



## SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2020

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

**ATTENDANCE** **Committee Directors**

Director Rose, Electoral Area 'E' – Committee Chair  
Director Sperling, Electoral Area 'C' – ex officio  
Director Goodings, Electoral Area 'B'  
(via teleconference)  
Director Bumstead, City of Dawson Creek  
Alternate Director Deck, District of Chetwynd  
Director Zabinsky, City of Fort St. John  
(via teleconference)

**Directors**

Director Ackerman, City of Fort St. John  
Director Hiebert, Electoral Area 'D'  
Director Fraser, District of Taylor  
Director Michetti, Village of Pouce Coupe, 10:30 am

**Staff**

Shawn Dahlen, Chief Administrative Officer  
Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer  
Gerritt Lacey, Solid Waste Manager  
Loryn Day, Solid Waste Coordinator  
Suzanne Garrett, Recorder

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**1. CALL TO ORDER** The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:07 am.

**2. DIRECTORS' NOTICE OF NEW BUSINESS**  
None.

**3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

MOVED Director Bumstead, SECONDED Alternate Director Deck,  
That Solid Waste Committee adopt the September 3, 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 July 2, 2020
- 6. Business Arising from the Minutes**
- 7. Delegation**
- 8. Correspondence**
- 9. Reports**
  - 9.1 Solid Waste Management Plan Survey and Update
  - 9.2 2020 Solid Waste Project Update
  - 9.3 Spring Clean Up 2020 Review
  - 9.4 City of Dawson Creek request – vermicomposting pilot support
  - 9.5 Chronic Wasting Disease Program Support
- 10. New Business**
- 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  
July 2, 2020 SWC Meeting Minutes  
MOVED Director Bumstead, SECONDED Director Zabinsky,  
That the Solid Waste Committee adopt the July 2, 2020 Meeting Minutes.

**CARRIED**

#### 6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

#### 7. DELEGATIONS

None.

#### 8. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

#### 9. REPORTS

9.1  
SW Management Plan  
Survey and Update – ENV-  
SWC-010  
The Committee discussed the Solid Waste Management Plan Survey and Update, discussion points included:

- curbside recycling for rural residents is outside of the Plan
- may not happen for rural residents but gives the Regional District flexibility, it could take place in the future
- strategies allow opportunity for discussion, describes goals, if goal is not cost effective it does not occur
- the Plan identifies tools that could be utilized to achieve waste management goals
- draft plan lacks specifics, which the Ministry of Environment looks for, has the Ministry changed its parameters?
- curbside recycling for rural area will require creation of a service area and referendum (Other Vote)
- strategies give us the opportunity to explore, do not want to have to amend the Plan constantly once its approved. New strategies will need to be evaluated and proven to ensure it is economically viable and/or that there is a market
- Need to factor in “pandemic” and its effect on access to markets, what will it mean over the next 2 – 4 year period

MOVED Director Zabinsky, SECONDED Alternate Director Deck,  
That the Solid Waste Committee recommend that the Regional Board approve the updated Regional Solid Waste Management Plan timeline, and authorize two Special Committee of the Whole meetings, on October 1 and October 16, 2020, to review the updated strategies for the Plan; further, that a Solid Waste Management Plan, prepared by another regional district using broad, non-specific strategies be provided for information.

**CARRIED**

**Opposed: Director Goodings**

Staff were requested to revise a sentence in the report under “Communication Consideration” from:

“Final review of the preferred options of the RSWMP will be reviewed by PTAC for any final input prior to public consultation. From there, the draft public consultation plan will be reviewed for approval. Once approved, consultation is expected to take place over the winter months into 2021.”; to



9.1  
SW Management Plan  
Survey and Update ENV-  
SWC-010 (continued)

“A final review of the revised preferred options of the RSWMP will be held with PTAC for any final input prior to the Regional Boards final approval. From there, the draft public consultation plan will be reviewed by the Regional Board for approval. Once approved, consultation is expected to take place over the winter months into 2021.”

9.2  
2020 Solid Waste Project  
Update – ENV-SWC-011

MOVED Director Bumstead, SECONDED Director Goodings,  
That the Solid Waste Committee receive the report titled “2020 Solid Waste Project Update ENV-SWC-011” for discussion.

**CARRIED**

Staff noted, under Financial Considerations in the report, that the bulky waste pit project was presented as \$45,985.53 above the awarded contract cost; however, there was a miscommunication with the consultants on which contingency was being used. Under the original awarded cost, a \$40,000 contingency was present; therefore, the project was only \$5,985.53 over the awarded price.

9.3  
Spring Clean Up 2020  
Review ENV-SWC-012

MOVED Director Bumstead, SECONDED Director Zabinsky,  
That the Solid Waste Committee receive the report entitled “Spring Clean Up 2020 Review – ENV-SWC-012” for discussion.

**CARRIED**

MOVED Director Zabinsky, SECONDED Director Bumstead,  
That the Solid Waste Committee refer the report titled “Spring Clean Up 2020 Review ENV-SWC-012” to a future Regional Board agenda under Consent Calendar; further, that the report be updated to include the 2020 baseline tonnage for a two-week period before and after the 2020 Spring Cleanup Campaign.

**CARRIED**

9.4  
City of Dawson Creek –  
Vermicomposting Pilot  
Support - ENV-SWC-013

MOVED Director Bumstead, SECONDED Alternate Director Deck,  
That the Solid Waste Committee receive the report entitled “City of Dawson Creek Request – Vermicomposting Pilot Support ENV-SWC-013” for discussion.

**CARRIED**

MOVED Director Bumstead, SECONDED Alternate Director Deck,  
That the Solid Waste Committee recommend that the Regional Board approve the preparation of an information report for the next Solid Waste Committee meeting, outlining potential cost implications to the 2021 budget for implementation of a vermicomposting pilot project, in partnership with the City of Dawson Creek’s composting program, including infrastructure development of a pad area with leachate containment at the Bessborough Landfill.

**CARRIED**

9.5  
Chronic Wasting Disease  
Program Support – ENV-  
SWC- 014

MOVED by Director Bumstead, SECONDED by Director Zabinsky,  
That the Solid Waste Committee recommend that the Regional Board provide support for the Provincial Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) program in Northeast BC by allowing access to wildlife carcasses brought into the Bessborough, Chetwynd and North Peace Regional Landfills from August 1, 2020 to April 30, 2021.

**CARRIED**



9.5  
Chronic Wasting Disease  
Program Support – ENV-  
SWC- 014 (continued)

MOVED by Director Bumstead, SECONDED by Alternate Director Deck,  
That the Solid Waste Committee recommend that the Regional Board waive tipping fees  
for the disposal of sample materials associated with the Provincial Chronic Wasting Disease  
program between August 1, 2020 and April 30, 2021.

**CARRIED**

MOVED by Director Bumstead, SECONDED by Alternate Director Deck,  
That the Solid Waste Committee recommend that the Regional Board approve the  
development of a marketing campaign to increase awareness and importance of Chronic  
Wasting Disease (CWD); further that collaboration with First Nations, area Road  
Contractors, Guides and Outfitters, and other related agencies be undertaken to increase  
understanding of the significance of CWD in the region.

**CARRIED**

## **10. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

## **11. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

The Solid Waste Committee Terms of Reference were included for the Committee's  
information.

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:30 am.

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Director Rose, Meeting Chair

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S. Garrett, Recorder