Recycling issues we are facing.

5. 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?

The CRD as required by legislation, will take the responsibility to create a Solid Waste Management Plan. The CRD Director should interface with the community and CRD staff as needed to help ensure that the communities needs are being met. I would hope that Islands Trust LTC members and staff would continue to play a role in discussions

regarding the Plan.

6. 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?

Absolutely.

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

The CRD has currently funded the Solid Waste Management Plan. Tipping fees, user pay, or a possible private enterprise model might need to be considered.