PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2020

LOCATION Peace River Regional District Office, Dawson Creek, BC

ATTENDANCE

Committee Directors
Director Rose, Electoral Area 'E' – Committee Chair
Director Zabinsky, City of Fort St. John
Via Teleconference:
Director Goodings, Electoral Area 'B'
Director Sperling, Electoral Area 'C' – ex officio

Directors
Director Fraser, District of Taylor *(via teleconference)*

Absent
Director Bumstead, City of Dawson Creek
Alternate Director Deck, District of Chetwynd

Staff
Shawn Dahlen, Chief Administrative Officer
Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer
Paulo Eichelberger, GM of Environmental Services
Gerritt Lacey, Solid Waste Manager
Kari Bondaroff, Environmental Services Manager
Loryn Day, Solid Waste Coordinator
Suzanne Garrett, Recorder

1. CALL TO ORDER The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

2. DIRECTORS' NOTICE OF NEW BUSINESS

Director Sperling CleanBC Organic Infrastructure and Collection Program (OICP)

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED Director Zabinsky, SECONDED Director Goodings,
That Solid Waste Committee adopt the November 5, 2020 Meeting Agenda:

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Notice of New Business**
3. **Adoption of the Agenda**
4. **Gallery Comments or Questions**
5. **Adoption of the Minutes**
   - 5.1 Solid Waste Committee Meeting Minutes of September 3, 2020
6. **Business Arising from the Minutes**
7. **Delegation**
8. **Correspondence**
9. **Reports**
   - 9.1 2021 Solid Waste Committee Meeting Schedule
   - 9.2 Agricultural Plastics Pilot in Partnership with Cleanfarms
   - 9.3 Provincial Recycling Regulation – Policy Intentions Paper
   - 9.4 Vermicomposting Pilot for the Bessborough Landfill
10. **New Business**
    - 10.1 CleanBC Organic Infrastructure and Collection Program (OICP)
11. **Diary**
12. **Items for Information**
    - 12.1 Solid Waste Committee Terms of Reference
13. **Adjournment**

CARRIED

4. GALLERY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS

None.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

5.1
September 3, 2020 SWC Meeting Minutes

MOVED Director Sperling, SECONDED Director Zabinsky,
That the Solid Waste Committee adopt the September 3, 2020 Meeting Minutes.

CARRIED

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Item 9.1, page 4
SW Management Survey and Update

In response to Director Goodings request for an amendment to the minutes under Item 9.1, to reword the first bullet under discussion points "curbside recycling for rural residents is outside of the Plan" to read "curbside recycling for rural residents may be outside of the Plan.", Chair Rose noted that the minutes reflect the discussion that took place at the September 3, 2020 Solid Waste Committee meeting, and should not be amended to capture conversations at subsequent meetings. Chair Rose noted that during the special Committee of the Whole meetings held on October 1 and 16 regarding the Solid Waste Management Plan Update, discussion regarding the potential for rural curbside recycling resulted in the exploration of rural curbside recycling being included in the draft Plan, which will come forward for final review prior to being circulated to the public for comment.

7. DELEGATIONS

None.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

9. REPORTS

9.1
2021 SWC Meeting Schedule – ENV-SWC-021

MOVED Director Zabinsky, SECONDED Director Sperling,
That the Solid Waste Committee recommend that the Regional Board approve the 2021 Solid Waste Committee meeting schedule as presented, specifying one meeting per month on the first Thursday of the month, except July and August, which are omitted, and October, November, and December, which will be held the first Friday of each month to avoid conflict with Board meeting dates.

CARRIED

MOVED Director Zabinsky, SECONDED Director Sperling,
That the Solid Waste Committee recommend to the Regional Board that the Solid Waste Committee Terms of Reference be amended from "the Committee shall meet on a monthly basis, on the first Thursday of every month" to read "the Committee shall meet on a monthly basis, as included in the annual adoption of a Board meeting schedule; further, that the ability to reschedule meetings or call special meetings of the Committee when required, be added to the Terms of Reference as an authority of the Committee that does not require Board approval.

CARRIED

9.2
Agricultural Plastics Pilot in Partnership with Cleanfarms ENV-SWC-023

MOVED Director Zabinsky, SECONDED Director Goodings,
That the Solid Waste Committee recommend to the Regional Board that the PRRD partner with Cleanfarms to fund an Agricultural Plastics Waste Characterization Study currently underway, at a cost of up to $5,000.

CARRIED

In response to questions, staff noted:

- The Cleanfarms stewardship program has been added as a topic to the April 15, 2021 Inter-Provincial meeting agenda
- Cleanfarms will be invited as a delegation to the December 5 Solid Waste meeting
- The Agricultural Plastics Waste Characterization Study is to be completed by the end of December
- Staff will confirm if agricultural/gardening plastic products contain a hidden "enviro-fee" and report back at the December 5 meeting
- Currently there are no stewardship programs for soft agricultural plastics

MOVED Director Goodings, SECONDED Director Zabinsky,
That the Solid Waste Committee recommend to the Regional Board that consideration of a partnership with Cleanfarms to develop and deliver a pilot agricultural plastics program, with each party paying 50% of the costs, be deferred to 2021 budget meetings.

CARRIED

It was suggested that the pilot program be expanded to include all 3 landfills (Chetwynd, Bessborough and North Peace) plus 1-2 key transfer stations.

9.3
Provincial Recycling Regulation – Policy Intentions Paper ENV-SWC-022

MOVED Director Zabinsky, SECONDED Director Sperling,
That the Solid Waste Committee receive the report entitled "Provincial Recycling Regulation – Policy Intentions Paper ENV-SWC-022", for discussion.

CARRIED

Recycling Regulation – Policy Intentions Paper, discussion points included:

- Submission deadline is November 20
- Recycling is not working in the north, force changes through regulations
- Remove barriers so all communities can participate

MOVED Director Goodings, SECONDED Director Zabinsky,
That the Solid Waste Committee recommend that the Regional Board authorize submission of applicable comments regarding the "Provincial Recycling Regulation – Policy Intentions Paper" to the Province, to reinforce to the Province how recycling works in the Peace River Regional District", and includes the comment that "population control criteria has to be re-evaluated to assist remote communities with under 5,000 residents" in the submission.

CARRIED

9.4
Vermicomposting Pilot for the Bessborough Landfill - ENV-SWC-024

MOVED Director Goodings, SECONDED Director Zabinsky,
That the Solid Waste Committee recommend that the Regional Board approve the establishment of a three year vermicomposting pilot beginning in 2021 at the Bessborough landfill.

CARRIED

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1
Grant Application

The Solid Waste Manager provided an overview of the CleanBC Organic Infrastructure and Collection Program (OICP), which was developed to increase organic diversion in the province and limit the amount of material that is currently being landfilled. The OICP will support communities throughout BC, by investing up to $25.7 million. Funding under this program will support the building of new, or expansion of existing, organic waste processing infrastructure that will result in increased processing capacity.

Kari Bondaroff, Environmental Services Manager, entered the meeting at 11:05 am.

MOVED by Director Sperling, SECONDED by Director Zabinsky,
That the Solid Waste Committee recommend that the Regional Board submit an application for funding under the CleanBC Organic Infrastructure and Collection Program (OICP), for development of organic waste infrastructure and collection at the Bessborough Landfill, to divert organic wastes from the landfill.

CARRIED

10.1
Grant Application (cont.)

MOVED by Director Sperling, SECONDED by Director Zabinsky,
That the Solid Waste Committee recommend that the Regional Board submit an application for funding under the CleanBC Organic Infrastructure and Collection Program (OICP), for development of organic waste infrastructure and collection at the Charlie Lake Wastewater Site.

CARRIED

Kari Bondaroff left the meeting at 11:10 am.

11. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

The Committee reviewed the Terms of Reference for the committee.
Discussion points included:

- Director Fraser is interested in becoming a member
- Following completion of the Plan, First Nations should be included as members
- Return to Committee of the Whole format, participation was an issue

MOVED by Director Sperling, SECONDED by Director Zabinsky,
That the Solid Waste Committee recommend that the Regional Board approve a review of the Solid Waste Committee Terms of Reference to identify options and opportunities for expansion to include other Board members and First Nations, for review by the Solid Waste Committee at a future meeting.

CARRIED

12. ADJOURNMENT The Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:20 am.

Original Signed by

Director Rose, Meeting Chair

Original signed by

S. Garrett, Recorder