

# SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, MAY 6, 2021

**LOCATION** Peace River Regional District Office, Dawson Creek, BC

## **ATTENDANCE**

**Committee Directors** 

Director Rose, Electoral Area 'E' – Committee Chair

Director Bumstead, City of Dawson Creek

Director Zabinsky, City of Fort St. John

(via teleconference)

Director Sperling, Electoral Area 'C' – ex officio

Alternate Director Deck, District of Chetwynd

(via teleconference)

Director Fraser, District of Taylor

(via teleconference)

Director Goodings, Electoral Area 'B'

(via teleconference)

Staff

Shawn Dahlen, Chief Administrative Officer

Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer

Tab Young, Deputy Corporate Officer

Paulo Eichelberger, GM of Environmental Services

Gerritt Lacey, Solid Waste Manager

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 Rose Waste to Energy (WTE)
Director Sperling Waste composition

Director Goodings North Peace Regional Landfill

## 3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

3.1 Adoption of Agenda

MOVED Director Bumstead, SECONDED Director Fraser,

That the Solid Waste Committee adopt the May 6, 2021 Meeting Agenda, as amended to include Director's new business:

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Directors' Notice of New Business
- 3. Adoption of Agenda
- 4. Gallery Comments or Questions
- 5. Adoption of Minutes
  - 5.1 Solid Waste Committee Draft Meeting Minutes of April 1, 2021
- 6. Business Arising from the Minutes
- 7. Delegations
- 8. Correspondence
- 9. Reports
  - 9.1 RFQ Award 14-2021 NP Regional Landfill Concrete Crushing, ENV-SWC-043
  - 9.2 Wood Waste Bessborough Landfill, ENV-SWC-041

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3.1 Adoption of Agenda (continued)

10. New Business

10.1 Waste to Energy update

10.2 Waste composition

10.3 North Peace Regional Landfill

11. Diary

12. Item(s) for Information

12.1 Solid Waste Terms of Reference

13. Adjournment

**CARRIED** 

## 4. GALLERY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS

## 5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

5.1 MOVED Director Fraser, SECONDED Director Zabinsky,

Apr 1, 2021 SWC Minutes That the Solid Waste Committee adopt the April 1, 2021 Meeting Minutes.

**CARRIED** 

#### 6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

## 7. DELEGATIONS

#### 8. CORRESPONDENCE

# 9. REPORTS

9.1 RFQ 14-2021 NPRLF Concrete Crushing ENV-SWC-043 MOVED Alternate Director Deck, SECONDED Director Zabinsky,

That the Solid Waste Committee recommend that the Regional Board award Request for Quote 14-2021 "North Peace Regional Landfill Concrete Crushing" to Brocor Construction Ltd. for a cost not to exceed \$110,000 (excluding taxes); and further that the Chair and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign the contract on behalf of the Peace River Regional District.

**CARRIED** 

In response to a question it was noted that disposal fees for concrete is \$55/tonne. Staff are working on a process to determine how to handle this form of material to ensure the Regional District is recouping its costs.

9.2 RFP 05-2021 Wood Waste – BBLF ENV-SWC-041 MOVED Director Zabinsky, SECONDED Director Bumstead,

That the Solid Waste Committee recommend to the Regional Board that the Peace River Regional District authorize the sorting and separation of approximately 25 end dump truck-loads of dimensional lumber at the Bessborough Landfill be conducted by Whissell Ltd. for an estimated cost of \$8,200.

**CARRIED** 

Staff noted that as soon as the lumber has been sorted and separated, the PRRD can determine whether there is enough value to consider sale of the asset either through an Expression of Interest/Request for Quote or "Gov Deals" (public auction site).

# 9.2 (continued)

Discussion ensued regarding holding the lumber for future use by the Regional District or "offer for sale" to other municipalities.

MOVED by Director Bumstead, SECONDED by Director Fraser,

That a report be brought back to a future Solid Waste Committee meeting after the dimensional lumber at the Bessborough Landfill has been sorted to discuss volumes and recommendations for disposal of the product.

**CARRIED** 

## **10. NEW BUSINESS**

10.1 Waste to Energy (WTE)

Staff provided an update on the VOsPS (Value Optimized sustainable Planet Solutions) pilot project proposed by Jim Smolik, General Manager. The pilot is a waste to energy option called the Ultimate Thermal Organics Converter (UTOC).

- Pilot unit underway
- Virtual demonstration in the works

# 10.2 Waste Composition

During excavation at the North Peace Regional Landfill tonnes of recycling and construction waste was uncovered. The cost to sort this type of waste is too low resulting in waste materials being landfilled instead of recycled. There is a need to find an incentive so producers will take the time and effort to sort their waste. Industry needs to be held accountable. Explore opportunities to perform additional spotting at the landfill and take pictures. The Regional District will have to establish options to deal with materials that will be extracted for recycling i.e. tarps, rubber matting – need a market for these types of items. Tipping fees bylaw is currently under review.

# 11. DIARY

Committee members reviewed the Diary.

Groundbirch T/S

•in process of applying for a "Sponsored Crown Grant."

R3 Recycling

•FSJ conducted major audit on recycling bins, contamination rates (7%).

## 12. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

12.1 SWC Terms of Reference

# 13. ADJOURNMENT

13.1 The Chair adjourned the Meeting at 10:50 am

**CARRIED** 

Director Rose, Meeting Chair

S. Garrett, Recorder