

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
(Committee Of The Whole)

Thursday, January 3, 2019

PRESENT: Chair Mark Fisher

Directors Taylor Bachrach
Shane Brien
Dolores Funk
Tom Greenaway
Clint Lambert
Brad Layton
Rob Newell
Mark Parker
Bev Playfair
Jerry Petersen
Michael Riis-Christianson
Kim Watt-Senner

Directors Linda McGuire, Village of Granisle
Absent Gerry Thiessen, District of Vanderhoof

Alternate Directors Cyndi Lauze, District of Vanderhoof
Thomas Liversidge, Village of Granisle

Staff Melany de Weerd, Chief Administrative Officer
Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services
Janette Derksen, Deputy Director of Environmental Services
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer
Rory McKenzie, Director of Environmental Services
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

CALL TO ORDER Chair Fisher called the meeting to order at 11:49 a.m.

AGENDA Moved by Director Bachrach
Seconded by Director Layton

WMC.2019-1-1 "That the Waste Management Committee receive the January 3, 2019 Agenda."

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

MINUTES

Waste Management Committee Meeting Minutes -February 22, 2018 Moved by Director Bachrach
Seconded by Director Layton

WMC.2019-1-2 "That the Minutes of the Waste Management Committee for February 22, 2018 be received."

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

VERBAL REPORTS

1. Chair Fisher – Intro to Waste Management Committee – Purpose (Operational Presentations, Political Direction) and Frequency

- Had conversation with staff in December, 2018
- Waste Management Committee Meeting proposed for every other month
- Staff willing to provide updates
- Any political or operational requests, questions or comments can also be brought forward

2. Rory Mckenzie, Director of Environmental Services and Janette Derksen, Deputy Director of Environmental Services

Memo – Review of Solid Waste Management Activities in 2018 and Solid Waste Management Plan Implementation

2019

- Concentrate on recycling initiatives
- Increased recycling service levels in:
 - Granisle
 - Southside
 - Houston
 - Fraser Lake
- Recycling Depot in each community within the RDBN
- In process of implementing RDBN Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP)
- Consider building consolidation centres in Vanderhoof and Smithers
 - Develop an engineered shelf ready plan with the intent of accessing any available grant funding
 - Current methods of hauling materials in loose form is inefficient
- Investigating additional Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Programs
- Possible development of RDBN Bylaw for camp waste to address pipeline development in the region
- Waste monitoring will be conducted in house
- 15 Landfill Closure reports for the Ministry of Environment
- Overdue leases for RDBN Landfills and Transfer Stations
- Sewage Disposal Service Review
- Complete closure works of phase 1 and 2 at Knockholt Landfill
- A number of small construction projects are needing to be completed

2020

- Debt repayment completed in 2020 consider expanding the Environmental Services Department with the potential hiring of a Waste Diversion Coordinator
- If Regional Board determines not to move forward with a Waste Diversion Coordinator education programs will be a priority

2022

- Regional Board approved the RDBN SWMP in September, 2018 and followed up with a resolution for implementation of cost recovery/tipping fees
- Staff will be working to develop cost recovery/tipping fees for possible implementation in 2022

VERBAL REPORTS (CONT'D)

Discussion took place regarding:

- Importance of providing waste management education in the schools
- Staff potentially providing a presentation to the Regional Board in regard to materials being recycled throughout the RDBN
- Grant funding to develop a cost recovery/tipping fee plan
 - 2019 RDBN Budget currently has funding for a plan and staff will be investigating the options for grant funding
- Challenges and issues in regard to recycling for the Industrial, Commercial and Institutional (ICI) sector
- Current lack of markets for printed and paper material from the ICI sector
- Provincial Government's recycling targets
- Enforcement and education for the RDBN's Cardboard Ban
 - Some RDBN communities are doing well with the cardboard ban
 - Environmental Services Department staff will be attending all RDBN Transfer Stations in the near future to conduct enforcement and education initiatives
- Potential collaboration with other Regional Districts in northern B.C.
- Illegal dumping
 - Considerations have been included in the RDBN SWMP
- Co-generation plants
 - There currently is a lack of significant recycling material for co-generation
- Costs to recycle material vs landfilling material
- That there are recycling opportunities being developed that did not exist in the past
- The importance of education and need for education regarding recycling.

Review of Solid Waste Management Activities in 2018 Moved by Director Layton
Seconded by Director Funk

WMC.2019-1-3 "That the Waste Management Committee receive the Deputy Director of Environmental Services' December 18, 2018 memo titled "Review of Solid Waste Management Activities in 2018."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Break for lunch at 12:27 p.m.

Reconvened at 12:56 p.m.

3. Cross Regional Solid Waste Management Opportunities
 - a. NCLGA Resolution – Municipal Solid Waste

Cross Regional Solid Waste Management Opportunities -NCLGA Resolution – Municipal Solid Waste Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Bachrach

WMC.2019-1-4 "That the Waste Management Committee recommend that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors ratify the resolution to the North Central Local Government Association titled "Cross Regional Solid Waste Management Opportunities – Municipal Solid Waste."

VERBAL REPORTS (CONT'D)

Moved by Director Bachrach
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

WMC.2019-1-5

“That Motion WMC.2019-1-4 be amended in the first “Whereas” clause as follows:

Whereas local governments within the North Central Local Government Association boundaries spend over \$20 million annually on municipal solid waste;

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

“The question was called on Motion WMC.2019-1-4 as amended.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

Illegal Dumping

Mr. McKenzie mentioned that illegal dumping initiatives are being considered. Nak’azdli Whut’en has discussed the potential of utilizing its summer student program to conduct patrols to discourage illegal dumping.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Layton
Seconded by Director Parker

WMC.2019-1-6

“That the meeting be adjourned at 1:08 p.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mark Fisher, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant