

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO**

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

**Thursday, June 11, 2015**

**PRESENT:** Chair Taylor Bachrach

Directors Eileen Benedict – arrived at 10:45 a.m.  
Shane Brienen  
Mark Fisher  
Tom Greenaway  
Thomas Liversidge  
Rob MacDougall  
Bill Miller  
Rob Newell  
Mark Parker  
Jerry Petersen  
Darcy Repen  
Luke Strimbold  
Gerry Thiessen

Director Dwayne Lindstrom, Village of Fraser Lake  
Absent

Staff Gail Chapman, Chief Administrative Officer  
Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services  
Hans Berndorff, Financial Administrator  
Janine Dougall, Director of Environmental Services  
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Bachrach called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

**AGENDA**

Moved by Director Repen  
Seconded by Director Petersen

WMC.2015-2-1

“That the Waste Management Committee receive the June 11, 2015 Waste Management Committee Agenda.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MINUTES**

Waste Management  
Committee Meeting Minutes  
-March 12, 2015

Moved by Director MacDougall  
Seconded by Director Miller

WMC.2015-2-2

“That the Minutes of the Waste Management Committee for March 12, 2015 be received.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **REPORTS/DOCUMENTS**

### **Correspondence**

The following correspondence was discussed:

- Ministry of Environment News Release Re: Changes Coming to Solid Waste Management Plan Review Process;
- Report: Director of Environmental Service's April 28, 2015 memo titled "Solid Waste Management Plan Review";
- Document: RDBN Solid Waste Management Plan Review – Stage 1 Report, March 19, 2009;
- Document: RDBN Solid Waste Management Plan, September 1996;
- Document: Ministry of Environment, Guide to the Preparation of Regional Solid Waste Management Plans for Regional Districts, Revised Edition/December, 1994;
- Information Sheet: Ministry of Environment, Considerations for the Inclusion of Waste-to-Energy Facilities in Solid Waste Management Plans, December, 2010;
- Taylor Bachrach, Chair – Waste Management Committee, Document: Proposed Solid Waste Management Plan Review and Renewal Process.

### **ITEM FOR DISCUSSION**

#### **Solid Waste Management Plan Review**

Janine Dougall, Director of Environmental Services spoke of the Ministry of Environment (MoE) News Release Re: Changes Coming to Solid Waste Management Plan Review Process. She noted that the final guideline is expected to be implemented in 2016 after consultation with local governments. This may have implications to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako's proposed Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) review and renewal process. Discussion took place in regard to the RDBN being leaders in moving forward with the development of its SWMP and working with MoE in its proposed changes to the solid waste management planning process.

In moving forward with a SWMP Review and Renewal Process:

- RDBN Board to determine a full review or amendment depending on changes;
- Under new guidelines – uncertain of public consultation requirements;
- Need to determine:
  - o How to move forward?
  - o How to engage the public;
    - Need to help the public understand the challenges for rural communities;
  - o How to ensure adequate public consultation;
  - o Consult with MoE to determine its criteria.

Chair Bachrach spoke to the age of the current RDBN SWMP and the changes that have occurred regarding recycling and solid waste management since the inception of the RDBN SWMP.

The document provided by Chair Bachrach titled "Proposed Solid Waste Management Plan Review and Renewal Process – 2015-2016" was discussed. The Waste Management Committee discussed having Ms. Dougall bring forward the document for MoE review in the near future.

Concerns were brought forward regarding the targets outlined in the Ministry of Environment Information Sheet "Waste-to-Energy and Solid Waste Management Plans – December, 2010, Considerations for the Inclusion of Waste-to-Energy Facilities (WTE) in Solid Waste Management Plans."

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION (CONT'D)**

**Solid Waste Management Plan Review (Cont'd)**

Moved by Director Miller  
Seconded by Director Repen

WMC.2015-2-3

“That the Waste Management Committee recommend that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors direct staff to bring forward the document titled “Proposed Solid Waste Management Plan Review and Renewal Process – 2015-2016” to the Ministry of Environment; and further, that feedback be requested.”

Moved by Director Benedict  
Seconded by Director Greenaway

WMC.2015-2-4

“That Motion WMC.2015-2-3 be amended to include the following:  
and further, that the Waste Management Committee recommend that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors direct staff to draft a timeline for completing the RDBN Solid Waste Management Plan Review and Renewal Process; and further, that an expected date for Ministry of Environment approval be requested.

(All/Directors/Majority)                      CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Director Fisher  
Seconded by Director Miller

WMC.2015-2-5

“That Motion WMC.2015-2-3 be amended to include a bullet in the “Proposed Solid Waste Management Plan Review and Renewal Process – 2015-2016” after number 2. Jurisdictional Scan, that outlines “Identification of Partnerships.”

(All/Directors/Majority)                      CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

“That the question be called on Motion WMC.2015-2-3 as amended.”

(All/Directors/Majority)                      CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The importance of MoE being informed of the desire of the RDBN Board of Directors to move forward with a SWMP review and renewal process in a timely manner was brought forward for discussion.

The timeline for the SWMP review and renewal process was discussed. A two year timeline from the start of the process to the completion was discussed. Hans Berndorff, Financial Administrator spoke of the financial timeline to move forward. He noted that the Regional Board has allocated funding in 2016 and 2017 for the process.

Concerns were brought forward in regard to the timeline that was required to complete the past RDBN SWMP and the implementation of components of that plan. Director Thiessen noted that item 3.1.2 of the current SWMP “Tipping Fees and Variable Rate Charges” have yet to be implemented. The need to move forward the SWMP review and renewal process in a timely manner and determine a set timeframe for completion is very important. The Solid Waste Management Plan was brought forward in the RDBN Strategic Priorities in January, 2015 and the recycling and solid waste management industry is changing.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION (CONT'D)**

**Solid Waste Management Plan Review (Cont'd)**

The process that the RDBN has moved forward since the inception of the current SWMP

- Infrastructure;
- closing of old landfill sites;
- shift to waste reduction initiatives.

The current plan is more detailed with respect to residual management including landfill closures and not as clear on recycling initiatives. Moving forward with a review and renewal of the current plan will, with public consultation and planning, help determine initiatives that are environmentally responsible and fiscally attainable to the tax base. It will provide an opportunity to define the goals of the RDBN.

Moved by Director Repen  
Seconded by Director MacDougall

WMC.2015-2-6

“That the Waste Management Committee recommend that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors move forward with a Solid Waste Management Plan review and renewal process.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion took place regarding attendance at the Region Wide Cardboard Ban Workshop scheduled for June 24, 2015. Ms. Dougall explained that the workshop is intended to provide local government an opportunity to discuss the impacts, what is existing, and the process local governments need to consider in order to implement a region wide cardboard ban. Inviting stakeholders to a future RDBN meeting as delegations was brought forward for discussion. Concerns in regard to completing a cardboard ban in a timely manner was discussed. Discussion took place regarding the District of Vanderhoof and the Village of Burns Lake moving toward implementing cardboard bans from their municipal waste streams. Chair Bachrach noted that the Town of Smithers does not have a ban in place for cardboard. The workshop will provide an opportunity to outline exactly what is needed by local government to move forward with a region wide cardboard ban in a timely manner.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Recycling of Industrial Waste

Director Newell brought forward concerns in regard to forestry mill construction demolition waste and that there does not appear to be an attempt to recycle, and it is being brought to the Knockholt Landfill. The RDBN does not have any mechanisms to enforce recycling. Ms. Dougall stated that the Landfill does not take any materials that are remaining on site that were used during the operations of the site. Waste materials produced at mills during their daily operations are not accepted at RDBN Landfill facilities and are treated as industrial waste. The tipping fees at the Landfill that were implemented by the Regional Board of \$60 per tonne for Construction and Demolition Waste are being applied.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Director Brien  
Seconded by Director Greenaway

WMC.2015-2-9

“That the meeting be adjourned at 11:39 p.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Taylor Bachrach, Chair

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Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant