

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
(Committee Of The Whole)

Thursday, June 6, 2019

PRESENT: Chair Mark Fisher

Directors Taylor Bachrach
Shane Brien
Dolores Funk
Tom Greenaway
Clint Lambert
Brad Layton
Linda McGuire
Rob Newell
Mark Parker
Bev Playfair
Jerry Petersen
Michael Riis-Christianson
Gerry Thiessen
Kim Watt-Senner

Staff Cheryl Anderson, Acting CAO/Manager of Administrative Services
Janette Derksen, Deputy Director of Environmental Services
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning
Rory McKenzie, Director of Environmental Services
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

Other Chuck Braun, Loop Resources – left at 3:20 p.m.

Media Blair McBride, Lakes District News – left at 3:07 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fisher called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

AGENDA

Moved by Director McGuire
Seconded by Director Layton

WMC.2019-3-1

“That the Waste Management Committee receive the June 6, 2019 Agenda.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Waste Management
Committee Meeting Minutes
-March 7, 2019

Moved by Director Layton
Seconded by Director Brien

WMC.2019-3-2

“That the Minutes of the Waste Management Committee for March 7, 2019 be received.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATION

LOOP RESOURCES – Chuck Braun RE: Food Reclamation Program

Chair Fisher welcomed Chuck Braun, Loop Resources.

Mr. Braun provided an overview of Loop Resources Food Reclamation Program:

- Provide services from Saskatchewan to the west coast of B.C.
- Redirect food store waste directly to small farms
 - Food is provided to small farms and the packaging is recycled/disposed of appropriately
 - Some foods provided to wildlife animal shelters and dog kennels
- Address liability issues related to:
 - In the past stores stopped giving directly to people due to liability issues and the food waste was going directly into dumpsters
 - Farms personal on store sites
 - WCB requirements and regulations
- In almost all locations the service fees equal or are lesser than tipping fees
 - Funded by the stores
 - Funds are used to administer the program, develop apps, complete research, WCB and liability coverage for stores and farms
 - Exception - RDBN does not have tipping fees currently for food waste
 - Data collected by the App used to track foods picked up also assist stores with buying practices to reduce waste
- Organize local farms to pick up food from local stores
 - Schedule and track pickup by farms
 - Volunteer assistance to operate the program
- Tipping fees throughout the province
 - No tipping fees within the RDBN create a negative for the program
- Canadian Food Inspection Agency regulations regarding livestock feed and food safety
- Currently active in 70 stores
 - Save On More
 - Loblaws
 - Pilot project
 - Federated Co-ops
 - Safeway
 - Walmart
- Researching options:
 - utilize/recycle plastics
 - waxed cardboard
 - potential utilization by pellet plants
- Potential ways to provide assistance
 - Transportation of waxed cardboard to processing site
 - Education
- Waste amounts produced daily by small and large stores
 - Stores ensure the waste is kept at food safe levels until it leaves the stores
- Pilot project in Burns Lake working with Food Share Program
 - Charitable programs currently in place are not impacted
- Highway 16 Corridor has Facebook Page to share information and products
 - Active in Burns Lake, Smithers, Terrace
 - Opening in Kitimat and Prince Rupert
 - Recently received approval to open in Fort St. James

Chair Fisher spoke of Loop Resources being a good example of a waste based business idea.

Chair Fisher thanked Mr. Braun for attending the meeting.

VERBAL REPORTS

Chair Fisher

- Support for waste based economic development and processing opportunities, and conversations with other levels of government
 - Chair Fisher attended the 2019 Recycling Council of B.C. (RCBC) Conference on Circular Economy: Moving Beyond Waste May 8-10, 2019 in Whistler, B.C.
 - Spoke of initiatives and opportunities brought forward and potentially being developed in the region in regard to waste based economic development and processing opportunities
 - Vanderhoof – gasification project
 - Lake Babine Nation youth project – woodshed project out of waste wood
 - Agriculture Plastics – fence posts
 - Need a mechanism to support opportunities
 - Nathan Cullen, MP Skeena-Bulkley Valley support through Members Bill
 - Will bring forward at Economic Development discussion and provide a written report at a future meeting

Environmental Services Staff – Rory McKenzie, Director of Environmental Services

- Knockholt Landfill Update
 - Phase 1 and 2 are now completed as of Tuesday, June 4, 2019
 - Capped the void between Phase 1 and 2
 - Covered with clay cap and topsoil
 - Seeding to take place – weather dependent
- Fort St. James Recycling Depot Update
 - Began construction spring of 2019
 - Moved and created a new wood waste area
 - Will be operational and able to receive products June 12, 2019 with full completion of the project to follow
 - Hired new attendant
- Burns Lake Recycling Depot Update
 - Restructuring site and moving wood waste location
 - Current Reuse Shed Attendant to fulfill the Recycling Depot Attendant position
 - Will be operational and able to accept products June 19, 2019 with full completion of the project to follow

Smithers Recycling/Fire at the Smithers Area Recycling Society Depot Facility

- In discussions with Recycle BC, Town of Smithers, Village of Telkwa and Chair Fisher, Director Electoral Area “A” (Smithers Rural)
- Working on a plan
- Recycling products are being redirected to the RDBN Recycle Depot at the Smithers Telkwa Transfer Station
- Recycle BC agreed to assist in providing funding for additional staff at the RDBN Smithers Transfer Station Recycle Depot until the situation is resolved

Director Bachrach acknowledged the work that has been completed by RDBN staff.

Verbal Reports

Moved by Director Funk
Seconded by Director Layton

WMC.2019-3-3

“That the Waste Management Committee receive the various verbal reports as presented.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Layton
Seconded by Director McGuire

WMC.2019-3-4

“That the meeting be adjourned at 3:29 p.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mark Fisher, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant