

Letter to APRM members

August 2019

Re: 3695 Sooke Road and soil deposition in Metchosin

In the past many seeking to deposit soil in Metchosin have claimed that there is no need to worry about the soil they would bring in that it would be clean as it was coming from CRD Water Services. The APRM decided to investigate how CRD Water disposed of its excess soil.

Our checking was timely as the CRD had issued a formal invitation to contractors for the supply of disposal sites in March 2019. The tender document notes that the successful bidders will have to accept soil, broken asphalt and concrete. The CRD documents also note that some soil may be contaminated and, if it is so identified by the Contractor for the site which implies the technical ability to do so, it may be returned to CRD.

A request to the CRD determined that 3 suppliers of soil disposal sites had been awarded contracts in early March, Tri-X Excavating, Capital City Paving and Butler Concrete and Aggregates. The last two suppliers have existing sites, but we had no information on the Tri-X site, which was of interest as Tri-X is the proponent of the TUP for a soil recycling plant at 3695 Sooke Road.

We asked CRD Water to advise us of the site that they had contracted for with Tri-X. It turns out there are two:

For non contaminated soil- Summit Native Plant Nursery, 2911 Phyllis Street, Victoria

For gravel and aggregate processing and sale- Land leased from Glenshire Business Park Inc at 4370 West Shore Parkway, Langford.

A check was made with the Metchosin CAO and she confirmed that neither Brian Baker or Tri-X presently have a soil disposition permit for 3695 Sooke Road

Several conclusions can be drawn from all this: First, the CRD only sends soil to contracted supplier sites, other claimants to have soil from CRD can be dismissed. Second, Tri-X has no CRD contracted site in Metchosin and their proposed TUP

project seems to duplicate what they already have in Langford. Third, any soil now being deposited at 3695 Sooke Road is illegal.

If members see loaded dump trucks entering this property please notify ken Farquharson ([ke.farquharson@shaw.ca](mailto:ke.farquharson@shaw.ca)) giving time and date, a photo would be very useful.

We trust this will be of interest to members, yours truly, J