

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
(Committee Of The Whole)

Thursday, September 5, 2019

PRESENT: Chair Mark Fisher

Directors Gladys Atrill
Shane Brienen
Tom Greenaway
Clint Lambert
Brad Layton
Linda McGuire
Mark Parker
Bev Playfair
Jerry Petersen
Michael Riis-Christianson
Gerry Thiessen
Kim Watt-Senner

Directors Dolores Funk, Village of Burns Lake
Absent Rob Newell, Electoral Area "G" (Houston Rural)

Staff Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer
Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services
Janette Derksen, Deputy Director of Environmental Services
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer
Deborah Jones-Middleton, Director of Protective Services
– arrived at 2:36 p.m.
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning – arrived at 2:36 p.m.
Deneve Vanderwolf, Planning Technician/Regional Transit
Coordinator – arrived at 2:36 p.m.
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

Media Blair McBride, Lakes District News – left at 2:35 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fisher called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

AGENDA

Moved by Director Layton
Seconded by Director Lambert

WMC.2019-4-1

"That the Waste Management Committee receive the September 5, 2019 Agenda."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Waste Management
Committee Meeting Minutes
-June 6, 2019

Moved by Director McGuire
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

WMC.2019-4-2

"That the Minutes of the Waste Management Committee for June 6, 2019 be approved."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VERBAL REPORTS

1. SWMP (Solid Waste Management Plan) Advisory Committee

Chair Fisher spoke of the importance of public engagement in regard to the RDBN SWMP and the benefit of having community members involved as an Advisory Committee in reviewing the SWMP moving forward. It was suggest to have meetings twice a year providing an opportunity for feedback. SWMP Advisory Committee Terms of Reference will be brought forward at a future Waste Management Committee Meeting for consideration.

2. Non Recycle BC EPR (Extended Producer Responsibility) Programs

Janette Derksen, Deputy Director of Environmental Services provided a definition of EPR Programs. Governed by the Ministry of Environment through the *Environmental Management Act*. Product Stewards manage the EPR Programs placing the responsibility on the producer to manage its product from inception to end of life. An example is Recycle BC who is a Steward of the PPP (Print/Package/Paper) EPR Program. There are 18 products within the EPR Program framework and B.C. is a leader in EPR Programs.

Ms. Derksen mentioned that there is a balanced cross section of EPR Programs throughout the RDBN with some of the RDBN smaller facilities having fewer EPR Programs. A number of private businesses also provide EPR Program collection. Cost recovery and public education are challenges associated with hosting the programs. Discussion took place regarding private businesses providing public education in regard to the EPR Programs they host. Product Stewards are the stakeholders that manage the program revenues, logistics and provide educational material to product collection hosts. Due to challenges associated with educating the public in regard to available programs a number of products are being disposed of in the transfer stations and landfills.

Discussion took place in regard to:

- the RDBN investigating new and existing EPR Programs and potential costs
- the challenges for large companies to recycle products all across the province
- landfilling
- social responsibility and developing solutions for recycling
- SWMP product diversion and bringing forward plans during the 2020 RDBN Budget discussions
- higher costs to recycle in northern B.C.

RDBN Participation in New and Existing Programs

Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Programs Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
-RDBN Transfer Stations Seconded by Director Layton

WMC.2019-4-3

“That the Waste Management Committee recommend that the Board direct staff to investigate new and existing Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Programs at RDBN Transfer Stations including a complete cost analysis.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE

Recycling Council of BC
-August 21, 2019
-Proclamation Request
-Waste Reduction Week 2019

Discussion took place in regard to declaring proclamations. Chair Fisher mentioned that the RDBN is a member of the Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC) and the importance of promoting waste reduction in the RDBN.

RDBN Policy
Re: Proclamations

Moved by Director Atrill
Seconded by Director McGuire

WMC.2019-4-4

“That the Waste Management Committee recommend that the Board direct staff to draft an RDBN Proclamation Policy that identifies that the Board does not support the practice of issuing proclamations.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Fisher Meeting
Re: Plastic Pelletizer Design
while in Attendance at the
2019 UBCM Convention

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Watt-Senner

WMC.2019-4-5

“That the Waste Management Committee recommend that the Board authorize Chair Fisher’s attendance at a meeting regarding a Plastic Pelletizer while in attendance at the 2019 UBCM Convention September 23-27, 2019 in Vancouver, B.C.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Update RE: Baling Facility

Curtis Helgesen, CAO, mentioned that, he, along with Environmental Services staff met, with the Village of Telkwa and Town of Smithers CAO’s, Green by Nature and Recycle BC in regard to a baling facility in the west end of the RDBN. Staff are awaiting a response from Green by Nature and Recycle BC.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Watt-Senner
Seconded by Director McGuire

WMC.2019-4-6

“That the meeting be adjourned at 2:47 p.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mark Fisher, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant