

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING (VIRTUAL)

Thursday, March 11, 2021

PRESENT: Chair Mark Fisher

Directors Gladys Atrill
Shane Brienen
Tom Greenaway
Chris Newell
Jerry Petersen
Michael Riis-Christianson
Gerry Thiessen

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

Others Dolores Funk, Village of Burns Lake
Clint Lambert, Electoral Area "E" (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural)
Linda McGuire, Village of Granisle – left at 2:38 p.m.
Bob Motion, District of Fort St. James
Mark Parker, Electoral Area "D" (Fraser Lake Rural)
Sarrah Storey, Village of Fraser Lake

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fisher called the meeting to order at 2:12 p.m.

AGENDA

Moved by Director Atrill
Seconded by Director Petersen

WMC.2021-1-1

"That the Waste Management Committee approve the March 11, 2021 Agenda."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Waste Management
Committee Meeting Minutes
-June 4, 2020

Moved by Director Brienen
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

WMC.2021-1-2

"That the Minutes of the Waste Management Committee for June 4, 2020 be received."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS

Cleanfarms Pilot Program Budget

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Atrill

WMC.2021-1-3

1. "That the Committee recommend to the Board the approval of funding up to \$96,501 for the three-year agricultural plastics recycling pilot project with a collection target of 30%.
2. That the Committee recommend to the Board the approval of establishing three (3) agricultural plastics collection points at RDBN Transfer Stations and agrees to allot funds for constructing sorting bays."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The following was discussed:

- Agricultural plastics recycling pilot project
 - o good initiative
- Importance of finding local markets for end processing
- Cleanfarms has indicated its willingness to staff to find end markets in the region and work to reduce transportation
- Cleanfarms recognized the goal of the program is not to achieve perfection but work to develop a program moving forward that has achievable goals for the region
- Cost of landfilling and operating costs
- Diversion of products from landfill
 - o Value of airspace
- Concerns in regard to transportation of the product long distances
- Proposed three drop off locations
 - o May require more locations for convenience
 - o Determine if further locations are feasible and potential costs
- Funding model and budget
- Being a pilot project – ability to determine best route and methods moving forward
- Cleanfarms experience
- Cleanfarms shipping cost estimates
 - o Staff will follow-up.

Committee Roles & Responsibilities Clarification

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Atrill

WMC.2021-1-4

"That the Waste Management Committee receive the Director of Environmental Services' Committee Roles & Responsibilities Clarification memorandum."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Chair Fisher mentioned he has a meeting scheduled with schools in Vanderhoof and Smithers in regard to youth participation on the Waste Management Committee. The appointment of non-voting youth will be selected annually following the school calendar.

REPORTS (CONT'D)

Waste Characterization and Recycling Feedstock Inventory Scope – Update Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Petersen

WMC.2021-1-5 “That the Waste Management Committee receive the Director of Environmental Services’ Waste Characterization and Recycling Feedstock Inventory Scope Update memorandum.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cost Recovery Implementation 2018 Board Motion Moved by Director Atrill
Seconded by Director Petersen

WMC.2021-1-6 “That the Waste Management Committee receive the Director of Environmental Services’ Cost Recovery Implementation 2018 Board Motion memorandum.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Chair Fisher spoke of work needing to be completed in regard to cost recovery implementation and alternatives to landfilling. He noted the lack of tipping fees in the region impacts organizations that collect products based on tipping fee costs and removes the products from landfills and transfer stations

VERBAL REPORTS

1. RDBN Advocacy – Community Engagement

- Chair Fisher and Alex Eriksen, Director of Environmental Services spoke of creating a structure for Waste Management Committee meetings
- Two important initiatives
 - Youth engagement
 - Regional Solid Waste Advisory Committee (RSWAC)
- Connecting people wanting to participate in diversion initiatives and using community advocacy to move forward initiatives
- Chair Fisher look to Directors to engage with communities and RDBN staff
 - A number of possible opportunities.

2. Items – Future Meetings

- Illegal dumping
 - Who’s responsible for illegal dumping?
 - Groups interested in cleaning up illegal dumping areas
 - Potential initiatives through the RDBN.

CORRESPONDENCE

Lakes District News -Jan 13, 2021 – Customers Won’t get full Deposit on Aluminum Cans and Beer Bottles Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Brienen

WMC.2021-1-7 “That the Waste Management Committee receive the correspondence from Lakes District News – Jan 13, 2021 – Customers won’t get full Deposit on Aluminum Cans and Beer Bottles.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Atrill

WMC.2021-1-8

“That the meeting be adjourned at 2:55 p.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mark Fisher, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant