

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, January 13, 2022

PRESENT: Chair Mark Fisher– via Zoom

Directors Gladys Atrill – via Zoom
Shane Brienen – via Zoom
Jerry Petersen
Michael Riis-Christianson
Gerry Thiessen

Director Absent Chris Newell, Electoral Area “G” (Houston Rural)

Staff Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer
Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services
Janette Derksen, Waste Diversion Supervisor
Alex Eriksen, Director of Environmental Services
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant/Recording Secretary

Others Annette Morgan, Village of Telkwa – via Zoom
Clint Lambert, Electoral Area “E” (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural)
Ken Nielsen, General Manager, Chinook Community Forest – via Zoom
Mark Parker, Electoral Area “D” (Fraser Lake Rural)

Media Eddie Huband, LD News – left at 2:21 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fisher called the meeting to order at 1:49 p.m.

AGENDA

Moved by Director Brienen
Seconded by Director Atrill

WMC.2022-1-1

“That the Waste Management Committee Agenda for January 13, 2022 be approved.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Waste Management
Committee Meeting Minutes
December 16, 2021

Moved by Director Brienen
Seconded by Director Petersen

WMC.2022-1-2

“That the Minutes of the Waste Management Committee for December 16, 2021 be approved.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMUNITY ADVOCACY

Verbal Update – Chair Fisher – Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy Meeting – December 20, 2021

Chair Fisher spoke of the following:

- Follow up meeting from 2021 Union of B.C. Municipalities Convention
- Met with Bob MacDonald, Director, Extended Producer Responsibility, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy
 - o Topics discussed:
 - Developing an ICI Pilot project
 - Circular economy
 - ICI data collection will be released in 2022
 - Densification
 - MoE suggested focusing on densification
 - Coast Waste Management Association a resource
- No progress moving forward
- Ministry of Environment and Climate Change has indicated that in discussions with Stewardships there is no a desire to make changes.

Meeting with Coast Waste Management Association

- Island and rural communities sub working group
- Discussed emergency management
 - o Impacts from facility closures and road closures
 - o Rerouting of waste and recycling during an emergency event.

Northern BC Solid Waste Management Forum 2021 Resource Package

Moved by Director Atrill
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

WMC.2022-1-3

“That the Committee receive the Northern BC Solid Waste Management Forum 2021 Resource Package.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SWAC) UPDATE

Verbal Report re: Recruitment

Alex Eriksen commented that Environmental Services has received minimal uptake for the SWAC and advocating for members is a priority.

POLICY REVIEW

None

DIVERSION & RECYCLING

Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Canada -Single-Use Plastics Prohibition Regulations

Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

WMC.2022-1-4

“That the Committee receive the Correspondence from the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Canada – Single-Use Plastics Prohibition Regulations.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DIVERSION & RECYCLING (CONT'D)

Verbal Report – Recycle BC Depot Challenges

Mr. Eriksen provided a brief overview of the Recycle BC Depot challenges due to the flooding in southern B.C. in November and December 2021.

The following was discussed:

- RDBN Recycling facilities experiencing resource issues
 - o Minor short-term closures
 - o Staff has received concerns from residents
- Concerns regarding residents' ability to recycle
- Staff in contact with Recycle BC to address supply issues
- Staff are providing public notification regarding the issue
 - o RDBN website
 - o Bulkley Nechako Public Alerts
 - o Social media posts
 - o Signage at RDBN Recycling Depots
- Stockpiling recyclables at RDBN Recycling Depots challenging
 - o Lack of space
 - o Lack of enclosed storage space
- RDBN back up supplies have been diminished
- Recycle BC correspondence regarding impacts across the province from supply issues.

Write a Letter to Recycle BC

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Atrill

WMC.2022-1-5

“That the Committee recommend that the Board write a letter to Recycle BC providing an outline of the current supply issues RDBN Recycling Depots are experiencing and what is required to address the issue; and further, that the letter be cc'd to Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, Green for Life Environmental Inc., John Rustad, MLA Nechako Lakes and Nathan Cullen, MLA Bulkley Stikine.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OPERATIONS UPDATE

Knockholt Landfill Update -Waste Re-routing Plan

Moved by Director Brien
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

WMC.2022-1-6

“That the Committee receive the Director of Environmental Services' Knockholt Landfill Update – Waste Re-routing Plan memorandum.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Eriksen provided an update regarding the Knockholt Landfill Waste Re-routing Plan. He indicated the time frame has been extended two months. The Rerouting Plan is currently in stage 1 and 2 and is not impacting commercial haulers. Mr. Eriksen indicated that staff continuously evaluate the Knockholt Landfill capacity.

OPERATIONS UPDATE (CONT'D)

Discussion took place regarding:

- Pipeline construction waste and rates paid for Construction and Demolition waste for pipeline construction
- Review of Solid Waste Management Facility user fees during budget process
- Challenges conducting construction works for the Knockholt Landfill expansion during winter months.

MISCELLANEOUS

None

FUTURE MEETING TOPICS

- Environmental Services Department Structure Update – January 2022
- Agricultural Plastics Pilot Program Update – February 2022
- Metal Salvage Discussion – March 2022
- Revenue vs. Diversion Discussion Including Airspace & Development Costs-March 2022
- Legacy Projects – Funding Request Updates – March 2022
- Wood waste discussion (focus on diversion and airshed issues).

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Brien
Seconded by Director Atrill

WMC.2022-1-7

“That the meeting be adjourned at 2:35 p.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mark Fisher, Chair

Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services