

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO**

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

**Thursday, May 1, 2014**

**PRESENT:** Chair Taylor Bachrach

Directors Steve Freeman  
Carman Graf  
Tom Greenaway  
Dwayne Lindstrom  
Rob MacDougall  
Bill Miller  
Rob Newell  
Jerry Petersen  
Ralph Roy  
Gerry Thiessen

Directors Bill Holmberg, District of Houston  
Absent Thomas Liversidge, Village of Granisle  
Stoney Stoltenberg, Electoral Area "A" (Smithers Rural)  
Luke Strimbold, Village of Burns Lake

Alternate Directors John Illes, Village of Burns Lake  
Linda McGuire, Village of Granisle

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 10:51 a.m.

**AGENDA**

Moved by Director Roy  
Seconded by Director Miller

WMC.2014-3-1

"That the Waste Management Committee receive the May 1, 2014 Waste Management Committee Agenda."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MINUTES**

Waste Management  
Committee Meeting Minutes  
-March 6, 2014

Moved by Director Petersen  
Seconded by Director Miller

WMC.2014-3-2

"That the Minutes of the Waste Management Committee for March 6, 2014 be received."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **REPORT**

### **Implications of Proposed Draft Interim Second Edition Landfill Criteria for Municipal Solid Waste on RDBN Landfill Facilities**

Discussion took place regarding the Landfill Gas Generation Assessments for Knockholt and Clearview Landfills. The requirement to complete the Landfill Gas Generation Assessment is dependent on both annual as well as total in place landfill garbage tonnages. Additional waste landfilled from the Mt. Milligan Mine and the Newgold Blackwater Project will accelerate the need to complete the landfill assessment while implementation of successful recycling programs will delay the requirement.

The Landfill Criteria includes wording requiring the installation of security fencing around the entire perimeter of the landfill on the landfill site boundary. The potential cost to implement this requirement was discussed. Currently the RDBN typically only installs security fencing and bear fencing around landfill facilities in a phased approach. The fence system increases as additional phases of the landfill are developed.

Concerns were brought forward regarding the Ministry of Environment's (MoE) interpretation of the Landfill Criteria at a policy branch level and operations level. At this time MoE staff has indicated that the Landfill Criteria is meant to be used as guidelines only and would not become a regulatory requirement unless incorporated into landfill operational certificates. There are concerns with the restructuring of the MoE. This will result in the guidelines being incorporated into operational certificates more often than not.

Discussion took place regarding the potential costs for landfill expansion if the Landfill Criteria becomes a regulatory requirement. Concerns were also expressed regarding the Manson Creek Landfill and the impacts and costs should the Landfill Criteria be implemented at the site. The site is very small and isolated and services a seasonal population. It is currently being operated as a natural control facility. It was brought forward that in such areas as Manson Creek, if residents do not have a location to take their garbage, they will potentially dump it anywhere they find convenient.

The garbage outside the perimeter and in the trees at the Knockholt Landfill was brought forward for discussion. Spring time is when litter cleanup begins but there are challenges with garbage being transported into the surrounding trees by wind and birds. Greater than anticipated volumes of garbage have been received at the Knockholt Landfill since completion of the new phase 2C development. These additional volumes will shorten the lifespan of the phase.

Assessing the potential total cost to the RDBN if the Landfill criteria become regulatory can be challenging as the timeframe in which the criteria will be implemented is unknown. It is important, however, to have a total cost analysis of the impacts of the implementation of Landfill Criteria to the RDBN.

## **REPORTS**

Implications of Proposed Draft Interim Second Edition Landfill Criteria for Municipal Solid Waste on RDBN Landfill Facilities Moved by Alternate Director Illes  
Seconded by Director Miller

WMC.2014-3-3

1. "That the RDBN Waste Management Committee receive the Director of Environmental Services' April 16, 2014 memo titled "Implications of Proposed Draft Second Edition Landfill Criteria for Municipal Solid Waste on RDBN Landfill Facilities."
2. Further, that the Waste Management Committee recommend that the Board of Directors direct staff to submit a letter to the Ministry of Environment, by May 31, 2014, outlining the concerns of the RDBN with the Proposed Draft Second Edition Landfill Criteria for Municipal Solid Waste as currently written.
3. Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors direct staff to work with northern Regional District representatives to put forward a joint northern summary submission to the Ministry of Environment."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence

Moved by Director MacDougall  
Seconded by Director Roy

WMC.2014-3-4

"That the Waste Management Committee receive the following correspondence:

- Article from The Prince George Citizen, April 18, 2014, titled: Expanded Service Unaffordable for Now: MMBC;
- Letter from: Craig Wisehart, Chair, Stewardship Agencies of British Columbia, Re: SABC 2013 Action Plan Comments;
- Letter to: Stewardship Agencies of British Columbia, Re: Comments Regarding Stewardship Agencies of BC – Action Plan to Enhance Extended Producer Responsibility in BC (2013 Action Plan);
- Letter from: Julia Kokelj, Environmental Protection Technician, MoE Northern Region, Re: Electric Fence Operation and Landfill Maintenance – 2014."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**NEW BUSINESS**

Comment Regarding  
Vanderhoof Transfer Station

Director Petersen mentioned that he received a public comment on the Vanderhoof Transfer Station and it being a clean and great facility.

Town of Smithers Curbside  
Recycling Program

Chair Bachrach reported that Town of Smithers staff has started to distribute the carts for its curbside recycling program. They have stickers on the carts to explain what can be put in the carts and are also distributing educational material for residents. The Town of Smithers has also hired a person to fulfill a short term contract to assist with community education.

Village of Telkwa Curbside  
Recycling Program

Director Graf mentioned that the Village of Telkwa would be changing from a 5 stream sort to a 2 stream sort.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Director MacDougall

WMC.2014-3-5

“That the meeting be adjourned at 11:30 a.m.”

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Taylor Bachrach, Chair

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Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant