



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT Solid Waste Committee Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, September 1, 2016

PLACE: Regional District Offices, Dawson Creek, BC

PRESENT: Director Dan Rose, Electoral Area 'E' – Meeting Chair
Alternate Director Brad Sperling, Electoral Area 'C'
Director Dale Bumstead, City of Dawson Creek
Director Lori Ackerman, City of Fort St. John
Alternate Director Melvin Deck, District of Chetwynd

Staff

Chris Cvik, Chief Administrative Officer
Paulo Eichelberger, 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 9:10 am

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

2) Adoption of the Agenda **MOVED** by Director Bumstead, **SECONDED** by Alternate Director Sperling, that the Solid Waste Committee agenda for the September 1, 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 August 4, 2016
M-2 Public Information Open House Meeting Notes of August 17, 2016
Business Arising from the Minutes
BA-1 Regional Solid Waste Management Plan – Matrix and Map
Reports:
R-1 August 22, 2016 – Loryn Day, SW Coordinator – Transfer Station Open Houses
R-2 August 23, 2016 – Loryn Day, SW Coordinator – Solid Waste Customer Satisfaction Survey results
R-3 August 24, 2016 – Loryn Day, SW Coordinator – Northern Environmental Action Team – illegal dumping
R-4 August 17, 2016 – Paulo Eichelberger, GM Environmental Services – Waste Reduction Promotion and Education – Contract Award
New Business
Items for Information
Diary and Terms of Reference
Adjournment

CARRIED.

MINUTES:

3) M-1 **MOVED** by Alt Director Sperling, **SECONDED** by Alt Director Deck, that the Solid Waste Committee meeting minutes of August 4, 2016 be adopted.

CARRIED.

- 7) R-2 (continued)
- the majority of residents would like to see the solid waste function continue to be funded using the 50/50 split (tipping fees and property taxes)
 - residents would like to see share sheds at the landfills
 - Could not extract rural from municipal users as some residents indicated that both transfer stations and landfills were utilized. Next survey – define users.
 - It was suggested that a survey link be provided to residents (access issues)
 - Explore technology, make it easier for public to communicate with us
 - It was noted that there is an “app” under the garbage/recycling page that could be expanded to build in a feedback component

MOVED by Alt Director Sperling, SECONDED by Alt Director Deck,

- a) That the Solid Waste Committee recommends to the Regional Board that staff be directed to expand the existing “app” on the Environmental Services “garbage and recycling” page of the website to provide residents an opportunity to forward comments or questions, on a continual basis, with respect to solid waste; and
- b) That an in-depth customer satisfaction survey be conducted every five years.

CARRIED.

- Extended hours, it was suggested that this be looked at “seasonally”, i.e. summer hours. Will need to determine cost implications of seasonal hours over a 4 – 6 month period, number of users, perhaps offset winter hours to reduce budget, flexibility of current contract, days of week, and monitor any changes to illegal dumping issue
- To provide better access have bulky waste bins available at the Tier 2 transfer stations for 2 week period
- Will need to consider lost tipping fees, recycling is typically segregated unless drop off is done at a manned site where residents are directed what can be placed in garbage and recycling bins
- focus on assessing the effect of extending hours at high traffic sites, landfills at Besborough, Chetwynd, North Peace and DC transfer station until the solid waste matrix is finalized before addressing residents suggestion to extend operating hours at transfer station sites.

MOVED by Alt Director Sperling, SECONDED by Alt Director Deck,

That the Solid Waste Committee recommends to the Regional Board, that as a result of the Solid Waste Customer Satisfaction Survey, staff be directed to prepare a report outlining options with respect to implementing “seasonal” hours of operation at the Chetwynd, Bessborough and North Peace Regional landfills and the Dawson Creek Transfer Station, taking into account:

- o Cost implications to implement seasonal hours over a 4 to 6 month period and cost implications to offset winter hours;
- o Identify, if any, other options/opportunities that could be implemented;
- o Determine/track number of users;
- o Flexibility of current contract;
- o Identify which days would be extended; and
- o Monitor what effect, if any, extending hours of operation will have on illegal dumping.

CARRIED.

8) R-3
re: illegal dumping

- MOVED by Director Ackerman, SECONDED by Alt Director Deck,
- a) That the Solid Waste Committee recommends to the Regional Board that the Board acknowledges and affirms that it is the Province who is ultimately the regulator responsible for enforcement, education and clean-up of illegally dumped items; and
 - b) that the Regional District use its communication methods to promote the Ministry of Environment's RAPP (Report all Poachers and Polluters) telephone number and website.

CARRIED.

It was suggested that staff have a conversation with the Northern Environmental Action Team to assist them in understanding the jurisdiction that they are working for, i.e. amending bylaws, processes local government operates under, etc.

9) R-4

Discussion ensued regarding the education and outreach program services currently being provided:

- critical activities need to be identified,
- what is the value, what does contractor provide for that amount of money
- let them know what our specific needs are for education and outreach
- hire staff, taking in account costs associated, do not have resources now
- feel there is a gap, what activities are of value?
- consider going another direction, to be more cost effective
- how do we deliver function and activities for value, or do we continue?
- contract, need to give them adequate notice
- what will it cost for the Regional District to fill in the gap, is it possible to have staff person with admin support (summer - utilize university students to promote activities at schools)

- MOVED by Director Ackerman, SECONDED by Director Bumstead,
- a) That the Solid Waste Committee recommends to the Regional Board that the Waste Reduction Promotion and Education contract be extended to December 31, 2016, at its current rate; and
 - b) That staff be directed to prepare a report outlining different scenarios, in-house versus contracting out, for the provision of the education and outreach program component of the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan (Section 5.5.1 Continue Existing Waste Reduction Education Programs).

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:

10) NB-1 tires

Discussion ensued regarding tires, how did the landfills start accepting tires and why do people have to pay twice (eco fee at purchase time and again when disposing at landfills)?

Staff explained that stewardship agency "Tire Stewardship BC" (TSBC) does not provide monies from the eco fees to the Regional District for accepting program tires at the landfill site. TSBC program is volunteer only, pays for signage and conducts roundups annually at tire dealerships. Various regional districts are lobbying for stewardship programs such as TSBC to help offset costs for managing what is essentially their product. Customers at landfills and transfer stations are encouraged to drop off their tires (off-rim) at tire dealerships as that is free.

11) Meeting schedule 9:00 am, October 6,
 10:00 am, November 3,
 10:00 am, December 1

12) Committee Report MOVED by Director Bumstead, SECONDED by Alt Director Deck,
 That the recommendations from the Solid Waste Committee meeting of
 September 1, 2016 be recommended to the Regional Board for approval.

CARRIED.

13) Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 11:15 am

Director Dan Rose,
Chair – Solid Waste Committee

S. Garrett,
Corporate Services Coordinator