



**Council Member Motion
For the Committee of the Whole Meeting of January 9, 2020**

Date: January 7, 2020
From: Councillor Ben Isitt
Subject: Advocacy to Increase Tipping Fees for International Solid Waste to Preserve Capacity of the Hartland Landfill – Updated Report

Background:

Council has directed staff to work with the Capital Regional District to explore mechanisms to limit the volume of international solid waste being offloaded from cruise ships at Ogden Point and transported to the CRD-operated Hartland Landfill.

An analysis of best practices in other jurisdictions reveals regulations to limit impacts of international solid waste on local communities, including provisions in the City of Prince Rupert's Solid Waste Management Bylaw providing a clear definition of "cruise ship international garbage" and imposing a tipping fee of \$205 / tonne on this form of waste (see the fee for non-residential waste in the attached bylaw). In contrast, the Capital Regional District currently levies a tipping fee of \$157 / tonne on international solid waste from cruise ships.

To inform the CRD's Solid Waste Management Plan and considerations regarding capacity of the Hartland Landfill, including potential quarrying of the easterly slope of Mount Work to expand landfill capacity (with corresponding loss of biological diversity, mature forest canopy and recreational opportunities), it is recommended that Council request that the CRD amend the Hartland Landfill Tipping Fee and Regulation Bylaw to increase the tipping fee for disposal of international solid waste from cruise ships and other sources.

Recommendations:

That Council:

1. Requests that the Capital Regional District amend the Hartland Landfill Tipping Fee and Regulation Bylaw to increase the tipping fee for disposal of international solid waste from cruise ships and other sources.
2. Directs staff to engage the CRD on this potential bylaw amendment.
3. Requests that the Mayor write to the CRD Board, copying Mayors and Councils of municipalities in the region, requesting favourable consideration of this request.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ben Isitt".

Councillor Isitt

Attachment: City of Prince Rupert Solid Waste Management Bylaw, No. 3405