

Guiding Principles

The following are the solid waste management plan guiding principles that were reviewed and edited at the May 4th Solid Waste Management Plan Advisory Committee Meeting.

The original guiding principles are from the BC Environment *Guide to the Preparation of Regional Solid Waste Management Plans*. The committee added Guiding Principle #1 and revised Guiding Principle #3.

1. Solid waste is a resource.
2. The consumption of material and energy resources should be set at a level which is ecologically sustainable.
3. The regional solid waste stream is reduced to the greatest extent possible, in accordance with the hierarchy of reduce, reuse, and recycle, and consistent with local resources and the nature of the regional solid waste stream.
4. The goal of environmental policy is to strive towards zero pollution and the strategies for achieving that goal are in accordance with the precautionary principle.
5. Individuals and firms are enabled to make environmentally sound choices about consumption of resources and generation of waste through provision of appropriate information, including user-pay and market-based incentives wherever possible.
6. Reduction policies and strategies are developed through public consultation and are socially acceptable and cost-effective, based on full accounting of costs and benefits, both monetary and non-monetary.