

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO**

**WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**(Committee Of The Whole)**

**Thursday, December 10, 2015**

**PRESENT:** Chair Taylor Bachrach

Directors Eileen Benedict  
Shane Brienen  
Mark Fisher  
Tom Greenaway  
Dwayne Lindstrom  
Thomas Liversidge  
Rob MacDougall  
Bill Miller  
Rob Newell  
Mark Parker  
Jerry Petersen  
Darcy Repen  
Gerry Thiessen

Director Luke Strimbold, Village of Burns Lake  
Absent

Staff Gail Chapman, Chief Administrative Officer  
Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services  
Hans Berndorff, Financial Administrator  
Janine Dougall, Director of Environmental Services – arrived at  
2:37 p.m.  
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

Other Jesse Hiemstra, Smithers

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Bachrach called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m.

**AGENDA**

Moved by Director Repen  
Seconded by Director Brienen

WMC.2015-3-1

“That the Waste Management Committee receive the December 10, 2015 Waste Management Committee Agenda.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MINUTES**

Waste Management  
Committee Meeting Minutes  
-June 11, 2015

Moved by Director Petersen  
Seconded by Director Parker

WMC.2015-3-2

“That the Minutes of the Waste Management Committee for June 11, 2015 be received.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **REPORTS/DOCUMENTS**

### **Salvaging Ban and Re-Use Shed Closure – Feedback Summary Document**

Chair Bachrach thanked staff for the very complete and detailed report. Director Repen noted that there was substantial responses from the public in regard to the re-use shed closures, possible solutions and options.

Director Repen spoke to the possible implementation of CCTV cameras as a preventative measure. Separating the receiving goods from the picking up of goods may also address safety concerns. The use of volunteers at the re-use sheds and possible benefits to the volunteers was discussed.

Director Fisher spoke of the possibility of hiring a part-time employee to maintain the re-use sheds based on area needs. He spoke to possible funding options, staff training and authority given to staff to address non-compliance and ability to ban users. Director Parker noted the need to address each transfer station individually as some of the smaller transfer stations may only require CCTV cameras rather than having to hire additional staff. Discussion took place regarding the possibility of the re-use sheds being operated on a contract basis.

Director Miller noted concerns regarding the risk of liability. He also noted that people can potentially take items to local second hand businesses that in turn support local economies. Director Miller spoke of the need for producers and consumers to take responsibility for the products being sold and bought.

Each of the solutions and options in regard to re-opening the re-use sheds has a certain monetary value that needs to be considered. There are a number of factors that will impact a cost analysis depending on Regional Board direction. Janine Dougall, Director of Environmental Services, noted that some areas such as Houston and Fraser Lake do not have sufficient funding in their residual recycling initiative funds.

Metal and wood salvaging was discussed as being separate issues from the re-use sheds and may need to be addressed separately.

The possible inconvenience to the public of moving the re-use sheds off site from the transfer stations was discussed. Moving the re-use sheds may reduce liability issues. Some new to you organizations have indicated that they do not have the capacity to take on the re-use sheds.

Discussion took place in regard to the immediate need to address the safety issues and the potential of utilizing a safety consultant to review the safety management of the sites. Director Repen spoke of developing baseline safety guidelines for the entire RDBN for transfer stations and landfills including the use of re-use shed facilities. He also noted the need to develop individual guidelines to address usage at individual sites. Discussion took place in regard to the Regional Board developing bylaws to address the use of re-use sheds, transfer stations and landfills that clearly outline allowable behavior and consequences for non-compliance. The displaying of rules and regulations through signage was discussed. Chair Bachrach mentioned that each re-use shed at each of the RDBN transfer station facilities is different but he noted that Electoral Area "A" (Smithers Rural) residents have indicated their want to have the re-use sheds opened as soon as possible.

Director MacDougall commented that each Director for his or her area should develop a plan as to what they would like to have in their community and how the plan can be implemented in regard to re-opening the re-use sheds and that the information be brought forward for staff.

The importance of reviewing and updating the RDBN Solid Waste Management Plan was discussed.

**REPORTS/DOCUMENTS (CONT'D)**

Safety Plan for RDBN  
Waste Management Facilities

Moved by Director Repen  
Seconded by Director Miller

WMC.2015-3-3

“That the Waste Management Committee recommend that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors direct staff to request quotes for a baseline safety plan to address RDBN legal liability in regard to safety at all RDBN waste management facilities.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

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Plan to Re-Open RDBN  
Re-Use Sheds

Moved by Director Fisher  
Seconded by Director Miller

WMC.2015-3-4

“That the Waste Management Committee recommend that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors meet with their respective counterparts from each area and develop a plan to individually address area issues and concerns including how the plan can be implemented for the re-opening of the re-use sheds; and further, that the information be provided to staff prior to the January 14, 2016 meeting date agenda deadline.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director Fisher noted that it is important to develop an individual plan for each area that can then be brought forward to determine the level of support and funding required for each area plan for re-opening the re-use sheds. The three concerns to be addressed by the Regional Board are the safety and liability at RDBN waste management facilities, a region by region plan for re-use sheds and the RDBN Solid Waste Management Plan.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Solid Waste Management  
Plan

Director Miller brought forward the need to discuss the review of the RDBN Solid Waste Management Plan at the January 14, 2016 Waste Management Committee Meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Director Benedict  
Seconded by Director Parker

WMC.2015-3-5

“That the meeting be adjourned at 3:36 p.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

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