

TWINE AND AGRICULTURAL PLASTICS RECYCLING

The Comox Valley Regional District board, on occasion, elects to support province-wide concerns and issues in the form of a board resolution. These resolutions are normally forwarded first to the Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities (AVICC) for consideration but may also be forwarded directly to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM). Based on the nature of the concern, UBCM will either endorse or not endorse the recommendation and if endorsed, will present the concern to the provincial or federal government on behalf of all BC municipalities and regional district.

Date of Board meeting: July 26, 2007

Board Resolution: WHEREAS agricultural plastics and twine are recyclable materials generated by the agriculture industry and often sent to municipal solid waste landfills for disposal;
AND WHEREAS diverting agricultural plastics and twine to recycling facilities will reduce the volume of non-biodegradable materials at the landfill;
AND WHEREAS the BC Agricultural Council's Agriculture Environmental Partnership Initiative (AEPI) has a pilot to encourage farms and agri-businesses in BC to look to industry funded, environmentally sound and sustainable options for managing and recycling twine and agricultural plastic;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities provide information on the Agriculture Environment Partnership Initiative pilot and the issue of agricultural plastic and twine disposal to its member municipalities and regional districts;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities ask the provincial government to consider adding agricultural plastics and twine to the slate of product stewardship initiatives developed by the Ministry of Environment.

This resolution was referred to UBCM on, July 31, 2007

A response was received on August 23, 2007

Response from UBCM: UBCM advises that they are in receipt of the resolution, however it did not arrive on time and may be considered in the resolutions received after the deadline. Executive will be asked to consider and recommend for consideration at the Convention.