

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
(Committee Of The Whole)

Thursday, March 5, 2020

PRESENT: Chair Mark Fisher

Directors Shane Brienen
Clint Lambert
Brad Layton
Linda McGuire
Mark Parker
Bev Playfair
Jerry Petersen
Kim Watt-Senner

Directors Gladys Atrill, Town of Smithers
Absent Tom Greenaway, Electoral Area "C" (Fort St. James Rural)
Chris Newell, Electoral Area "G" (Houston Rural)
Michael Riis-Christianson, Electoral Area "B" (Burns Lake Rural)
Gerry Thiessen, District of Vanderhoof

Alternate Director Bob Hughes, Electoral Area "C" (Fort St. James Rural)

Staff Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer
Janette Derksen, Deputy Director of Environmental Services
Alex Eriksen, 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 11:00 a.m.

AGENDA

Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Funk

WMC.2020-1-1

"That the Waste Management Committee receive the March 5, 2020 Agenda."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Waste Management
Committee Meeting Minutes
-December 12, 2019

Moved by Director Layton
Seconded by Director Lambert

WMC.2020-1-2

"That the Minutes of the Waste Management Committee for December 12, 2019 be approved."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VERBAL REPORTS

1. Alex Eriksen, Director of Environmental Services – Welcome

Mr. Eriksen provided a brief overview of his growing up in Burns Lake, educational background, living in Denmark the past six years and recent return to B.C. and Burns Lake.

2. Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP)

- Submitted the Plan to the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MoE) in 2019
 - Approved in November 2019
 - MoE noted the RDBN exceeded expectations for local government, municipal and First Nations engagement
- Implementation
 - Recycling a top priority
 - Working towards implementation of recycling initiatives in 8 RDBN municipalities and 7 electoral areas
 - Initial concept to utilize bottle depots
 - Due to circumstances that occurred Smithers, Fort St. James and Burns Lake recycling depots were established at RDBN Transfer Stations
 - Required funding and significant staff time to implement
 - Recycling initiatives on going
 - Wanting to expand to Granisle and the Southside of Francois Lake Transfer Stations
 - Cheslatta Carrier Nation on the Southside has indicated its wish to implement a plan
 - Collaboration with First Nations
- Cost Recovery Update
 - Cameras at RDBN Transfer sites to monitor traffic
 - Assist in determining tipping fees
 - Complete GPS (Global Positioning System) overview of the sites to be conducted once the snow has left
 - Determine traffic flow
- Region Wide Recycling Update
 - Fort St. James Depot at the RDBN Transfer Station pilot project to implement programs/staffing
 - Recycle BC
 - EPR (Extended Producer Responsibility) Programs
 - a. Electronics
 - b. Small appliances
 - c. Lamps and light fixtures
 - d. Batteries
 - e. Smoke alarms
 - f. Paint Care
 - g. Auto batteries
 - Has been successful to date
 - Ribbon cutting celebration Friday, March 13, 2020 at 12:30 p.m.
 - All collection/compensation data not yet available – still in collection phase
 - Monitoring capacity of collection vs. costs
 - At the four RDBN Depot sites (Transfer Stations) the Reuse Shed staff also oversee the EPR Programs
 - Investigating additional EPR Programs at other RDBN sites

VERBAL REPORTS (CONT'D)

- MARR – Major Appliance Recycling Roundtable
 - In the process of waiving the \$20 fee for Ozone Depleting Substance
 - To be implemented potentially in late spring 2020
 - Beneficial and help mitigate illegal dumping of appliances
- Recycle BC
 - Requirements for sorting
- Some EPR Programs require improvements
- Area A Solid Waste Feasibility Study
 - Northern Capital Planning Grant Area A funding to be utilized to conduct the Study
 - Investigate volumes of materials
 - Possible uses for materials, etc.
 - Shift to circular economies
 - Investigate region as a whole
 - Investigate working with neighboring Regional Districts.

Moved by Director Playfair
Seconded by Director Lambert

WMC.2020-1-3

“That the Solid Waste Management Plan verbal report be received as presented.”

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Solid Waste Forum/Conference Update

- Youth attendance/participation
 - Involve summer employees
 - An application has been submitted for an Environmental Services Student
 - Explore further depending on outcome of summer student position and at time of forums/conferences
 - Potential youth forum to connect youth from across the region.

4. Work Camp Waste Update

- In the process of amending the bylaw
- A number of tasks to be completed in order to implement collection
- Determine potential adjustments for increased municipal garbage drop off at RDBN Transfer Station facilities from camp waste
- Work camp waste to be calculated similar to Construction & Demolition waste utilizing the scales at RDBN landfills only.

5. Regional Solid Waste Advisory Group (RSWAG)

- Update
 - Waited for the hiring of the new Director of Environmental Services to allow for his involvement in the process
 - Draft outline of potential representatives
 - RDBN Board members
 - Representatives from across the Regional District
 - First Nations
 - Municipalities
 - Public
 - Staff will bring forward Committee members for Board ratification

VERBAL REPORTS (CONT'D)

- Name change to Regional Solid Waste Management Committee
 - RDBN will bring forward the Solid Waste Management Plan implementation
 - Opportunity for the Committee to provide comments
- First meeting to take place in late spring and second meeting in fall 2020.

6. Western Challenges

- Curbside Update
 - Currently at a standstill
 - Determine specific ask for the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change
 - Importance of reinstating baling facilities in the RDBN
 - Recycle BC currently in transition to a new contractor to manage residential packaging and printed paper (PPP) recycling post-collection
 - Awaiting a response from MoE to schedule a new meeting
- ICI (Industrial Commercial Institutional) Funding
 - ICI is commodity based
- Expression of Interest to businesses
- Consolidation Centre
 - Costs to operate a baling facility exceeds possible return of a commodity-based product
 - ICI collection required to increase volumes and efficiencies in the north.

7. Landfill Closures

- Long-Term & Reserve Planning
 - Incorporate into budgets and financial planning
 - Current liability to the RDBN
 - Public Accounting Standard requires that the liability be included in the RDBN Financial Statement
 - Current reserves and liabilities for landfill closure works
 - Potential taxation to address possibilities
 - Implementing operational reserves
 - Legal requirement from the Province
 - Environmental staff conduct closure works as Landfills move forward
 - Potential risks
 - Liability insurance
 - Staff will review insurance options and bring forward to the Committee.

8. PPP (Packaging and Printed Paper) Post Collection Cost Study for Recycle BC

- Update
 - Study to review incentive rates paid by Recycle BC to Depots, curbside and multi-family dwelling collection contracts
 - RDBN is participating in the Cost Study for the Vanderhoof Recycle Depot.
 - Information to be submitted by March 20, 2020.

CORRESPONDENCE

Greening Up Fort Society
ICI Recycling

Moved by Director Layton
Seconded by Director Lambert

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“That the Waste Management Committee receive the correspondence from the Greening Up Fort Society re: ICI Recycling.”

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

NCLGA Resolution RE:
Industrial Commercial
Institutional (ICI) Recycling

Chair Fisher spoke of bringing forward a resolution to the North Central Local Government Association in regard to Industrial Commercial Institutional (ICI) Recycling. Director Fisher verbally read a draft resolution to submit to NCLGA. He will work with staff to submit a resolution to NCLGA prior to its March 13, 2020 deadline. Staff will bring forward the resolution for ratification at the March 19, 2020 Board Meeting.

Moved by Director Playfair
Seconded by Director McGuire

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“That the Waste Management Committee support the drafted resolution regarding Industrial Commercial Institutional Recycling to be submitted to the North Central Local Government Association prior to NCLGA’s deadline of March 13, 2020; and further, that the resolution be brought forward to the Regional Board for ratification at its March 19, 2020 meeting.”

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ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Brien
Seconded by Director Playfair

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“That the meeting be adjourned at 12:03 p.m.”

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Mark Fisher, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant