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Transmitted via email

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Re: Invitation to provide input on the Solid Waste Management Plan – Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen

Hello,

On behalf of the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS),

The Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS) has developed a draft Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) that will guide development of solid waste services for the next 10 years. The RDOS is now engaging the public and interested or affected parties to request feedback on the draft SWMP. The support of the City of Penticton is an important part of many of the programs envisioned in the plan. With your help we can achieve our regional goals and targets.

Over the past year the SWMP has benefitted from the input of David Kassian and Draydan Power to the Technical Advisory Committee representing the interests of the city. We now request the opportunity to present to Council on key items in the draft SWMP. RDOS staff would be happy to attend a future Council meeting to present items that are most relevant to the city.

The SWMP envisions several initiatives that require municipal action or affect municipalities including:

- Developing regional processing capacity for organics allowing food waste to be added to existing leaf and yard waste collection programs and allowing expanded access to the multi-family and business sectors.
- Improving regional waste diversion education and communication resources that can be used throughout the region to increase the effectiveness of existing and future programs.
- Coordination of public education and outreach for curbside collection programs throughout the region and member municipalities.
- Potential bylaw changes and enforcement to:
  - Allow for more flexibility in locating recycling depots closer to where people live; and
  - Increasing diversion of construction, demolition, and renovation wastes.
- Substantial review of the network of solid waste facilities through the RDOS to identify efficiencies including potentially changing services, closing facilities, and adjusting tipping fees.

Staff members from the RDOS are available to meet with or present to your Council and senior management during the March Council Meeting, **March 17, 2026** or at your convenience.

The RDOS would request that the city consider endorsing the SWMP through a letter of support to the Minister of Environment and Parks that would be included in the SWMP submission expected in May 2026.

Please contact Venus Moreno-Atienza via email at [vMorenoAtienza@rdos.bc.ca](mailto:vMorenoAtienza@rdos.bc.ca) for further information and to organize a future presentation or meeting.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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Allen Fillion, Managing Director - Development and Infrastructure Services  
Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen