

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO**

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

**Thursday, March 6, 2014**

**PRESENT:** Chair Taylor Bachrach

Directors Carman Graf  
Tom Greenaway  
Bill Holmberg  
Dwayne Lindstrom  
Bill Miller  
Rob Newell  
Jerry Petersen  
Ralph Roy  
Stoney Stoltenberg

Directors Absent Steve Freeman, Electoral Area "E" (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural)  
Thomas Liversidge, Village of Granisle  
Rob MacDougall, District of Fort St. James  
Gerry Thiessen, District of Vanderhoof

Alternate Director 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

Others Joan Graf, Telkwa

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Bachrach called the meeting to order at 12:34 p.m.

**AGENDA**

Moved by Director Stoltenberg  
Seconded by Director Greenaway

WMC.2014-2-1

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

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MINUTES**

Waste Management  
Committee Meeting Minutes  
-February 6, 2014

Moved by Director Graf  
Seconded by Director Stoltenberg

WMC.2014-2-2

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

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

### **Manson Creek Landfill**

Discussion took place regarding the issues identified by the Ministry of Environment at the Manson Creek Land fill, the self-reliant nature of the approximate 50 residents at Manson Creek in regard to the area bear population and the implications of closing the facility. Due to the isolated nature of the facility and small seasonal community a contractor attends the site five times a year between the months of May to September and during the winter months snow removal is preformed when necessary.

Solutions to address the Ministry of Environment's (MoE) concerns regarding garbage conditioned, human habituated bears was discussed. The use of a trailer system and a bin system were discussed to aid in keeping the bears from the garbage. The potential ineffectiveness of an electric fence in regard to grizzly bears and the lack of power for an electric fence at the site were brought forward for discussion.

The RDBN Solid Waste Management Plan states that the site was slated to be operated as a long term landfill, with the RDBN requesting exemptions to the landfill criteria. If changes are determined to be needed the RDBN Solid Waste Management plan may need to be amended and public consultation completed.

In the spring of 2014, once all the snow has melted, the RDBN Environmental Services Staff will perform a site visit of the Manson Creek Landfill site to assess the site and determine the appropriate plan to address MoE concerns as noted in the September 6, 2013 Inspection report. Staff will provide a report to the RDBN Waste Management Committee after the site visit has been completed.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

### **Correspondence**

Moved by Director Holmberg  
Seconded by Director Miller

### **WMC.2014-2-3**

"That the Waste Management Committee receive the following correspondence:

- E-Mail from: Brenda Black, Environmental Protection Officer, BC Ministry of Environment, Re: Manson Creek Landfill Conference Call Discussion and Inspection Pictures;
- Letter to: Brenda Black, Environmental Protection Officer, BC Ministry of Environment, Re: Manson Creek Landfill- February12, 2014 Conference Call Follow-up;
- Letter to: Brenda Black, Environmental Protection Officer, BC Ministry Of Environment, Re: Response to Inspection of Manson Creek Landfill on September 6, 2013;
- Letter from: Brenda Black, Environmental Protection Officer, Ministry of Environment, Re: Inspection of Manson Creek Landfill on September 6, 2013."

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Vanderhoof Transfer Station  
Fire on February 4, 2014  
-Update

Ms. Dougall mentioned that Rory Mackenzie, Environmental Services Operations Manager is meeting today (March 6, 2014) with a specialized insurance adjustor to evaluate the damage to the walking floor trailer caused by the fire that occurred on February 4, 2014.

The RDBN tridem wood waste haul trailer is being used to temporarily replace the damaged walking floor trailer. It has been indicated to the RDBN that if a replacement trailer is required to continue operations, costs will be covered under the claim process.

The Vanderhoof Transfer Station building is still black and when temperatures allow, clean-up will be completed in the spring of 2014.

**ADJOURNMENT**

WMC.2014-2-4

Moved by Director Stoltenberg

“That the meeting be adjourned at 12:51 p.m.”

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Taylor Bachrach, Chair

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Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant