

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
(Committee Of The Whole)

Thursday, October 9, 2014

PRESENT: Chair Taylor Bachrach

Directors Steve Freeman
Carman Graf
Tom Greenaway
Dwayne Lindstrom
Thomas Liversidge
Rob MacDougall
Bill Miller
Rob Newell
Jerry Petersen
Stoney Stoltenberg
Gerry Thiessen

Directors Bill Holmberg, District of Houston
Absent Ralph Roy, Electoral Area "D" (Fraser Lake Rural)
Luke Strimbold, Village of Burns Lake

Alternate Directors Ken Ponsford, Electoral Area "D" (Fraser Lake Rural)

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bachrach called the meeting to order at 11:42 a.m.

AGENDA

Moved by Director Miller
Seconded by Director Stoltenberg

WMC.2014-5-1

"That the Waste Management Committee receive the October 9, 2014 Waste Management Committee Agenda."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Waste Management
Committee Meeting Minutes
-August 14, 2014

Moved by Director Graf
Seconded by Director Petersen

WMC.2014-5-2

"That the Minutes of the Waste Management Committee for August 14, 2014 be received."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS

Discussion took place regarding the options brought forward in the staff report titled "Packaging and Printed Paper Recycling: Planning for 2015" and combining options to assist in providing recycling services for the RDBN.

An update was provided in regard to Packaging and Printed Paper (PPP) services in Fort St. James and Area. Multi-Materials BC (MMBC) has partnered with the Nak'azdli Band to provide residential depot services and curbside pickup for municipal residents and Nak'azdli Reserve. Greening Up the Fort (GUF) provides depot service to residential, commercial and institutional organizations within the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako for the Fort St. James Area. Discussion took place regarding the Federal Gas Tax Funding used for the building for GUF's recycling facility.

The need to expand the PPP opportunities across the region was brought forward for discussion. Concerns were brought forward regarding industry collecting eco fees and not providing adequate service levels to the region.

Discussion took place regarding the need to evaluate waste management in the region and determine short term goals to address the lack of service in regard to MMBC and long term goals to continually address future changes.

Funding opportunities for communities that have implemented curbside collection through the Multi-Materials BC program was brought forward for discussion as the costs for the curbside programs are not fully funded by MMBC.

The ability of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako to expand the collection of products to be recycled similar to the program implemented by MMBC was discussed. There is a continued market for such products currently being collected such as paper and cardboard. Products such as Styrofoam and plastics would require further investigation to determine marketability.

Packaging and Printed Paper Recycling –Planning for 2015

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Lindstrom

WMC.2014-5-3

1. "That the RDBN Waste Management Committee receive the Director of Environmental Services' September 29, 2014 memo titled Packaging and Printed Paper Recycling: Planning for 2015."
2. Further, that the Waste Management Committee recommend that the RDBN Board of Directors in the 2015 year;
 - a. Continue to fund residential PPP recycling in communities where MMBC is not providing recycling services at 2014 funding levels and reduce funding in areas where MMBC is providing residential recycling services;
 - i. in areas where there is a reduction in the direct funding of residential PPP recycling programs, that the overall budget be kept the same and the unallocated funds be made available for community recycling education programs;
 - b. direct staff to engage in further discussions with Cascades representatives to investigate the expansion of PPP recycling opportunities within the RDBN to match the products being collected under the MMBC program;
 - c. direct staff to pursue future development of product collection by MMBC within the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako; and further,
 - d. that staff bring forward the information to a future RDBN Board of Directors meeting."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS

Manson Creek Landfill -Discussions with MoE

Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director MacDougall

WMC.2014-5-4

1. "That the RDBN Waste Management Committee receive the Director of Environmental Services' September 4, 2014 memo titled "Manson Creek Landfill – Discussions with Ministry of Environment."
2. Further, that the Waste Management Committee recommend that the RDBN Board of Directors proceed with planning and budgeting for completion of required upgrades at the Manson Creek Landfill in 2015.
3. Further, that a letter be sent to the Ministry of Environment, indicating the decision of the RDBN to continue to operate the Manson Creek Landfill and the commitment to completing the required upgrades in 2015. The upgrades will include the installation of infrastructure to prevent bear access to the putrescible waste and the removal of trees for the establishment of an adequate fireguard as well as establishing some additional surface water drainage."

Opposed Director Petersen **CARRIED**

(All/Directors/Majority)

Discussion took place regarding the effectiveness of an electric fence in preventing bears from accessing waste.

NEW BUSINESS

Cardboard Bin at the Vanderhoof Transfer Station

Director Petersen spoke of the inconvenience of having a cardboard bin at the Vanderhoof Co-op building and suggested having a cardboard bin at the Vanderhoof Transfer Station. Staff will investigate the option and costs associated with having a cardboard bin at the Vanderhoof Transfer Station.

Concerns were brought forward regarding the possible drop off of cardboard from businesses outside the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako at the Vanderhoof Transfer Station.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Stoltenberg
Seconded by Director Newell

WMC.2014-5-5

"That the meeting be adjourned at 12:26 p.m."

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

Taylor Bachrach, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant