



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

January 19, 2024, 10:00 am

1981 Alaska Avenue, Dawson Creek, BC

Present: Director Hiebert, Electoral Area D, Committee Chair
Director Kealy, Electoral Area 'B' (via Zoom)
Alternate Director Parslow, City of Dawson Creek
Director Zabinsky, City of Fort St. John, Committee Vice-Chair

Absent: Director Dober, City of Dawson Creek
Director Krakowka, District of Tumbler Ridge
Director Sperling, Electoral Area C
Director Quibell, District of Hudson's Hope

Staff Present: Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer
Joanne Caldecott, Deputy Corporate Officer
Annette Andrews, Communications Manager
Kari Bondaroff, GM of Environmental Services
Daris Gillis, Environmental Services Manager
Gerritt Lacey, Solid Waste Manager
Colin Bates, Solid Waste Foreman
Loryn Day, Solid Waste Coordinator
Anndrea Kellestine, Solid Waste Coordinator
Suzanne Garrett, Recorder

Others Present: 1 member of the public

1. CALL TO ORDER

Before calling the meeting to order, the Corporate Officer explained that an election had been held for the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Solid Waste Committee for 2024. She announced that Director Hiebert was elected Chair and Director Zabinsky was elected Vice-Chair. Director Hiebert assumed the Chair and called the meeting to order at 10:07 am.

2. DIRECTORS' NOTICE OF NEW BUSINESS

None

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED Director Zabinsky

SECONDED Alternate Director Parslow

That the Solid Waste Committee adopt the January 19, 2024, meeting agenda:

1. Call to Order

2. Directors' Notice of New Business

3. Adoption of Agenda

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4. Gallery Comments or Questions

5. Adoption of Minutes

5.1 Solid Waste Committee Meeting Minutes of October 12, 2023

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

7. Delegations

8. Correspondence

9. Reports

9.1 Public Technical Stakeholder Committee (PTSC) 2024-2025, ENV-SWC-143

9.2 Tumbler Ridge Extended Hours during Spring and Fall Cleanup, ENV-SWC-141

9.3 Agricultural Plastics Pilot Program Extension, ENV-SWC-142

9.4 Taylor Closed Landfill Permit Ownership - Update, ENV-SWC-144

9.5 Function 500 Regional Solid Waste Draft 2024 Budget, ENV-SWC-145

10. New Business

11. Diary

12. Item(s) for Information

12.1 Terms of Reference

13. Adjournment

CARRIED

4. GALLERY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

5.1 Solid Waste Committee Draft Meeting Minutes of October 12, 2023

MOVED Director Zabinsky

SECONDED Director Kealy

That the Solid Waste Committee Meeting minutes of October 12, 2023, be adopted.

CARRIED

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

7. DELEGATIONS

8. CORRESPONDENCE

9. REPORTS

9.1 Public Technical Stakeholder Committee (PTSC) 2024-2025, ENV-SWC-143

MOVED Director Zabinsky

SECONDED Alternate Director Parslow

That the Solid Waste Committee confirms that the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Solid Waste Committee are also the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Public Technical Stakeholder Committee.

CARRIED

9.2 Tumbler Ridge Extended Hours during Spring and Fall Cleanup, ENV-SWC-141

MOVED Director Zabinsky

SECONDED Alternate Director Parslow

That the Solid Waste Committee recommend that the Regional Board authorize the Tumbler Ridge Transfer Station be open an additional four days per year, as part of the Peace River Regional District's Spring and Fall Cleanup campaign.

CARRIED

In response to a question staff advised that currently the Tumbler Ridge Transfer Station is open Tuesday to Saturday from 10 am to 6 pm and does not have extended hours during the Spring and Fall Cleanup campaign. In the past extended hours were not offered at the site since residents were not charged tipping fees when using the site during normal operating hours.

It was noted that Hudson's Hope Transfer Station is the only other site where the Regional District could change the operating hours. The Regional District will be negotiating a new agreement with Hudson's Hope. For consistency staff will review contractor hours of operation during Spring and Fall Cleanup campaigns.

9.3 Agricultural Plastics Pilot Program Extension, ENV-SWC-142

MOVED Alternate Director Parslow

SECONDED Director Kealy

That the Solid Waste Committee recommend that the Regional Board extend the Agricultural Plastics Pilot Program to accept grain bags and twine at regional solid waste facilities for recycling, in partnership with Cleanfarms, for a three-year term ending June 2027, at a maximum cost not exceeding \$156,172.

Concern was expressed that funding for this program is a growing expense. Staff advised this program has been funded 50% by the Regional District and 50% by Cleanfarms through a grant from Agricultural and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC). At this time program funding is uncertain, therefore the Regional District may have to cover 100% of the costs of the next three years. Cleanfarms is investigating other funding sources to assist in offsetting the costs to the Regional District. Should Cleanfarms be successful in obtaining funding the program will revert to 50/50.

Amendment:

MOVED Director Zabinsky

SECONDED Alternate Director Parslow

That the motion be amended to reflect a one-year term at a cost of \$63,477.

CARRIED

Motion as Amended:

MOVED Director Zabinsky

SECONDED Alternate Director Parslow

That the Solid Waste Committee recommend that the Regional Board extend the Agricultural Plastics Pilot Program to accept grain bags and twine at regional solid waste facilities for recycling, in partnership with Cleanfarms, for a one-year term ending June 2025, at a maximum cost not exceeding \$63,477.

CARRIED

9.4 Taylor Closed Landfill Permit Ownership – Update, ENV-SWC-144

MOVED Director Zabinsky

SECONDED Director Kealy

That the Solid Waste Committee recommend that the Regional Board send a letter to the District of Taylor requesting that they split the cost of remediation to complete the bulky waste cleanup and cover repairs as identified in the 2023 Taylor Closed Landfill Closure Report (Tetra Tech, November 16, 2023) which are estimated to total \$100,000, with the Peace River Regional District, prior to the Peace River Regional District considering the request for support of the transfer of ownership of Landfill Permit 1837, from the District of Taylor to the Peace River Regional District.

CARRIED

9.5 Function 500 Regional Solid Waste Draft 2024 Budget, ENV-SWC-145

MOVED Director Zabinsky

SECONDED Director Kealy

That the Solid Waste Committee recommend that the Regional Board approve the business case for the 2024 Dawson Creek and Taylor Closed Landfill Monitoring Well Installations project; further, that \$80,000 be allocated to the project as part of the 2024 Solid Waste Capital Budget.

CARRIED

MOVED Director Zabinsky

SECONDED Alternate Director Parslow

That the Solid Waste Committee recommend that the Regional Board approve the business case for the 2024 Mile 62.5 and Taylor Closed Landfill Remediation project; further, that \$235,000 be allocated to the project as part of the 2024 Solid Waste Capital Budget.

CARRIED

MOVED Director Zabinsky

SECONDED Director Kealy

That the Solid Waste Committee recommend that the Regional Board include the draft 2024 budget totalling \$18,889,171 for Function 500 – Regional Solid Waste, in the 2024 Financial Plan, with an estimated 2024 tax rate of \$0.3232/\$1,000 for this function, which is an estimated requisition increase of 24%.

CARRIED

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. DIARY

12. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

12.1 Terms of Reference.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:18 am