



## REQUEST FOR DECISION

**To:** Courtney Kirk, CAO  
**CC:** Board of Directors, CCRD  
**From:** Ken McIlwain, RPF, Operations Manager  
**Meeting Date:** April 15, 2021  
**Subject:** 2021 Bella Coola Valley Spring Cleaning Event

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

***THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District authorizes Administration to work with Nuxalk Nation Public Works to develop and implement a schedule that will provide for up to two weeks of extended operating hours for Thorsen Creek Waste and Recycling Centre***

***AND THAT tipping fees as set out in Bylaw 348, be reduced by 50% for all properly sorted loads of residential waste during the scheduled time period,***

***AND THAT in the event of extenuating circumstances, Administration is granted the flexibility to apply the reduced rate to additional days of operation and add days of operation to ensure the successful completion of the spring-cleaning event.***

### **ISSUE/BACKGROUND SUMMARY:**

No spring-cleaning event was held in 2020.

The Nuxalk Nation Public Works Department has contacted the CCRD to see if a spring-cleaning event could be held in 2021 and what it would cost. CCRD staff have proposed a joint sponsorship of the event that would see CCRD reduce tipping fees by 50% and the Nuxalk Nation cover the costs of basic staffing/overhead of the transfer station and recycle depot for the extra days of opening. The Nuxalk Nation Public Works Dept. are in the process of reviewing the proposal and costs.

Reduced tipping fees will only apply to properly sorted loads. This is a standard requirement and will allow the CCRD to promote new recycling initiatives for everything from electronics to light fixtures. Many residents are still not aware that loads need to be separated so that items such as electronics and small appliances are recycled and not placed in the landfill.

### **POLICY, BYLAW OR LEGISLATION:**

CCRD Bylaw 348 and amending Bylaw 499 set rates and charges for the Thorsen Creek Waste and Recycling Centre. A board resolution in support of a temporary reduction in tipping fees is required to support this initiative.

**FINANCIAL/BUDGETARY/ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS:**

No funds are budgeted to undertake a spring-cleaning event.

Each additional day (9hrs) of opening costs approximately \$648 for basic staffing/overhead. Under the joint sponsorship proposal submitted by CCRD, Nuxalk Nation would cover the basic staffing costs.


Tipping fees are already well below what it costs to landfill material. Additional material coming into the landfill at a 50% discount fills the landfill faster at an artificially low rate.

**TIME REQUIREMENTS – STAFF AND ELECTED OFFICIALS:**

Timing for the event must be co-ordinated with the landfill contractor and CCRD Recycling Attendant. The Operations Manager and Administrative Assistant will each need to dedicate several hours of time to developing and posting advertising for the event, as well as coordinating contractors and staff and responding to questions from the public.

**OPTIONS TO CONSIDER:**

1. Do not proceed with trying to organize a spring-cleaning event in 2021.
2. Delay the decision until further details are confirmed around participation.
3. As recommended.

Submitted by:   
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Reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_ CK \_\_\_\_\_  
Courtney Kirk, Chief Administrative Officer