

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

Thursday, November 4, 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, Director of Corporate Services
Janette Derksen, Waste Diversion Supervisor
Alex Eriksen, Director of Environmental Services
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer
Deborah Jones-Middleton, Director of Protective Services
Taddea Kunkel, First Nations Liaison
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant/Recording Secretary

Others Dolores Funk, Village of Burns Lake
Clint Lambert, Electoral Area "E" (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural)
Annette Morgan, Village of Telkwa
Linda McGuire, Village of Granisle
Bob Motion, District of Fort St. James
Mark Parker, Electoral Area "D" (Fraser Lake Rural)

Media Eddie Huband, LD News

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fisher called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m.

AGENDA

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Newell

WMC.2021-5-1

"That the Waste Management Committee Agenda for November 4, 2021 be approved."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Newell

WMC.2021-5-2

"That the Supplementary Agenda be dealt with at this meeting."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Waste Management
Committee Meeting Minutes
-October 7, 2020

Moved by Director Atrill
Seconded by Director Newell

WMC.2021-5-3

“That the Minutes of the Waste Management Committee for October 7, 2021 be approved.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADVOCACY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

None

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE

None

POLICY REVIEW

None

DIVERSION & RECYCLING

Metal Salvaging at
RDBN Sites

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Brien

WMC.2021-5-4

“That the Committee receive the Director of Environmental Services’ Metal Salvaging at RDBN Sites memorandum.”

Opposed: Director Newell

CARRIED

(All/Directors/Majority)

Discussion took place regarding the following:

- Salvaging and reuse of materials is a part of sustainable use
- Re-evaluate options to metal salvage
- Need for further discussion regarding
 - o Revenue vs. diversion
 - o Creative solutions for metal salvaging
 - o Possible separation of the metal piles – lead to more community salvage/use
- Advancement of re-use sheds overtime
- Impacts to metal price if metal piles have been salvaged
- Salvaging vs. reuse
 - o Salvaging useable materials
 - o Reuse a form of salvaging – more directed towards specific items
- Currently RDBN facilities have salvageable bays for reuse items
- Diversion vs. salvage
- Youth programs to assist with diversion initiatives
- Past historical event regarding salvaging at RDBN facility
- Forming a working group to brainstorm ideas
- Staff to provide additional information at a future meeting.

OPERATIONS UPDATE

Alex Eriksen, Director of Environmental Services - Verbal Update – Grinding Demo

Alex Eriksen, Director of Environmental Services provided an overview of a grinding demo he participated in to find ways to utilize waste to be landfilled. He noted that the Environmental Services Department is investigating options to utilize contaminated wood waste for the regulated daily cover needed for the landfill cover. He noted that the demonstration was successful and that the Environmental Services Department will potentially move forward with a more extensive demonstration.

Verbal Report

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Atrill

WMC.2021-5-5

“That the verbal report be received.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

MISCELLANEOUS

2021 Revenue from Pipeline Camps and Out-of-Region Sources

Moved by Director Atrill
Seconded by Director Newell

WMC.2021-5-6

“That the Committee receive the Director of Environmental Services’ 2021 Revenue from Pipeline Camps and Out-of-Region Sources memorandum and the updated memo on the Supplementary Agenda.

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The following was discussed:

- Asbestos Waste – C&D (Construction & Demolition)
 - o Protocols
 - o Process to dispose of materials
 - o Staff to provide further information regarding handling and processing of hazardous waste such as asbestos waste and contaminated soils
- Opportunities for legacy projects and creating long term infrastructure in partnerships
 - o Chair Fisher will follow up with staff.

FUTURE MEETING DISCUSSION ITEMS

Chair Fisher will provide an update at future meeting in regard to the Virtual NCLGA Solid Waste Virtual Forum he attended October 12 & 13, 2021 as well as the Coast Waste Management Association 2021 Conference held October 20-22, 2021 in Victoria, B.C.

Chair Fisher outlined the following discussion items for a future Waste Management Committee Meeting:

- Agriculture Plastics Update
- Revenue vs. Diversion
- Metal Salvage and Reuse
- Handling and processing of hazardous materials such as asbestos and contaminated soils
- Opportunities for legacy projects.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Brien
Seconded by Director Atrill

WMC.2021-5-7

“That the meeting be adjourned at 11:37 am.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mark Fisher, Chair

Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services