

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO**

**WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**(Committee Of The Whole)**

**Thursday, June 4, 2020**

**PRESENT:** Chair Mark Fisher

Directors Shane Brienen  
Dolores Funk  
Judy Greenaway  
Tom Greenaway  
Clint Lambert  
Linda McGuire  
Chris Newell  
Mark Parker  
Jerry Petersen  
Michael Riis-Christianson  
Sarrah Storey – left at 2:00 p.m.  
Gerry Thiessen

Directors Gladys Atrill, Town of Smithers  
Absent Brad Layton, Village of Telkwa

Staff Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer  
Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services  
Nellie Davis, Regional Economic Development Coordinator  
– arrived at 2:45 p.m.  
Janette Derksen, Deputy Director of Environmental Services  
Alex Eriksen, Director of Environmental Services  
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer  
Deborah Jones-Middleton, Director of Protective Services  
– arrived at 2:45 p.m.  
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning – arrived at 2:45 p.m.  
Deneve Vanderwolf, Regional Transit Coordinator/Planning  
Technician – arrived at 2:50 p.m.  
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Fisher called the meeting to order at 1:47 p.m.

**AGENDA**

Moved by Director McGuire  
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

**WMC.2020-3-1**

“That the Waste Management Committee approve the June 4, 2020 Agenda.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MINUTES**

**Waste Management**  
**Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**-May 7, 2020**

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson  
Seconded by Director Lambert

**WMC.2020-3-2**

“That the Minutes of the Waste Management Committee for May 7, 2020 be received.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **REPORT**

### **Solid Waste Inventory and Feasibility Plan**

Manager Eriksen provided an overview of the Stakeholder Engagement Plan tentative dates outlined in the June 4, 2020 memo titled Solid Waste Inventory and Feasibility Plan.

The scope of work of the waste inventory study was discussed. Chair Fisher brought forward concerns in regard to a desktop study and the need for a larger scaled study and a complete waste audit. The waste inventory study is to provide short term data. Chair Fisher spoke of focusing on cardboard to enable potential partners to determine feasibility of secondary manufacturing options for cardboard recycling.

### **Break at 2:02 p.m.**

### **Reconvened at 2:45 p.m.**

Discussion took place in regard to:

- A complete waste audit of the entire region
  - o Diverse recycling needs across the region
- Focus on cardboard amounts being landfilled
  - o Information can be used to determine potential secondary recycling options for cardboard
    - Essential to know cardboard volumes
    - Require information to provide to potential partners
  - o Staff will follow up with information regarding cardboard amounts currently being landfilled
- RDBN Environmental Services Summer Student is currently conducting a survey and visiting businesses in the communities in the region to determine ICI cardboard recycling needs
  - o Staff will provide the information to the Waste Management Committee once compiled.

### **Solid Waste Inventory and Feasibility Plan**

Moved by Chair Fisher  
Seconded by Director McGuire

### **WMC.2020-3-3**

“That the Waste Management Committee recommend that the Board not proceed with hiring Tetrattech to conduct the waste inventory study for the RDBN.”

Opposed: Director Petersen     **CARRIED**

(All/Directors/Majority)

## **VERBAL UPDATES**

### **Chair Fisher Update**

Director Fisher, along with Environmental Services staff, has had conversations related to cardboard recycling with Loop. Loop is exploring options in regard to cardboard recycling in the region. He spoke of the importance of supporting local initiatives.

### **National Industrial Symbiosis Program (NISP)**

Chair Fisher noted that NISP connects waste producers with individuals needing resources and is considering a Northern Coordinator in the region.

**VERBAL UPDATES (CONT'D)**

Zero Waste Store – Opening in Smithers

Chair Fisher mentioned that a Zero Waste Store is intending to open June 2020 in Smithers. Director Funk indicated that the Green Zone Grocer in Burns Lake has undertaken a similar initiative. He spoke of providing a letter of support for the initiative. Chair Fisher will bring forward a draft letter to a future meeting for committee consideration that can be provided to individuals/businesses moving forward with zero waste initiatives in the region.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Director Lambert  
Seconded by Director McGuire

WMC.2020-3-4

“That the meeting be adjourned at 3:01 p.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Mark Fisher, Chair

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Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant