

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO**

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

**Thursday, February 6, 2014**

**PRESENT:** Acting Chair Bill Miller

Directors Steve Freeman  
Carman Graf  
Dwayne Lindstrom  
Rob MacDougall  
Rob Newell  
Jerry Petersen  
Ralph Roy  
Stoney Stoltenberg

Directors Taylor Bachrach, Town of Smithers  
Absent Tom Greenaway, Electoral Area "C" (Fort St. James Rural)  
Bill Holmberg, District of Houston  
Thomas Liversidge, Village of Granisle  
Luke Strimbold, Village of Burns Lake  
Gerry Thiessen, District of Vanderhoof

Alternate Directors Bob Hughes, Electoral Area "C" (Fort St. James Rural)  
Linda McGuire, Village of Granisle  
Charlie Northrup, Town of Smithers

Staff Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services  
Hans Berndorff, Financial Administrator  
Janine Dougall, Director of Environmental Services  
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning  
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

Other Ian Houghton, Burns Lake

**CALL TO ORDER**

Acting Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 12:58 p.m.

**AGENDA**

Moved by Director MacDougall  
Seconded by Director Stoltenberg

WMC.2014-1-1

"That the Waste Management Committee receive the February 6, 2014 Waste Management Committee Agenda."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MINUTES**

Waste Management  
Committee Meeting Minutes  
-May 9, 2013

Moved by Director Stoltenberg  
Seconded by Director Freeman

WMC.2014-1-2

"That the Minutes of the Waste Management Committee for May 9, 2013 be received."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

### **Landfill Criteria for Municipal Solid Waste, Draft Interim Second Edition**

Moved by Director Stoltenberg  
Seconded by Director Roy

WMC.2014-1-3

“That the Waste Management Committee receive the correspondence regarding “Landfill Criteria For Municipal Solid Waste, Draft Interim Second Edition.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Janine Dougall, Director of Environmental Services provided an overview of the Landfill Criteria for Municipal Solid Waste Draft Interim Second Edition. Concerns were brought forward regarding the new proposed standards that include using an HDPE (High Density Polyethylene) geomembrane liner and a secondary compacted clay liner or Geosynthetic Clay Liner (GCL) and no longer being able to use natural barriers such as clay for leachate containment. Third party consultation is also being recommended for reporting requirements along with an extended landfill contaminating lifespan and financial security considerations. Discussion took place regarding the additional cost to the RDBN that the changes will impose. Staff are currently drafting a comment document to provide to the Ministry of Environment and will provide further information regarding the cost to the RDBN for possible implementation of new guidelines in the *Landfill Criteria for Municipal Solid Waste*.

Discussion took place regarding options for waste disposal such as incineration. Staff conducted an extensive study a number of years ago and continues to monitor for technologically feasible options.

The importance of moving forward with industry Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Programs for recycling and ensuring adequate service levels for residents in the region was discussed.

## **REPORTS**

### **Notification of Participation On Extended Producer Responsibility Advisory Groups**

Moved by Director Stoltenberg  
Seconded by Director MacDougall

WMC.2014-1-4

“That the Waste Management Committee receive the Director of Environmental Services January 27, 2014 memo titled “Notification of Participation on Extended Producer Responsibility Advisory Groups.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Vanderhoof Transfer Station  
Fire on February 4, 2014

Ms. Dougall provided an outline of the fire that occurred at the Vanderhoof Transfer Station in the early morning hours of February 4, 2014. A passerby recognized smoke coming from the building and called 9-1-1. The Vanderhoof Fire Department responded and accessed the building to attempt to distinguish the fire. The fire was in the garbage in the walking floor trailer inside the transfer station. RDBN employees removed the trailer from the building, the garbage was then unloaded from the trailer, spread out and was ultimately extinguished.. The Vanderhoof Fire Department disbursed the fire and flare ups that occurred.

The cause of the fire is unknown however it was most likely the result of inappropriate materials being placed in the garbage (eg. ashes).

An insurance claim process has been initiated for both the transfer station building and the waste haul trailer.

Ms. Dougall expressed her thanks to everyone who responded.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Director Stoltenberg

WMC.2014-1-5

“That the meeting be adjourned at 1:27 p.m.”

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Bill Miller, Acting Chair

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Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant