



## Media Release

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### RDBN Updated Solid Waste Management Plan Released for Public Consultation

The Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako is asking for public input on the proposed Solid Waste Management Plan update which lays out the future of municipal solid waste (recycling, organics, and garbage) management in the region.

The process to update the plan started in 2017 with a review of the infrastructure and programs we use to manage municipal solid waste. A Regional Solid Waste Advisory Committee was formed in early 2018 to represent communities and groups throughout the region in accordance with provincial guidelines from the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy. Public input was collected through a public survey in December 2017.

The results of the survey and various technical documents were presented for discussion to the Advisory Committee over the past five months. The proposed plan was developed out of the conversations and input from the Advisory Committee, RDBN staff, and consultant recommendations.

On May 24, 2018, the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako's Board of Directors endorsed the proposed Solid Waste Management Plan to go out for public consultation. The consultation process will include several opportunities for members of the public and stakeholders to provide input and feedback on the plan throughout the month of June. Regional District staff and consultants will be presenting the plan to municipal and First Nation councils with public input sought through public meetings and an online survey.

Members of the public are invited to provide input through these planned public meetings and council meetings:

June 11	Village of Telkwa	Council Chamber	7:00 pm
June 12	Village of Burns Lake	Council Chamber	7:00 pm
June 13	District of Fort St. James	Council Chamber	7:00 pm
June 14	Town of Smithers	Council Chamber	5:00 pm
<b>June 14</b>	<b>Town of Smithers</b>	<b>The Old Church</b>	<b>6:30 - 8:30 pm</b>
June 19	District of Houston	Council Chamber	6:15 pm
June 25	District of Vanderhoof	Council Chamber	5:30 pm
<b>June 26</b>	<b>District of Vanderhoof</b>	<b>Integris Community Centre</b>	<b>6:30 - 8:30 pm</b>
June 27	Village of Fraser Lake	Council Chamber	5:30 pm
<b>June 27</b>	<b>Village of Burns Lake</b>	<b>Council Chamber</b>	<b>6:30 - 8:30 pm</b>
July 4	Village of Granisle	Council Chamber	7:00 pm

\*In bold are public meetings.

Public input will also be received until June 30, 2018 through telephone, fax, email or visit the office in person. For access to technical memoranda, the draft plan, and to complete the online survey, please visit [rdbn.bc.ca](http://rdbn.bc.ca) and click on Waste Watchers link or call 1-800-320-3339. Comments on the draft plan may be submitted directly to [wastewatchers@rdbn.bc.ca](mailto:wastewatchers@rdbn.bc.ca) or at the RDBN Office. Hard copies of the draft plan will be available at the RDBN office and the municipal offices.