

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, February 10, 2022

PRESENT: Chair Mark Fisher

Directors Gladys Atrill – via Zoom
Shane Brienen
Chris Newell - via Zoom
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
Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of Corporate Services

Others Dolores Funk, Village of Burns Lake - left at 1:40 p.m.
Annette Morgan, Village of Telkwa – via Zoom
Bob Motion, District of Fort St. James – via Zoom
Clint Lambert, Electoral Area “E” (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural)
Linda McGuire, Village of Granisle
Mark Parker, Electoral Area “D” (Fraser Lake Rural)

Media Eddie Huband, LD News – via Zoom – left at 1:25 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fisher called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

AGENDA

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Brienen

WMC.2022-2-1

“That the Waste Management Committee Agenda for February 10, 2022 be approved.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Waste Management
Committee Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2022

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Petersen

WMC.2022-2-2

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

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMUNITY ADVOCACY

Verbal Update – Youth Member Recruitment

Alex Eriksen, Director of Environmental Services

- Received a few applications from Vanderhoof and one from Burns Lake.

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SWAC) UPDATE

Verbal Report re: Recruitment

Alex Eriksen, Director of Environmental Services

- Outreach to the Solid Waste Management Committee members
- Received two applications from the public
- Awaiting response from First Nations Communities
- Extended the deadline for submissions.

POLICY REVIEW

None

DIVERSION & RECYCLING

Clean Farms – Agriculture Plastics Pilot 2021 Update

- Soft start for the program
- Began shipping material late December 2021/early January 2022
- Areas with higher success
- Budget actuals for the year
- Staff will provide quarterly updates moving forward
- Users of the systems finding good setup
 - o Issue with the size of the bags
 - o CleanFarms is addressing the bag size and working to find a solution.

Clean Farms – Agriculture
Plastics Pilot 2021 Update
Report

Moved by Director Brienen
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

WMC.2022-2-3

“That the Committee receive the CleanFarms Agriculture Plastics Pilot 2021 Update Report.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Verbal Report – Recycle Depot Supply Challenges

Janette Derksen, Waste Diversion Supervisor has had discussions with Recycle BC, Green for Life Inc. and local haulers to mitigate supply issues. The Smithers Telkwa Recycling Depot had to close for a short period and staff utilized the Bulkley Nechako Emergency and Public Alerts system to provide information to area residents. Discussion took place regarding the benefit of using the Alert System to notify residents.

Mr. Eriksen noted that the letter sent by the Board to Recycle BC in regard to the issue assisted in furthering discussions regarding the supply chain issues.

Discussion Item – Expanding Recycling Depot Programs

Mr. Eriksen and Ms. Derksen provided an outline to potentially expand recycling depot programs at RDBN Recycling Depots.

The following was discussed:

- One stop shop for all recycling depots in the region
- Specific to electronics
 - o Currently only Fort St. James Recycling Depot collects electronics
 - o Bottle Depots in other communities collect electronics
- Due to collection gaps in the community Fort St. James Recycling Depots provides a number of Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Programs
- Staff capacity to increase product collection at RDBN Recycle Depot sites
- Capturing end of life
- Solutions to removing recyclable products from being dumped on the Transfer Station floor
- Incorporating electronics, small appliance, lights and lamps, bulky tools and equipment, smoke detectors, alarms etc.
- Vanderhoof – Paint and Paint Plus
- Potential impact to current businesses, nonprofits and not-for-profits in the region
- Potential partnering agreements
- Milk cartons now being recycled will directly impact RDBN Recycling Depots
- Inconsistent hours of operation of external recycling operations in the region
- Inconsistent service levels across the region
- Consider best service for the user
- Tipping fee discussion needed
- Three priorities: diversion, customer service, cost effectiveness
- Staff will continue to research potential options.

OPERATIONS UPDATE

Verbal Update – Knockholt Capacity Update – Waste Re-Routing Plan

Mr. Eriksen provided an update regarding the Knockholt Landfill capacity and waste re-routing plan. There has been less waste delivered recently, extra compaction and ability to maximize all slopes on the landfill which has allowed the landfill capacity to extend to June 2022.

Air Curtain Burner Received Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Petersen

WMC.2022-2-4 “That the Committee receive the Director of Environmental Services’ Air Curtain Burner Received memorandum.”

(All/Directors/Majority) **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Verbal Update – Department Activity

Mr. Eriksen mentioned that the Environmental Services department is working on capital planning, scheduling, and budgets.

MISCELLANEOUS

Coast Waste Management Society Meeting

Chair Fisher mentioned he attended a teleconference on February 9, 2022 with the Coast Waste Management Society and discussion took place regarding Construction and Demolition (C&D) Waste. He spoke of programs in Alberta and BC that are cost neutral to address demolition of large infrastructure. Chair Fisher indicated good examples exist to utilize for future reference.

FUTURE MEETING TOPICS

- Metal Salvage Discussion – March 2022
- Revenue vs. Diversion Discussion Including Airspace & Development Costs-March 2022
- Legacy Projects – Funding Request Updates – March 2022
- Wood Waste Operations Update – April 2022
- Cost Recovery Plan – Review and Update – April 2022
- Disposal Fee Bylaw Changes – April 2022

NEW BUSINESS

NCLGA 2022 Resolution

Chair Fisher will work with staff to draft a resolution for the NCLGA AGM and Convention in May 2022 regarding Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Programs and the importance of the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy's focusing on repairs and reuse.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Brien
Seconded by Director Petersen

WMC.2022-2-5

"That the meeting be adjourned at 1:47 p.m."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mark Fisher, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of
Corporate Services