

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO**  
**WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**(VIRTUAL)**

**Thursday, April 8, 2021**

**PRESENT:** Chair Mark Fisher

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

Staff Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer  
Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services  
Alex Eriksen, Director of Environmental Services  
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer  
Deborah Jones-Middleton, Director of Protective Services  
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

Others Dolores Funk, Village of Burns Lake  
Tom Greenaway, Electoral Area "C" (Fort St. James Rural)  
Clint Lambert, Electoral Area "E" (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural)  
Brad Layton, Village of Telkwa  
Linda McGuire, Village of Granisle  
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 11:54 a.m.

**AGENDA**

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson  
Seconded by Director Brienen

WMC.2021-2-1

"That the Waste Management Committee Agenda for April 8, 2021 be approved."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MINUTES**

Waste Management  
Committee Meeting Minutes  
-March 11, 2020

Moved by Director Petersen  
Seconded by Director Atrill

WMC.2021-2-2

"That the Minutes of the Waste Management Committee for March 11, 2021 be received."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **ADVOCACY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

### **Discussion Items**

#### **RDBN Letter of Support for Inclusion of ICI Cardboard in EPR**

RDBN Letter of Support for Inclusion of ICI Cardboard in EPR

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson  
Seconded by Director Atrill

WMC.2021-2-3

“That the Waste Management Committee recommend that the Board write a letter of support to the Smithers District Chamber of Commerce regarding its resolution to the BC Chamber of Commerce in regard to Industrial Commercial and Institutional (ICI) recycling; and further, that the letter be forwarded to Nathan Cullen, MLA - Stikine and John Rustad, MLA – Nechako Lakes.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Chair Fisher and staff will follow up with the Smithers District Chamber of Commerce to contact RDBN member municipalities in regard to letters of support.

#### **RDBN Review and Recommendation Letter for a 10¢ Bottle Deposit Refund for all Cans**

Alex Eriksen, Director of Environmental Services provided an overview of the bottle deposit refund for cans paid by the Brewers Association and Encorp Pacific (Canada). The Brewers Association provides 8¢ per can and Encorp Pacific (Canada) provides 10¢ per can. The Province of BC conducted a successful pilot project wherein all bottle deposit refunds for all cans was 10¢ but is no longer continuing the project.

RDBN Review and Recommendation Letter for a 10¢ Bottle Deposit Refund for all Cans

Moved by Director Petersen  
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

WMC.2021-2-4

“That the Waste Management Committee recommend that the Board write a letter to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy requesting that a consistent deposit system for the return deposit for all cans is paid in its entirety; and further, that the system is implemented throughout the Province.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Addressing Illegal Dumping

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson  
Seconded by Director Atrill

WMC.2021-2-5

“That the Committee receive the Director of Environmental Services’ Addressing Illegal Dumping memorandum.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The following was discussed:

- Identifying the illegal dump sites that are used continuously
- Conducting an education program
  - Refrigerators no longer have a fee when disposing of them at RDBN Transfer Stations

## **SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE (CONT'D)**

- Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities
  - Collaboration - recycling education video
- Potentially having Conservation Officers attend future meeting to provide an update in regard to illegal dumping
- Involving youth
- Cariboo Regional District – illegal dumping budget
- Enforcement for those responsible for illegal dumping
- Chair Fisher and staff to contact Conservation Officers
- Signage at RDBN Transfer Stations regarding appliance fees
- Organizations/societies wanting to conduct clean up operations
  - Potentially provide grant in aid funding.

### **Verbal Report – Waste Audit Update**

- Staff currently working on the Waste Audit RFP to be complete early next week.

## **POLICY REVIEW**

None

## **DIVERSION & RECYCLING**

### **Smithers-Telkwa Commercial Curbside Update**

Discussion took place regarding

- The common suggestions outlined in the Smithers – Telkwa Commercial Cardboard Discussion: Self-hauled OCC Memorandum
- Suggestion 1
  - An unmanaged bin
- Interest from businesses in Smithers to find a solution
- Potential locations for bin placement
  - Smithers and District Chamber of Commerce
  - Other Chamber of Commerce locations in the region
- Staffing capacity and constraints and ability to oversee bins
- Contamination penalties
- Location challenges
- Initiate discussions with community groups and Chamber of Commerce
  - Determine potential solutions/ideas
- Suggestion #3
  - Could be hosted at any site
  - Requires infrastructure
  - Capital cost
  - Staff investigate
- Suggestion #4
  - Staff begin discussions with Chamber of Commerce in the region
- ICI cardboard is not the responsibility of the RDBN
- Support businesses and economic development initiatives
- Bioenergy Plants potentially utilizing the material
- Staff will continue to explore options.

### **Verbal Report – Smithers and Telkwa Curbside Update**

Director Atrill provided a brief overview of Smithers and Telkwa Curbside collection. Mr. Eriksen mentioned that RDBN Recycling Attendants at the Smithers-Telkwa Transfer Station will assist in distributing education material in regard to curbside recycling in Smithers and Telkwa.

**OPERATIONS UPDATE**

Operations Update

Moved by Director Atrill  
Seconded by Director Brienen

WMC.2021-2-6

“That the Committee receive the Director of Environmental Services’ Operations Update memorandum.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MISCELLANEOUS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Future Committee Topic  
-Metal Recycling

Director Newell requested that Metal Recycling at RDBN Transfer Stations be a future Committee Topic for discussion.

**IN-CAMERA MOTION**

Moved by Director Atrill  
Seconded by Director Newell

WMC.2021-2-7

“In accordance with Section 90 of the *Community Charter*, it is the opinion of the Board of Directors that matters pertaining to Section 90(1)(K) – negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the Committee, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the Regional District if they were held in public (Recycling) may be closed to the public and therefore exercise their option of excluding the public for this meeting.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Director Newell  
Seconded by Director Atrill

WMC.2021-2-8

“That the meeting be adjourned at 12:52p.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

---

Mark Fisher, Chair

---

Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant