

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, March 17, 2022

PRESENT: Chair Mark Fisher

Directors Gladys Atrill – via Zoom – left at 2:15 p.m.
Shane Brienen – via Zoom
Chris Newell
Jerry Petersen
Michael Riis-Christianson – via Zoom
Gerry Thiessen - left at 2:47 p.m.

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 Annette Morgan, Village of Telkwa – via Zoom
Linda McGuire, Village of Granisle– left at 1:35 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fisher called the meeting to order at 1:28 p.m.

AGENDA

Moved by Director Newell
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

WMC.2022-3-1

“That the Waste Management Committee Agenda for March 17, 2022 be approved.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

**Waste Management
Committee Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2022**

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Atrill

WMC.2022-3-2

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

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMUNITY ADVOCACY

Discussion Item – NCLGA or UBCM Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Resolution – Chair Fisher

Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Programs supporting more than recycling programs

- Support for reuse/repair stewardship programs
- Provincial and Federal definition of EPR
- Funding for upcycling
- Potential for financial support for initiatives in northern BC and rural communities
- Chair Fisher will work with staff and bring forward a resolution for UBCM.

COMMUNITY ADVOCACY (CONT'D)

Verbal Update – Public
Consultation Response
-Expansion of BC Used Oil
Management Association
-Used Oil EPR

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

WMC.2022-3-3

“That the Committee receive the Verbal Update – Public
Consultation Response-Expansion of BC Used Oil Management
Association-Used Oil EPR.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RDBN Membership to the
Coast Waste Management
Association

Moved by Director Atrill
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

WMC.2022-3-4

“That the Committee receive the Waste Diversion Supervisor’s
RDBN Membership to the Coast Waste Management
Association (CWMA).”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SWAC) UPDATE

None

POLICY REVIEW

None

DIVERSION & RECYCLING

Disposal, Diversion & Revenue
Part 1 – The Cost of Disposal

Moved by Director Thiessen
Seconded by Director Atrill

WMC.2022-3-5

“That the Committee receive the Director of Environmental
Services’ Disposal, Diversion & Revenue: Part 1 – The Cost of
Disposal.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion took place in regard to having a full cost accounting
in Part 2 of the Cost of Disposal.

Verbal Report – Recycle Depot Supply Challenges

Janette Derksen, Waste Diversion Supervisor provided an update.

- Discussions with Recycle BC and Green For Life Inc.
 - o Recycle BC has requested GFL to increase service levels
 - o Supplies are now being received
 - o Moving forward in a positive direction.

DIVERSION & RECYCLING (CONT'D)

Transfer Stations – Expanding Recycling Depot Programs

The following was discussed:

- Staff time to partner with bottle depots
- Bottle depots concerned regarding the loss of revenue regarding electronics
- Cost, revenue, site sharing challenges
- Option A and B
- Potentially implementing a Pilot Project
- Landfilling of electronics
- Benefits of one stop shop for recycling programs
- Competing with private business
- Current funding structure of Houston and Fraser Lake Bottle Depots.

Transfer Stations – Expanding Recycling Depot Programs Moved by Director Thiessen
Seconded by Director Brienen

WMC.2022-3-6

“That the Committee recommend that the Board approve Option A – Expand RDBN Recycling Depot Programs to promote the “One-Stop-Shop” by taking on additional programs and receive the revenue for collected material as outlined in the Waste Diversion Supervisor’s Transfer Stations – Expanding Recycling Depot Programs memorandum.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

DEFEATED

Transfer Stations – Expanding Recycling Depot Programs Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Atrill

WMC.2022-3-7

“That the Committee recommend that the Board work towards Option B – Establish collection points at RDBN Transfer Stations for Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) programs currently managed by the Bottle Depots, who would receive the revenue through the stewards as outlined in the Waste Diversion Supervisor’s Transfer Stations – Expanding Recycling Depot Programs memorandum and that the information be brought forward to the Committee for consideration.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RDBN Salvage and Re-Use Programs Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Thiessen

WMC.2022-3-8

“That the Committee receive the Waste Diversion Supervisor’s RDBN Salvage and Re-Use Programs memorandum.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DIVERSION & RECYCLING (CONT'D)

Discussion took place regarding the following:

- Moving forward with a pilot project regarding metal salvaging
- Fabric items to be discarded
- Concerns regarding designated metal salvaging areas and past issues of metal salvaging at RDBN Transfer Station and Landfill facilities
- Revenue from Metal
- Staff to bring back additional information and potential options for Committee consideration.

OPERATIONS UPDATE

Knockholt Landfill Update -Waste Re-routing Plan

Moved by Director Thiessen
Seconded by Director Newell

WMC.2022-3-9

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

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Verbal Update – Department Activity

Alex Eriksen, Director of Environmental Services provided an update. He is currently preparing Request for Quotes and the Department received its used roll off truck today.

MISCELLANEOUS

Verbal Update – Pipeline Legacy Project: Wood Grinding

The following was discussed:

- CAO Helgesen and Chair Fisher met with Coastal GasLink regarding the potential purchase of a wood grinder
- Potential pipeline wood waste too significant of volumes for RDBN Solid Waste Management Facilities
- Researching potential legacy funding projects in regard to environmental services in the region.

Verbal Update – Debris Management Course Highlights

Ms. Derksen provided an overview of her attendance at the Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) Course regarding Debris Management in the event of a natural disaster.

FUTURE MEETING TOPICS

- Houston – Solid Waste and Recycling – April 2022
- Wood Waste Operations Update – April 2022
- Cost Recovery Plan – Review and Update – April 2022
- Disposal Fee Bylaw Changes – April 2022
- 2m3 rule – do we limit. Loopholes etc. – May 2022
- Consideration of accepting sawmill waste (Hogfuel) as daily cover material.

IN-CAMERA MOTION

Moved by Director Newell
Seconded by Director Brienen

WMC.2022-3-10

In accordance with Section 90 of the *Community Charter*, it is the opinion of the Board of Directors that matters pertaining to Sections 90(1)(a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the regional district or another position appointed by the regional district (Regional Solid Waste Advisory Committee) therefore exercise their option of excluding the public for this meeting.

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Newell
Seconded by Director Petersen

WMC.2022-3-11

“That the meeting be adjourned at 2:56 p.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mark Fisher, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of
Corporate Services