

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
(Committee Of The Whole)

Thursday, May 7, 2020

Via Video/Teleconference

PRESENT: Chair Mark Fisher

Directors Shane Brien
Dolores Funk
Clint Lambert
Brad Layton
Linda McGuire
Chris Newell
Mark Parker
Jerry Petersen
Michael Riis-Christianson
Sarra Storey
Gerry Thiessen

Directors Gladys Atrill, Town of Smithers
Absent Judy Greenaway, District of Fort St. James
Tom Greenaway, Electoral Area "C" (Fort St. James)

Staff Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer
Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services
Janette Derksen, Deputy Director of Environmental Services
Alex Eriksen, Director of Environmental Services
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fisher called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

AGENDA

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Storey

WMC.2020-2-1

"That the Waste Management Committee approve the May 7, 2020 Agenda."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Waste Management
Committee Meeting Minutes
-March 5, 2020

Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director Layton

WMC.2020-2-2

"That the Minutes of the Waste Management Committee for March 5, 2020 be received."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORT

Reinstate Cardboard Ban at Knockholt Landfill

The following was discussed:

- Option to burn cardboard with wood waste
 - o A number of conditions and considerations a concern
- Timeline to reinstate ban
- Temporary solution impacting potential future commitments from Recycle BC and its post-collection company Green for Life (GFL)
- Green for Life willingness to provide compensation for residential recycling receiving facility and not ICI
- RDBN staff spoke with GFL and they indicated they will visit the region in August, 2020
- Temporary solution to address ICI cardboard only
- Option for secondary uses for cardboard e.g. pellets
- Investigating implementing a region wide plan to equalize cardboard recycling across the region
- Important to remove cardboard from the landfills
- Establishing a working group
 - o Proactive role
 - o Interested businesses to utilize cardboard for secondary purposes
 - o Reaching out to schools
 - o Small scale recycling within the RDBN
 - o Support business recycling initiatives
 - o Economic development opportunity
- Fuel surcharge to transport cardboard from Smithers to Knockholt Landfill
- High expense for companies to transport loose cardboard
- Transporting cardboard to Prince George - nearest receiving facility with capacity
- Reinstating cardboard ban at Knockholt Landfill
- Impact to phase development of Knockholt Landfill due to the temporary lifting of the cardboard ban
- Net zero solution/options for cardboard recycling.

Reinstate Cardboard Ban at Knockholt Landfill

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Lambert

WMC.2020-2-3

1. "That the Waste Management Committee recommend that the Board direct staff to reinstate the ban on cardboard at Knockholt Landfill on August 1, 2020.
2. That the Waste Management Committee recommend that the Board approve staff research a temporary ICI cardboard solution while negotiations with Recycle BC's Post-Collection Company (or other 3rd party) to establish and operate a new baling facility are underway; and further,
3. That staff report back to the Board with a recommendation on a temporary solution for ICI cardboard after consultation with the commercial sector and stakeholders."

Opposed: Chair Fisher

CARRIED

(All/Directors/Majority)

REPORT (CONT'D)

Chair Fisher spoke to the importance of finding a solution to the issue in the west of the RDBN. The following was discussed:

- Adjusting timelines
- Impact of cardboard disposal to RDBN Landfills
- Forming a working group with stakeholders, RDBN staff and elected officials to work towards a solution to the issues associated with a lack of baling facility in the west of the RDBN
- Staff including the creation of a working group in its research.

Cardboard Processing Working Group

Moved by Chair Fisher
Seconded by Director Funk

WMC.2020-2-4

“That the Waste Management Committee recommend that the Board authorize the establishment of a Cardboard Processing Working Group, including stakeholders exploring cardboard processing solutions, RDBN staff and elected officials; and further, that a Pilot Project be developed with a goal of recycling 50% of residential and ICI (Industrial Commercial Institutional) cardboard in three years.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion took place regarding:

- The RDBN taking the lead role in organizing a working group and business/organizations participation
 - Businesses/organizations potential interests/lack of interest
- Duplication of initiatives
- Future discussions regarding long term solution.

VERBAL REPORTS – Chair Fisher re: Update

Chair Fisher mentioned he has been meeting with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Zero Waste Working group and discussing Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Programs. He has raised issues regarding Agriculture Plastics and ICI.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director McGuire

WMC.2020-2-5

“That the Waste Management Committee receive the following correspondence:

- Recycle BC – Smithers Telkwa Transfer Station Compensation
- Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy – RDBN Recycling Services.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Parker
Seconded by Director Funk

WMC.2020-2-6

“That the meeting be adjourned at 2:18 p.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mark Fisher, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant