

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

I do not believe that developing a Solid Waste plan for the Penders, both north and south, is the primary responsibility of the CRD. I do believe that it must start with the Islands Trust, It is their job to research and find a suitable location, discuss it with the local residents and reach a consensus as to where it would be best positioned. Upon approval by the community, recommend the location and plan to the CRD, with whom we must work to make the Pender Islands Recycling and Waste Management location the best it can be for both Islands.

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?

Yes I would definitely consider the development of a Solid Waste Management for the Penders.

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?

By whom is the question. I do believe there needs to be an assessment as to where the best location would be. I believe that the methods chosen will in some respect, dictate the location. Whether it is on Agricultural land or Industrial land, depends on the process of a Solid Waste Processing method chosen. The operator of the project would or could be the land owner, or as in the case of some, land leased to the operator. Under the current situation with the Recycling funding, I believe it is the highest priority on the agenda.

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?

The "Hot Topic" and is in the process of dividing the community. We need to deal with the current situation as well as the future. I personally would like to see a one stop operation that would serve the Recycling, Waste Transfer and Waste Composting in one location, if at all possible.

I believe that the discussions start with the Local Island Trustees, both North Pender and South Pender. I am told that the Trustees from South Pender have already agreed to work on this situation together, since it is beneficial to both islands.

From my perspective this is the way I see it working:

- the trustees are instrumental in starting the process, along with open communication with the community.
- Finding and approving a location that is suitable, including land use zoning, site selection, and all the other requirements that must be approved by the experts. This should also include information from and about the types of waste composting types and styles.
- The findings are then given to staff to work along with us, in making sure that the project is do-able.
- This information is then forwarded to the CRD, whose job it is to approve and provide funding.
- I believe that all the different ways of recycling, composting and waste transfer should be a one location, one management situation.

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?

I believe that the whole community should have full and complete information about the process, and have open communication about it. There are many different view points and ideas among our residents. If they feel involved, then the project would work much better for everyone.

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

At present, many people pay for a weekly pick up of their garbage, others choose to drop their garbage at the small drop off location in Magic Lake, I also know of some who choose to drop it at the ferry terminal or on the ferry or in Sidney and think they are not noticed. I would like to think that if there was a simple solution to our waste, that they might take advantage of a local service. Do their recycling and garbage drop off all at one time. There should be a fee, and it would probably have to be based on some funding from the CRD and some user fees. People every where else do pay for disposal of their waste one way or another. Whether it is a bill from CRD or pay and drop. I believe that with a monthly charge, charged and paid at the same time that the Water bills or taxes are charged. If people are paying a small amount regularly, it will encourage them to take advantage of it, and the service or CRD have a regular income for operation. It would be nice to have a regular reliable service. Perhaps local pick up of recyclables, solid waste and all in one step.

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?

I believe that there should not be any further progress on any existing or forthcoming applications until such time as the Trust and CRD can choose and approve a sustainable operation.