

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO**

**WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Thursday, June 16, 2022**

**PRESENT:** Chair Mark Fisher

Directors Gladys Atrill – via Zoom  
Shane Brienen  
Chris Newell  
Jerry Petersen  
Michael Riis-Christianson  
Gerry Thiessen

Staff Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer  
Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services  
Janette Derksen, Waste Diversion Supervisor  
Alex Eriksen, Director of Environmental Services  
Wendy Wainwright, Deputy Director of Corporate Services

Others Clint Lambert, Electoral Area “E” (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural)  
Linda McGuire, Village of Granisle – left at 3:10 p.m.  
Mark Parker, Electoral Area “D” (Fraser Lake Rural) – left at 3:48 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Fisher called the meeting to order at 2:51 p.m.

**AGENDA**

Moved by Director Newell  
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

**WMC.2022-6-1**

“That the Waste Management Committee Agenda for June 16, 2022 be approved.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MINUTES**

**Waste Management  
Committee Meeting Minutes  
May 12, 2022**

Moved by Director Newell  
Seconded by Director Petersen

**WMC.2022-6-2**

“That the Minutes of the Waste Management Committee for May 12, 2022 be approved.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**COMMUNITY ADVOCACY**

None

**SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SWAC) UPDATE**

**Verbal Report – Alex Eriksen, Director of Environmental Services – June 14 Meeting Review**

- First meeting
- Three external attendees
- Recorded meeting to share with members
- Overall success
- Introduced Solid Waste Management Plan and reviewed cost recovery

**SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SWAC) UPDATE (CONT'D)**

- Ensure participation in the future
  - o Chair Fisher suggested staff reach out to Chambers of Commerce, School Districts, First Nations communities and nonprofit organizations.
- Next meeting scheduled for early October, 2022

Solid Waste Advisory  
Committee (SWAC)  
Participation

Moved by Director Thiessen  
Seconded by Director Newell

WMC.2022-6-3

“That the Waste Management Committee recommend that the Board direct staff to invite Chambers of Commerce, School District 91 Nechako Lakes and School District 54 Bulkley Valley, First Nations communities and non-profit organizations to participate on the Solid Waste Advisory Committee.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Chair Fisher spoke of providing the Committee Terms of Reference to the Town of Smithers along with participants.

**POLICY REVIEW**

None

**DIVERSION & RECYCLING**

Vanderhoof Transfer Station  
-Electronics Pilot Program

Moved by Director Thiessen  
Seconded by Director Newell

WMC.2022-6-4

“That the Committee defer the Vanderhoof Transfer Station – Electronics Pilot Program memorandum to a future meeting.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reusable Metal Salvage  
-Pilot Program for Burns Lake

Moved by Director Atrill  
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

WMC.2022-6-5

“That the Committee recommend that the Board approve the establishment of a reusable metal salvage pilot program at the Burns Lake Transfer Station.”

Moved by Director Newell  
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

WMC.2022-6-6

“That Motion WMC.2022-6-5 be amended to include the establishment of a reusable metal salvage pilot program at the Knockholt Landfill.”

(All/Directors/Majority) DEFEATED

“That the question be called on Motion WMC.2022-6-5.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **DIVERSION & RECYCLING**

Discussion took place regarding:

- Waivers to salvage
- including establishing reusable metal salvage pilot program at Knockholt Landfill, Smithers Telkwa Transfer Station and Vanderhoof Transfer Station
- Ability to purchase steel back
  - Would require further consideration
- Staffing considerations
- Refining the pilot project outlined for Burns Lake Transfer Station prior to moving forward with initiatives at other RDBN facilities
- Staff provide a timeline of potential rollout of Reusable Metal Salvage Pilot Programs at all RDBN facilities.

### Houston and Fraser Lake Recycling

Director Parker requested the opportunity to have community consultation regarding staff proceeding with developing final design and budgets for the establishment of Recycle BC Depots at Area 'D' Transfer Station. Staff spoke of ensuring a formal consultation process takes place in Fraser Lake prior to moving forward with the establishment of Recycle BC Depots at the Area 'D' Transfer Station.

Discussion took place in regard to:

- Providing same service levels across the region
- Revenue for Recycle BC Depots
- Options to support municipalities without curbside recycling or multifamily dwellings to increase participation rates
- Funding to assist with recycling initiatives
- Working with First Nations communities
- Capital cost vs. operational costs
- Carbon footprint moving product disposal outside municipalities
- Discussions with recycling stewardships regarding high-density population areas.

### Houston and Fraser Lake Recycling

Moved by Director Thiessen  
Seconded by Director Brienen

### WMC.2022-6-7

"That the Committee recommend to the Board that staff proceed with developing final design and budgets for the establishment of Recycle BC Depots at the Knockholt Landfill and Area 'D' Transfer Station."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Chair Fisher commented that staff bring forward a memo regarding options to support municipalities without curbside recycling and multifamily dwellings to facilitate collection to RDBN facilities.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### **Verbal Report - Review of Cost Recovery Update – Alex Eriksen, Director of Environmental Services**

- Met with consultant that completed the previous Cost Recovery Study
  - o Requested fee estimate to update Study
  - o Phase 2 options
  - o Received information today, will review and provide an update at a future meeting
- Chair Fisher requested an update at all WMC Meetings moving forward.
- Taxation will cover diversion, those that don't want to divert will pay tip fees.

**Burns Lake and Fort St. James** Moved by Director Petersen  
**Transfer Station & Recycling** Seconded by Director Thiessen  
**Depot: Proposed New Hours**  
**Of Operation**

**WMC.2022-6-8**

1. "That the Committee recommend that the Board approve changing the Burns Lake Recycling Depot public open hours to match the existing Transfer Station Hours, for a total of 21 additional hours per week.

2. That the Committee recommend that the Board approve reducing the Ft. St. James Transfer Station's Saturday operating hours to 10:00am to 6:00pm and approve changing the Ft. St. James Recycling Depot operating hours to match the proposed Transfer Station's operating hours, for a net total of 19 additional man-hours per week."

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **OPERATIONS UPDATE**

### **Verbal Update – Knockholt Capacity and Phase 3 Expansion**

- Contractors and site staff are moving forward
- Approximately 4 weeks of work to complete expansion – weather dependent
- Capacity levels are at acceptable levels currently.

## **FUTURE MEETING TOPICS**

- 2m3 Rule Discussion – Strategy, Challenges, Enforcement – June 2022
- Supporting non-curb side recycling to depots
- Staff to invite delegation from Cariboo Regional District regarding their waiver process for wood salvage
- Chair Fisher will follow up with Yellowknife regarding their salvaging initiatives.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Director Thiessen  
Seconded by Director Newell

**WMC.2022-6-9**

"That the meeting be adjourned at 3:53 p.m."

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**