



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT Solid Waste Committee Meeting Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, June 7, 2016

PLACE: Regional District Offices, Dawson Creek, BC

PRESENT: Director Dan Rose, Electoral Area 'E' – Meeting Chair
Director Karen Goodings, Electoral Area 'B'
Alternate Director Melvin Deck, District of Chetwynd
Alternate Director Shaely Wilbur, City of Dawson Creek
Director Lori Ackerman, City of Fort St. John

Staff

Chris Cvik, Chief Administrative Officer
Shannon Anderson, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Jeff Rahn, General Manager of Environmental Services
Loryn Day, Solid Waste Coordinator
Suzanne Garrett, Corporate Services Coordinator

1) Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 9:35 am

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

2) Adoption of the Agenda **MOVED** by Director Ackerman, **SECONDED** by Director Goodings, that the Solid Waste Committee agenda for the June 7, 2016 meeting including Director's new business and additional items for the agenda, be adopted as amended:

Call to Order
Notice of New Business
Adoption of the Agenda
Adoption of the Minutes
M-1 Solid Waste Committee Meeting Minutes of April 27, 2016
M-2 Solid Waste and Plan Monitoring Advisory Committee Joint Meeting Minutes of May 13, 2016
Business Arising from the Minutes
Delegations
Correspondence
Reports
R-1 May 26, report from Paulo Eichelberger, Manager of Solid Waste Services regarding curbside recycling / follow-up to Recycling Request for Proposal.
R-2 2016 Regional Solid Waste Management Plan presentation
New Business
Items for Information
Diary and Terms of Reference
Adjournment

CARRIED.

MINUTES:

3) M-1 & M-2 Mtg. Minutes **MOVED** by Director Goodings, **SECONDED** by Alternate Director Wilbur, that the following meeting minutes be adopted:
a) Solid Waste Committee meeting minutes of April 27, 2016; and
b) Solid Waste Committee and Plan Monitoring Advisory Committee Joint Meeting Minutes of May 13, 2016.

CARRIED.

REPORTS:

4) R-1 re: recycling RFP The current recycling contract with Eco-Depot will expire December 31, 2016. At its March 10, 2016 meeting the Regional Board instructed staff to review opportunities for curbside recycling with member municipalities, Eco-Depot and Multi-Materials BC and bring the results forward in time to consider options during 2017 budget discussions.

Staff have contacted municipal staff to gauge the status of existing curbside programs and determine which municipalities may be considering curbside recycling which could have an impact on the Regional District's budget in 2017. It has been confirmed that Eco-Depot has the capacity to handle additional municipal recycled material under its existing contract with the Regional District. Based on the information gathered from the municipalities there are no specific revisions that will need to be made to the draft recycling request for proposal (RFP). The current recycling contract and draft RFP already allow for new municipal curbside programs to be incorporated when they come on stream. Municipalities considering recycling programs have been requested to provide prior confirmation specifying the effective date of program implementation to allow the Regional District time to incorporate the cost of post-processing additional material within the Regional District's budget. It was noted that recyclers in the region have indicated that they will require a 6-month lead time between contract award and contract start to provide for ordering equipment and set up.

Discussion points:

- the RFP is designed to be flexible to address fluctuations in quantities, i.e. MMBC program and/or as other municipalities (Pouce Coupe and Dawson Creek) come on stream this could result in tonnage being removed from the main recycling stream, which will affect numbers;
- increased recycling equals less "air space" being used at landfills
- terms and conditions of current recycling contract is out dated, i.e. does not reflect current recycling practices, locations, etc;
- educating general public to be aware of the advantages of recycling;
- extending the Eco-Depot contract will ensure continuous recycling services are available until the new contractor is operational
- MMBC is agreeable to swapping out approved sites for another, i.e. Pink Mountain for Fort St. John (Eco-Depot), a collection agreement will be required before materials can be accepted by MMBC

MOVED by Alternate Director Wilbur, SECONDED by Director Ackerman,
That the Solid Waste Committee recommends to the Regional Board

- a) that staff be directed to finalize and issue the Recycling Request for Proposal by June 24, 2016; and
- b) that the recycling contract with Eco-Depot be extended until February 28, 2017 to ensure continuous recycling services are available until a new recycling contract has been awarded.

CARRIED.

5) R-2 re: RSWMP Mr. Rahn reviewed the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan, including a brief history and highlighted:

- goals and guiding principles,
- plan implementation,
- objectives for each of the Plan phases – what has been accomplished to date,
- current ongoing projects.

- 5) R-2 Discussion points included:
(continued)
- standardized, equal level of service – page 9 of the RSWMP
 - pilot programs – recycling of agriculture plastics, baler twine, bale wrap. It was suggested that staff contact Merlin, Clean Farms and inquire if there are other types of agriculture recycling programs for agriculture plastics. May need to lobby for stewardship programs for this type of material.
 - should the Regional District undertake public consultation to determine if it is achieving its goals, does the public feel they are receiving good value
 - good plan just tweak the areas that need to be improved, a whole review may not be warranted
 - public must travel longer distances now to dispose of waste and recycling materials, and disposal costs are higher
 - Community outreach - Open Houses will be held in July and August at the new transfer station sites

MOVED by Director Ackerman, SECONDED by Alternate Director Wilbur,
That the Solid Waste Committee recommends to the Regional Board that a letter be forwarded to the North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) requesting that a workshop be scheduled in conjunction with the 2017 NCLGA Convention to provide a forum for communities to talk provincially with respect to solid waste issues, and that the Ministry of Environment, Multi-Material BC, Pacific Chapter of the Solid Waste Association of North America and the Zero Waste Council be invited to attend.
CARRIED.

For the July 7 meeting - Committee members will bring forward any issues/concerns they have made a note of with respect to the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 6) PMAC Feedback from some of the members of the Plan Monitoring Advisory Committee indicate that they do not feel effective. It was felt that the group may need to meet more often, perhaps quarterly. It was suggested that key topics be identified for review by the Committee, i.e. pilot projects, concept of tipping fees, single stream recycling, solicit their input – what public comments have they heard, are transfer stations effective, etc.
- 7) Compactor bins After being emptied the compactor bins have a definitive odour, can the contractor be requested to wash out the inside of the bins.
- 8) Next Meeting July 7th 9:00 am to noon
August 4th 9:00 am to noon
- 9) Committee Report MOVED by Alternate Director Wilbur, SECONDED by Director Goodings,
That the recommendations from the Solid Waste Committee meeting of June 7, 2016 be recommended to the Regional Board for approval.
CARRIED.
- 10) Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 12:02 pm

Director Dan Rose,
Chair – Solid Waste Committee

S. Garrett,
Corporate Services Coordinator