

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
(Committee Of The Whole)

Thursday, December 12, 2019

PRESENT: Chair Mark Fisher

Directors Gladys Atrill
Shane Brienen
Tom Greenaway
Clint Lambert
Brad Layton – arrived at 2:04 p.m.
Linda McGuire
Andrea Newell
Mark Parker
Bev Playfair
Jerry Petersen
Gerry Thiessen
Kim Watt-Senner

Directors Dolores Funk, Village of Burns Lake
Absent Michael Riis-Christianson, Electoral Area “B” (Burns Lake Rural)

Staff Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer
Janette Derksen, Deputy Director of Environmental Services
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer
Rory McKenzie, Director of Environmental Services
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fisher called the meeting to order at 1:59 p.m.

AGENDA

Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Greenaway

WMC.2019-5-1

“That the Waste Management Committee receive the December 12, 2019 Agenda.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Waste Management
Committee Meeting Minutes
-September 5, 2019

Moved by Director McGuire
Seconded by Director Lambert

WMC.2019-5-2

“That the Minutes of the Waste Management Committee for September 5, 2019 be approved.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORT

Stewardship Program Agreements to be offered at RDBN Transfer Stations

Moved by Director Atrill
Seconded by Director Parker

WMC.2019-5-3

“That the Waste Management Committee recommend that the Board direct staff to:

- 1) enter into service agreements, agreeing to the terms and conditions for the following future Extended Producer Responsibility programs at the RDBN’s Vanderhoof, Burns Lake and Smithers/Telkwa Transfer Station recycling depots:
 - a. Lightcycle -Residential Lamp/Lightbulbs
 - b. Call2Recycle – Household Batteries
 - c. Alarmcycle – Household Smoke/CO2 Alarms
- 2) negotiate and enter into a service agreement, agreeing to the terms and conditions with ProductCare Recycling to offer the PaintPlus Program at the Vanderhoof Transfer Station.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VERBAL REPORTS

1. Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Conference Call Update

Chair Fisher provided an overview of two conference call meetings with the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy (MoE). Staff has drafted a timeline from the date of the fire at the Smithers Recycling Depot in Smithers in May, 2019 to date that will be provided to MoE. Chair Fisher spoke to a potential meeting being held next week to discuss the matter further. He spoke of the complexity of finding a solution without addressing the issues with ICI (Industrial, Commercial Institutional) recycling and revenue compensation and assisting MoE to understand the complexities of bailing in northern rural communities. Curtis Helgesen, CAO commented that Recycle BC is currently undergoing contract changes for its collection of products in the Province and there are impacts associated. He spoke of the opportunity for the Province to develop a pilot project utilizing the current situation in the western portion of the RDBN regarding recycling.

Directors Atrill and Layton spoke of the challenges in Smithers and Telkwa associated with the loss of the recycling depot. Residents being provided the option to bring products to the Smithers Telkwa Transfer Station allows for a short-term solution. Discussion took place in regard to Recycle BC’s contract to provide service and the importance of finding a long-term solution. Chair Fisher mentioned potentially investigating alternative options.

Ministry of Environment and Climate Change conference Call Update

Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director Playfair

WMC.2019-5-4

“That the Waste Management Committee receive the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy Conference Call Update.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VERBAL REPORTS (CONT'D)

2. North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA)- Solid Waste Forum

Chair Fisher mentioned meeting with Smithers District Chamber of Commerce in regard to hosting a mini solid waste forum and NCLGA Board Meeting Highlights identifying hosting a solid waste forum in 2020. He reached out to NCLGA of the potential opportunity to work together.

3. Recycling at Schools

Chair Fisher spoke with Jennifer Boone in regard to her letter to Smithers Council concerning the current lack of recycling facilities in Smithers. She has agreed to be a part of the mini solid waste management forum being hosted by the Smithers District Chamber of Commerce. He spoke of including/inviting youth to the forum.

Discussion took place in regarding the following:

- Developing a solution for schools in regard to the challenges of being included in the Industrial, Commercial, Institutional (ICI) recycling sector
- Providing public education to students in regard to recycling
- ICI legislation and regulation challenges
- Chair Fisher's willingness to attend meetings to discuss recycling in the schools
- Utilizing cardboard for bioenergy plants and developing cardboard pellets.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Brien
Seconded by Director Layton

WMC.2019-5-5

"That the meeting be adjourned at 2:31 p.m."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mark Fisher, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant