



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2020

LOCATION Peace River Regional District Office, Dawson Creek, BC

ATTENDANCE

Directors

Chair Sperling, Electoral Area 'C'
Vice-Chair Rose, Electoral Area 'E'
Director Ackerman, City of Fort St. John
Director Bumstead, City of Dawson Creek
Director Bertrand, District of Tumbler Ridge
Director Courtoreille, District of Chetwynd
Director Goodings, Electoral Area 'B'
(*via Zoom*)
Director Heiberg, District of Hudson's Hope
Director Hiebert, Electoral Area 'D' (*via Zoom*)
Director Michetti, Village of Pouce Coupe
Director Zabinsky, City of Fort St. John

Absent

Director Fraser, District of Taylor

Staff

Shawn Dahlen, Chief Administrative Officer
Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer
Teri Vetter, Chief Financial Officer
Paulo Eichelberger, General Manager of
Environmental Services
Gerritt Lacey, Solid Waste Services Manager
Jeff McDonald, Communications Manager
Trevor Ouellette, IT Manager
Loryn Day, Solid Waste Coordinator
Brenda Deliman, Legislative Services Clerk

Delegations

4.1 Morrison Hershfield (*via Zoom*)
Todd Baker, Senior Environmental Engineer

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

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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SCW/20/10/01

MOVED Director Bumstead, SECONDED Director Ackerman,

That the Committee of the Whole adopt the October 1, 2020 Special Meeting Agenda:

1. Call to Order

2. Adoption of Agenda

3. Gallery Comments or Questions

4. Delegations

4.1 Morrison Hershfield - Draft Regional Solid Waste Management Plan for the PRRD

5. Reports

5.1 Regional District Solid Waste Management Plan (Supplemental), ENV-BRD-016

6. Media Questions

7. Adjournment

CARRIED

4. DELEGATIONS

4.1
Morrison Hershfield – The Committee of the Whole was provided with proposed strategies to consider for implementation in the draft Regional Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) for the PRRD.
Draft Regional Solid Waste Management Plan for the PRRD Topics included:

- *Environmental Management Act*



- 4.1 Morrison Hershfield – Draft Regional Solid Waste Management Plan for the PRRD (Continued)
- Overview of Regional Solid Waste Management Plan process
 - Public and Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)
 - Development of consultation plan
 - Reduce and reuse strategies (Extended Producer Responsibility [EPR] Programs, promotion and education)
 - Recycling strategies (agriculture plastics, ICI waste diversion, hazardous waste materials, diversion of construction and demolition waste)
 - Organics diversion strategies (organics processing capacity, collection of compostable organics)
 - Energy recovery for organics strategy

A question and answer period ensued. Topics included:

- Impacts of COVID-19 to markets, economy, SWMP flexibility and achievability, and provincial and public expectations
- Orders of the Provincial Health Officer related to COVID-19 vs. Ministry of Environment & Climate Change Strategy expectations regarding SWMPs (reusable shopping bags, share sheds)
- Definition of 'green procurement policy'
- Implementation of larger scale recycling of agricultural plastics, in the PRRD and beyond
- Drop-off options for hazardous wastes (oil, electronics)
- Construction and demolition waste (illegal dumping, potential incentives to segregate materials, education, reuse of building materials)
- Sources of Industrial, Commercial & Institutional (ICI) waste
- Landfill gas (flaring, economic feasibility)
- Concerns – remoteness, distance to markets, transportation costs, economic feasibility, flexibility
- Timelines for public and stakeholder consultation

Recess The Chair recessed the meeting to luncheon at 11:53 a.m.

Reconvene The Chair reconvened the meeting at 12:32 p.m.

5. REPORT

- 5.1 Regional District Solid Waste Management Plan (Supplemental), ENV-BRD-016
- SCW/20/10/02
MOVED Director Ackerman, SECONDED Director Heiberg,
That the Committee of the Whole receive the report titled "Regional District Solid Waste Management Plan (Supplemental) – ENV-BRD-016" for discussion.

CARRIED

The Committee of the Whole reviewed the specific and broad solid waste management plans presented in the report, and discussed flexibility in relation to capital projects, and whether the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy will address the impacts of COVID-19 as they relate to the drafting of solid waste management plans.



The Committee of the Whole directed that the report titled “Regional District Solid Waste Management Plan (Supplemental) – ENV-BRD-016” be deferred to the October 16, 2020 Special Committee of the Whole meeting agenda for further discussion.

7. ADJOURNMENT The Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:40 p.m.

CERTIFIED a true and correct copy of the Minutes from a Committee of the Whole special meeting held on October 1, 2020 in the Regional District Office Board Room, Dawson Creek, BC.

Brad Sperling, Chair

Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer

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