

Memorandum of Understanding

WASTE MINIMISATION - REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP

Between

City of Albany Shire of Denmark Shire of Plantagenet

In July of 2015, the Local Governments of Albany, Denmark and Plantagenet entered into a Memorandum of Understanding to further economic development in the sub-region, to be achieved by, among other things:

Collaborating in the management of resources and knowledge to increase efficiency and provide consistency in planning and resource sharing across the region.

Further, in 2014 the local governments entered into a Regional Waste Strategic Plan (2014 – 2018), the objectives of which were:

- To confirm current waste infrastructure and levels of service.
- To identify, through the development of this Strategic Waste Minimisation Plan, priority actions and associated costs and timelines to incrementally improve waste management in the local government areas covered by this Plan.
- To form partnerships with other local governments, businesses and industry to achieve economies of scale where feasible.
- To increase community awareness, appreciation and responsiveness to waste related issues.
- To assign actions, costs and timelines.
- To define a performance monitoring and review schedule.

The local governments now acknowledge that the collection, treatment and disposal of domestic and commercial waste across the sub-region falls within intent and direction of both the Strategic Waste Minimisation Plan plus the Strategic Regional Economic Development Plan Memorandum of Understanding in that should the resources involved in waste collection, treatment and disposal be handled on a regional basis, efficiencies may be developed and consistency of planning provided.

The three local governments therefore agree to collaborate to:

1. Develop a consistent approach to the collection, treatment and disposal of domestic and commercial waste.
2. Investigate emerging technologies relating to waste treatment, including but not limited to, Pyrolytic conversion, anaerobic digestion, gasification, composting, bio-conversion of bio-mass, refuse derived fuel and incineration.
3. Investigate the potential need and possible development of a regional landfill site which may include existing sites within the sub-regional area or new sites both within and without of the sub-regional area.
4. Improve recycling and re-use in the sub-regional area.
5. Develop efficiencies for the treatment of waste which may include the location of transfer stations, pre-treatment of waste (eg baling), home composting and home strategies for reduction of the waste stream.
6. Develop education programs in the sub-region to develop knowledge of the waste stream, treatment and recycling to encourage positive attitudes towards efficiencies in waste treatment.
7. Allocate sufficient funds for the implementation of the strategies set out in this agreement. Funding would be subject to budgetary constraints and the agreement of parties to the division of costs.
8. Review this agreement annually and amend as required to achieve the desired outcome.

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