

**Solid Waste Management Committee**  
General Meeting Report  
Oct.27, 2016

1. Financial report~ Ernie Hunter

2. Trial/transition process

We are no longer hauling recyclables to Cascades in Nanaimo (who have been a long time receiver of our materials). A large green roll-out bin has appeared in the Yard from the CVRD. This bin will be filled and hauled off by the CVRD to Bings Creek as a trial process (replacing the role of Ravenscall). The CVRD will cover the cost of transport and retain the MMBC funds received for our recyclable packaging.

It has been recommended by the co-chairs of this committee that a clear MOU or Service Agreement be drawn up to clearly outline this new process and the ongoing roles/responsibilities of both parties if the trial is successful.

Bings Creek is considered to be a major depot of MMBC, whereas Thetis Island apparently does not qualify as an MMBC depot. Thus this partnership with CVRD allows us benefit somewhat from the MMBC system by reducing the 'double taxation' that happens when we can't participate in the MMBC system even though residents pay into the system whenever they purchase a packaged product.

Details of this trial process can be discussed with Ernie at the Yard. Though we don't expect many adjustments to how we sort our recycling on Thetis, regardless we will be maintaining a high standard of quality and cleanliness.

3. Summer student employee ~ Finn Bond was a positive addition to our recycling yard this summer. Thank you, Finn.

4. We are ever appreciative of our dedicated employees, Louise and Glen

5. Continued thanks to our volunteers, Andy Lamb, Gok Sarioglu, Myla Frankel, Genny Redman, Frank English, Wendy Hinsperger, Dave Green, and Zedeneck Brich. Goodbyes and many thanks to the ever faithful Ann and Andy Keir who are leaving the Island and will be greatly missed.

6. Rebates: some cheques have been issued to applicants for the 2015 tax year.

7. Hydro~ the committee is actively exploring getting hydro to the site. There are existing funds in our budget for capital improvements, and our Area Director Mel Dory has indicated that there is potential funding to help us with this project through the Gas Tax fund. Obtaining hydro requires an initial application fee to BC Hydro of \$2000. Hydro would then develop a design wherein the \$2000 would be applied, if we choose to proceed. Should we choose not to proceed, the application fee is non-refundable. Having electricity on site would make a huge difference to the well-being of staff and volunteers as it would allow us to operate lights, heat, and the baler without the use of the noisy generator. It is an important step towards other potential improvements such as a washroom.

**Submitted by Co-chairs Vicki Walker and Stephanie Cottell**