



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 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
Director Sperling, Electoral Area 'C' – ex officio
Alternate Director Deck, District of Chetwynd
Director Goodings, Electoral Area 'B'
(via teleconference)

Staff

Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer
Tab Young, Deputy Corporate Officer
Kari Bondaroff, GM of Environmental Services
Gerritt Lacey, Solid Waste Manager
Loryn Day, Solid Waste Coordinator
Suzanne Garrett, Recorder

1. CALL TO ORDER The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 am

2. DIRECTORS' NOTICE OF NEW BUSINESS

Director Sperling Tipping fees

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

3.1 Adoption of Agenda MOVED Director Zabinsky, SECONDED Director Bumstead,
That the Solid Waste Committee adopt the June 3, 2021 Meeting Agenda, as amended to
include Director's new business (tipping fees):

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 May 6, 2021
6. Business Arising from the Minutes
7. Delegations
8. Correspondence
9. Reports
 - 9.1 Recycle BC Curbside Collection Program, ENV-SWC-044
 - 9.2 24 Hour Access Pilot at manned Transfer Stations, ENV-SWC-045
10. New Business
 - 10.1 Tipping fees
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 Zabinsky, SECONDED Director Bumstead,
May 6, 2021 SWC Minutes That the Solid Waste Committee adopt the May 6, 2021 Meeting Minutes.

CARRIED

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- 10.1 Waste to Energy The Committee was advised that Mr. Smolik, General Manager, Value Optimized sustainable Planet Solutions (VOsPS) will be in attendance at the August meeting to provide an update on the pilot waste to energy option called the Ultimate Thermal Organics.

GreenCity, a company based out of Calgary with ties to Chetwynd area, will be presenting a similar Waste to Energy technology at the August meeting. GreenCity will provide a concept of their project at the Chetwynd Landfill.

7. DELEGATIONS

8. CORRESPONDENCE

9. REPORTS

- 9.1 Recycle BC Curbside Collection Program ENV-SWC-044 MOVED Alternate Director Deck, SECONDED Director Zabinsky,
That the Solid Waste Committee receive the report titled "Recycle BC Curbside Collection Programs – ENV-SWC-044", which provides an update for Recycle BC curbside collection program incentives, for discussion.

CARRIED

The City of Dawson Creek and Fort St. John will begin working with Recycle BC (RBC) through the summer and fall of 2021 in preparation for transition to the RBC Program in February/March of 2022. Education to reduce the amount of contamination in recyclables will be the key to the success of the program.

The recycling program is paid 100% through taxation. Savings through municipal participation in the RBC program will mean a reduction in total annual requisition, including a reduction to each member municipality and electoral area.

- 9.2 24 Hour Access Pilot at manned transfer stations ENV-SWC-045 MOVED Director Zabinsky, SECONDED Director Bumstead,
That the Solid Waste Committee recommend that the Regional Board approve a 12 month pilot program beginning in July 2021 at the manned transfer stations located in Moberly Lake and Prespatou, which allows for residents to dispose of bagged waste outside of operating hours, free of charge; further that the Solid Waste Committee receive a quarterly update on the pilot program.

CARRIED



9.2 (continued)

Staff confirmed the communication plan for the pilot project will emphasize tipping fees will be waived only for materials collected after hours. Tipping fees will remain for all materials collected during business hours in accordance with our current bylaw.

In response to Director Goodings, staff will be contacting the Prespatou Farmers Institute to bring them up to date on the status of the weigh scales at the Prespatou transfer station site.

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1 Tipping Fees

Concern was expressed that the Regional District is losing money due to its low tipping fees, in particular, 20 yard dumpsters arriving at the North Peace Regional Landfill containing mixed waste. The bins are industrial, however the origin and amount of waste being received is uncertain, i.e. temporary work camps. With tipping fees at \$113/tonne there is no incentive to separate the loads. It is felt that the Regional District needs to investigate elevating its tipping fee structure.

It was noted that industry pays significantly more in taxation, however industrial camps located on Crown Land do not pay taxes.

MOVED by Alternate Director Deck, SECONDED by Director Goodings, That the Solid Waste Committee recommend to the Regional Board that a report be provided for the September 2 Solid Waste Committee meeting, outlining a work plan to undertake a complete review of the Peace River Regional District's solid waste function tipping fee structure as captured in the "Solid Waste Regulation and Fees Bylaw No. 2065, 2013".

CARRIED

In response to Director Goodings, discussions have taken place with the landfill contractors regarding the re-opening of the share sheds. The Contractor is developing a work plan taking into account Provincial COVID guidelines. It is anticipated that the share sheds will be open by August.

11. DIARY

Item 2 Groundbirch Transfer Station

The application to purchase 8225 – 271 Road from the Province, through a Sponsored Crown Grant, for the purpose of expanding and upgrading the existing transfer station located in Groundbirch, has been submitted for approval.

MOVED by Director Goodings, SECONDED by Alternate Director Deck, That Item 2 "Groundbirch Transfer Station" be deleted from the Diary.

CARRIED

Item 4 Decommissioned Landfills

Upon completion of the decommissioning of the bulky waste pits at Rose Prairie and Cecil Lake, staff were to conduct a review of the two sites to determine if the properties would be suitable for subdivision and subsequent sale to market if the properties were deemed no longer required for Regional District operations. Staff noted that to meet Ministry of Environment "Guidelines for Environmental Monitoring at Municipal Solid Waste Landfills", both sites will need to remain Regional District assets for twenty years.



Item 4
(continued)

Additionally, under the Regional District's "Farm Animal Mass Carcass Emergency Plan" both sites have been selected for use in the event of emergency disposal of Specified Risk Material (SRM).

MOVED by Director Goodings, SECONDED by Director Zabinsky,
That Item 4 "Decommissioned Landfills" be deleted from the Diary.

CARRIED

Item 5
KPMG Audit

MOVED by Director Bumstead, SECONDED by Alternate Director Deck,
That Item 5 "KPMG Audit – pilot project to implement 24/7 access to selected transfer stations" be deleted from the Diary.

CARRIED

12. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

12.1 SWC Terms of
Reference

13. ADJOURNMENT

13.1

The Chair adjourned the Meeting at 11:30 am

CARRIED

Director Rose, Meeting Chair

S. Garrett, Recorder