PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2020

LOCATION Peace River Regional District Office, Dawson Creek, BC

ATTENDANCE

Directors
Acting Chair Rose, Electoral Area 'E'
Director Bumstead, City of Dawson Creek *(via Zoom)*
Director Bertrand, District of Tumbler Ridge
Director Courtoreille, District of Chetwynd
Director Fraser, District of Taylor
Director Goodings, Electoral Area 'B' *(via Zoom)*
Director Hiebert, Electoral Area 'D' *(via Zoom)*
Director Michetti, Village of Pouce Coupe
Director Zabinsky, City of Fort St. John

Absent
Chair Sperling, Electoral Area 'C'
Director Ackerman, City of Fort St. John
Director Heiberg, District of Hudson's Hope

Staff
Shawn Dahlen, Chief Administrative Officer
Teri Vetter, Chief Financial Officer
Kelsey Bates, Deputy Corporate Officer
Paulo Eichelberger, General Manager of Environmental Services
Gerritt Lacey, Solid Waste Services Manager
Trevor Ouellette, IT Manager
Kori Elden, Executive Assistant/HR Generalist
Brenda Deliman, Legislative Services Clerk

Delegations
4.1 Morrison Hershfield *(via Zoom)*
Todd Baker, Senior Environmental Engineer

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

2.1 Oct 16/20 CoW Special Meeting Agenda

SCW/20/10/01 (16)
MOVED Director Bertrand, SECONDED Director Fraser,
That the Committee of the Whole adopt the October 16, 2020 Special Meeting Agenda:

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Adoption of Agenda**
3. **Gallery Comments or Questions**
4. **Delegations**
   4.1 Morrison Hershfield – Draft Regional Solid Waste Management Plan for the PRRD
5. **Reports**
   5.1 Regional District Solid Waste Management Plan (Supplemental), ENV-BRD-016
6. **Media Questions**
7. **Adjournment**

CARRIED

3. GALLERY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS

4. DELEGATIONS

4.1
Morrison Hershfield – Draft Regional Solid Waste Management Plan for the PRRD

The Committee of the Whole was provided with proposed strategies to consider for implementation in the draft Regional Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) for the PRRD.

The Committee engaged in a discussion session and provided the following input into the strategies as presented:

- Energy Recovery Strategies:
  - Replace 'non-recyclable materials' with 'residual waste'
  - Remove third bullet under Considerations as it is addressed in the fourth bullet.
  - Remove 10 b) as it is addressed under Considerations (provincial guidance and requirements apply to the PRRD)
  - Under 10 c) remove "as long as these options do not compromise local waste diversion initiatives"
- Residuals Waste Management Strategies:
  - Strategy 11 – Accessibility/Efficiency of Solid Waste Network
    - Remove 11 b) and combine into 11 a) to reflect assessing the feasibility of a regional collection service versus transfer stations
    - Replace 'rural curbside collection service' with 'curbside collection throughout the region' in 11 d)
    - Address convenience.
  - Strategy 12 – Monitor Active Landfills to Assess Long-Term Disposal Options
    - Remove third bullet under Considerations as it is addressed in the strategy
    - Combine b) and c) using language such as "in parallel with operating BB and NPR landfills, continue to monitor and plan for changes if deemed necessary."
  - Strategy 13 – Illegal Dumping Strategy
    - Highlight responsibilities of the Ministry of Environment & Climate Change Strategy and advocate for support
    - Surveillance at unmanned transfer stations
    - Add bullet to address accessibility to various services to reduce illegal dumping.
    - Add bullet to address the continual monitoring of the extent of illegal dumping, and methods used for assessment and tracking
    - Remove reference to establishment of an inter-agency working group in 13 a)
    - Remove "support of clean-up activities" and reword to address supporting the public with programs to help dispose of waste in 13 b)
  - Strategy 14 – Emergency Debris Management Plan
    - Debris storage sites
    - Responsibilities of Province and local government
- Solid Waste Management Funding Strategies:
  - Strategy 15 – Acceptable Recycling Cost
    - Remove 'as a last option' in the third bullet under Considerations
    - Request Province to increase access to markets or provide subsidies for costs higher than threshold.
    - Add bullet to address engagement of the Province and the public on the cost of recycling
    - PRRD recycling costs versus other parts of BC

4.1
Morrison Hershfield – Draft Regional Solid Waste Management Plan for the PRRD (continued)

- Solid Waste Management Funding Strategies: (continued)
  - Strategy 16 – Financial Model Used to Fund the Solid Waste System
    - 16 c) - Replace 'First Nation communities in lieu of taxes' with 'all communities'
    - 16 d) - Remove 'residential '

5. REPORTS

5.1
Regional District Solid Waste Management Plan (Supplemental), ENV-BRD-016

SCW/20/10/02 (16)
MOVED Director Bumstead, SECONDED Director Bertrand,
That the Committee of the Whole receive the report titled "Regional District Solid Waste Management Plan (Supplemental), ENV-BRD-016" for information.
CARRIED

6. MEDIA QUESTIONS

7. ADJOURNMENT The Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:38 a.m.

CERTIFIED a true and correct copy of the Minutes from a Special Committee of the Whole meeting held on October 16, 2020 in the Regional District Office Board Room, Dawson Creek, BC.

Brad Sperling, Chair

Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer