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REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO
WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
(Committee of the Whole)
AGENDA
Thursday, October 12, 2017

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ACTION

CALL TO ORDER

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

Receive

AGENDA – October 12, 2017

Approve

MINUTES

2-6

**Waste Management Committee Meeting
Minutes – July 20, 2017**

Receive

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Receive

**Rory McKenzie, Director of Environmental Services
- Knockholt Landfill Phase 3 Expansion Project**

DISCUSSION ITEM

Solid Waste Management Plan

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO
WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
(Committee Of The Whole)

Thursday, July 20, 2017

PRESENT: Chair Mark Fisher

Directors Taylor Bachrach
 Eileen Benedict
 Shane Brienen – left at 3:10 p.m.
 Tom Greenaway – arrived at 2:47 p.m.
 John Illes – arrived at 2:47 p.m.
 Dwayne Lindstrom
 Thomas Liversidge
 Rob MacDougall
 Bill Miller
 Rob Newell
 Mark Parker
 Jerry Petersen
 Darcy Repen
 Gerry Thiessen

Staff Melany de Weerd, Chief Administrative Officer
 Rory McKenzie, Director of Environmental Services
 Janette Derksen, Deputy Director of Environmental Services
 Roxanne Shepherd, Chief Financial Officer
 Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant
 Elaine Wiebe, Environmental Services Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fisher called the meeting to order at 2:45 p.m.

AGENDA

Moved by Director Benedict
 Seconded by Director Newell

WMC.2017-2-1

"That the Waste Management Committee receive the July 20, 2017 Agenda."

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

MINUTES

Waste Management
Committee Meeting Minutes
-April 6, 2017

Moved by Director Petersen
 Seconded by Director Benedict

WMC.2017-2-2

"That the Minutes of the Waste Management Committee for April 6, 2017 be received."

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

REPORTS

Salvaging of Wood Waste & Metal at RDBN Sites

Director Repen mentioned the significant health and safety issues identified in the past in regard to wood waste and metal salvaging at RDBN Transfer Stations and Landfills. He identified the differences between wood waste and metal salvaging and spoke of developing a policy.

Director Bachrach mentioned that he has witnessed individuals removing sheets of metal and large amounts of metal from the metal recycling piles to take home for their own salvaging. Discussion took place in regard to discouraging individuals from removing large quantities of metal (to sell as a commodity) from RDBN Solid Waste Management Sites and supporting those individuals wishing to utilize small amounts of metal for upcycling, repairs and/or art.

Discussion took place in regard to the clean wood waste which is pallets and brush. Staff identified that if the Regional Board moves forward with wood waste salvaging there will be a designated area for salvaging with proper signage prior to the wood being moved to the main larger pile of wood waste.

Salvaging of Wood Waste at RDBN Sites

Moved by Director Repen
 Seconded by Director Parker

WMC.2017-2-3

"That the Waste Management Committee recommend that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors authorize staff to create a designated salvaging area at RDBN Transfer Stations and the Knockholt Landfill; and further, that staff complete appropriate safety measures and signage at sites to allow wood waste salvaging."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Salvaging of Metal at RDBN Sites

Moved by Director Thiessen
 Seconded by Director MacDougall

WMC.2017-2-4

"That the Waste Management Committee recommend that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors ban salvaging of metal at all RDBN Transfer Stations and Landfills."

Opposed: Director Bachrach CARRIED
 Director Liversidge
 Director Newell
 Director Repen

(All/Directors/Majority)

REPORTS (CONT'D)

Director Repen referenced identifying a solution to ban large scale salvagers but allow for artisans and individuals needing small parts to remove small amounts of metal. Discussion took place in regard to the additional staff and costs required to oversee metal salvaging. The use of scales, barriers, and additional staff along with the challenges in regard to metal salvaging was discussed. Concerns regarding safety were brought forward for discussion. The revenue generated for the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako tax payers can be substantial.

Director MacDougall noted that there are metal producers and users in communities that artisans and those needing small amounts of metal may be able to access within their communities.

Recycling Services Funding Guidelines

Moved by Director Bachrach
Seconded by Director Miller

WMC.2017-2-5

"That the Waste Management Committee receive the Deputy Director of Environmental Services' June 27, 2017 memo titled "Recycling Services Funding Guidelines."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Janette Derksen, Deputy Director of Environmental Services clarified that the Regional Board supports recycling ICI mixed paper and not ICI cardboard. The eligible projects and services include, but may not be limited to: snow plowing/sanding costs or land rental for an ICI mixed paper bin area. These costs are apportioned to the service provided. Director Illes brought forward concerns in regard to some of the eligible administrative cost recovery but supports collection, processing and composting of organic material. Some of the programs in existence cover administration costs and the intent is to provide support and encourage the development of innovative ideas with respect to the 3R's (reduce, reuse, recycle).

Director Bachrach noted that the stewardship programs do not cover the full costs of recycling a product. He mentioned that the Town of Smithers has developed a plan to try to offset some of the costs by collecting garbage every second week. SARS (Smithers and Area Recycling Society) receives financial incentives from stewardship programs but they do not fully fund costs of overhead to recycle products. Director Fisher spoke of the criteria for Recycling Services Funding Guidelines. The tonnage and diversion rates will be reviewed during the Solid Waste Management Plan review process.

Director Repen expressed concerns in regard to the contracts and agreements provided by RecycleBC (formally Multi-Materials BC, MMBC) and explained what has recently occurred in the Village of Telkwa.

REPORTS (CONT'D)

Recycling Council of BC
-Summit of Solutions
-June 21-23, 2017

Moved by Director MacDougall
Seconded by Director Illes

WMC.2017-2-6

"That the Waste Management Committee receive Chair Fisher's report titled "Recycling Council of BC – Summit of Solutions, June 21-23, 2017."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Chair Fisher spoke to developing a strategy in regard to illegal dumping, whose jurisdiction and enforcement along with education to prevent illegal dumping. Rory McKenzie, Director of Environmental Services explained that the RDBN has jurisdiction on RDBN leased properties where garbage is illegally disposed, for example outside RDBN Transfer Stations/Landfills. Outside RDBN leased property the Conservation Officer Services (COS) is the contact. Chair Fisher commented that partnering and working with the COS to address illegal dumping in the region may be beneficial.

Director Benedict noted that she along with Melany de Weerd, CAO met with the COS and discussed responsibility and the process of reporting illegal dumping. She spoke of the lack of clarity in the process.

Mr. McKenzie stated that the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations in Vanderhoof conducted a cleanup of illegal dumping sites in the Vanderhoof area and has RDBN Board approval with advance note of date and scope of work to waive fees for Ozone Depleting Substance (ODS) disposal. Working in collaboration with other agencies/groups in the region may be reviewed for other areas to address illegal dump sites.

Discussion took place regarding Chair Fisher's three year diversion plan suggestion. Chair Fisher also noted that the main focus of the Recycling Council of BC – Summit of Solutions June 21-23, 2017 was the circular economy and removing the "E" from "Extended Producer Responsibility" and having a focus on "Producer Responsibility."

DISCUSSION ITEM

Information

Chair Fisher spoke of communication between the Environmental Services Department and the RDBN Board. Chair Fisher requested information in regard to per tonnage on various types of materials and fixed costs vs. variable costs to landfill. He spoke of including all costs in per tonnage/per material of landfilling.

Director MacDougall requested information in regard to the possible reduction to waste at RDBN Transfer Stations with the July 1, 2016 RDBN cardboard ban. Staff will bring forward a report at the August, 2017 Regional Board Meeting.

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**SPECIAL IN-CAMERA
MEETING MOTION**

Moved by Director Illes
Seconded by Director Newell

WMC.2017-2-7

"In accordance with Section 90 of the *Community Charter*, it is the opinion of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors that matters pertaining to Section 90(1)(c) labour relations or other employee relations and 90(1)(g) litigation or potential litigation (Bylaw Enforcement File 2012-G-01) must be held in confidence, and therefore exercise their option of excluding the public for this meeting."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Illes
Seconded by Director Newell

WMC.2017-2-8

"That the meeting be adjourned a 3:31 p.m."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mark Fisher, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant