

BACKGROUND

The Waste & Resource Management Commission (WRMC) was established in 2015 by the North Pender Island Local Trust Committee to research best practices, conduct community analysis, and give advice on the ideal locations and preferred scope of waste management that should be pursued on the Pender Islands. Specifically, the objectives included:

- To develop criteria for siting waste transfer facilities
- To inventory existing industrial land.
- To reach community consensus on the location and scope of waste management on NPI
- To map proposed locations for current/future waste management facilities.
- Collaboration with CRD to ensure a comprehensive understanding and approach.

On January 28, 2016, the North Pender Island Local Trust Committee decided to dissolve the Commission. The LTC directed staff to pursue a similar process, led by planning staff with assistance from consultants as required.

At its last couple of meetings, the WRMC created a categorized list of land selection criteria for siting waste transfer stations. The WRMC agreed that different types of waste transfer operations would have different land use impacts. Understanding that there may be variations on the different models, the WRMC proposed a range of five basic types of waste transfer operations:

- a) Full waste transfer station : public drop off, drop off by waste management operators, recycling, storage, sorting, crushing, and transferring.
- b) Waste transfer station/drop off combo: has public drop off, operator drop off, sorting, crushing, storing, and transferring.
- c) Waste Transfer Station Only: No public access, single operator.
- d) Waste & Organics Transfer Station: Includes separate bins to collect organic waste, possibly could include commercial composting.
- e) Public Drop off only: Does not involve any sorting or crushing. Eg) Bins at Magic Lake Market.

These posters have adapted the ranking system developed by the WRMC. The site selection criteria was brainstormed and discussed by the Commission and audience members.