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| Subject: Waste Management Centre fire safety training policy | |
| Branch: Community Services | |
| Department: Comox Strathcona waste management | Policy Reference: 5360.00 |

Purpose

This policy addresses the need and responsibility for specialized training for fighting fires at landfills within the Comox Strathcona waste management service area.

Scope

Comox Strathcona waste management (CSWM), a service of the Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD), owns and operates two regional landfills and three smaller local landfills, listed below:

- Comox Valley waste management centre (Cumberland)
- Campbell River waste management centre
- Gold River waste management centre
- Tahsis waste management centre
- Zeballos waste management centre

The 2012 CSWM solid waste management plan also identifies four active private disposal facilities that receive wood, land clearing, and construction or demolition waste.

Guiding Principle

In recognition of the specialized training required for landfill fire management, this policy sets out CSWM responsibility for provision of landfill fire management training to those fire departments that may be called upon to respond to a landfill fire in the CSWM service area.

Policy Statement

1. In 2013, the CSWM will provide, at no charge, initial landfill fire management training to all fire departments that may be called upon to respond to a landfill fire in the CSWM service area.
2. Follow up certification and updates will be determined based upon Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) standards, and will be provided, at no charge, by the CSWM pending financial ability and board authorization.

Approval History

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