



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

April 11, 2025, 10:00 a.m.

1981 Alaska Avenue, Dawson Creek, BC

Directors Present: Director Hiebert, Electoral Area D, Committee Chair
Director Dober, City of Dawson Creek
Director Rose, Electoral Area E
Director Quibell, District of Hudson's Hope (via Zoom)
Director Sperling, Electoral Area C
Director Zabinsky, City of Fort St. John (via Zoom)

Directors Absent: Director Krakowka, District of Tumbler Ridge

Staff Present: Kari Bondaroff, General Manager of Environmental Services
Gerritt Lacey, Solid Waste Manager
Olivia Lundahl, Electoral Area Officer
Trevor Ouellette, IT Manager
Colin Bates, Solid Waste Foreman
Leah Dueck, Solid Waste Coordinator
Terry McKinnon, Solid Waste Coordinator
Genevieve Mulvahill, Environmental Services Clerk
Suzanne Garrett, Corporate Services Coordinator/Recorder

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair and called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED Director Sperling

SECONDED Director Dober

That the Solid Waste Committee adopt the April 11, 2025 agenda:

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

3. GALLERY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

4.1 Solid Waste Committee Meeting Minutes of January 17, 2025

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6. DELEGATIONS

7. CORRESPONDENCE

8. REPORTS

8.1 Solid Waste Committee – Terms of Reference – Amendment, ENV-SWC-177

8.2 Agricultural Plastics Pilot Program 2025-2026 Extension, ENV-SWC-178

8.3 SW Public and Technical Stakeholder Committee Recommendation from March 27, 2025, ENV-SWC-181

8.4 PRRD Solid Waste Collection System Network Study, ENV-SWC-182

8.5 PRRD Illegal Dumping (Littering) Policy No. 0340-85, ENV-SWC-183

9. New Business

10. Consent Calendar

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10.1 Solid Waste Public and Technical Stakeholder Committee Draft Meeting Minutes of March 27, 2025

10.2 Terms of Reference

11. Adjournment

CARRIED

3. GALLERY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

4.1 Solid Waste Committee Draft Meeting Minutes of January 17, 2025

MOVED Director Dober

SECONDED Director Sperling

That the Solid Waste Committee adopt the Solid Waste Committee Meeting minutes of January 17, 2025.

CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6. DELEGATIONS

7. CORRESPONDENCE

8. REPORTS

8.1 Solid Waste Committee – Terms of Reference – Amendment, ENV-SWC-177

MOVED Director Zabinsky

SECONDED Director Dober

That the Solid Waste Committee recommend that the Regional Board authorize the following amendment to the Solid Waste Committee Terms of Reference:

Section 5 Procedures:

5.3 Advisory Sub-Committees – the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Solid Waste Committee shall be the Chair and Vice-Chair of any advisory sub-committees formed by the Solid Waste Committee, approved by the Regional Board.

CARRIED

In response to a question staff confirmed that the Chair and Vice-Chair would only act as the Chair and Vice-Chair for solid waste-related sub-committees.

8.2 Agricultural Plastics Pilot Program 2025-2026 Extension, ENV-SWC-178

MOVED Director Sperling

SECONDED Director Dober

That the Solid Waste Committee recommend that the Regional Board continue to offer the Agricultural Plastics Program in partnership with Cleanfarms to accept grain bags and twine for recycling at the Peace River Regional District's solid waste facilities as part of the Solid Waste Program's regular activities.

Staff confirmed revenue received is from rental of the grain bag roller. Cleanfarms were unable to secure a market in the US for the recycled bags and twine.

Communications is an integral part of the program to increase public awareness of the program and needs to meet PRRD branding standards. The program has been successful in diverting agricultural plastics from being burned or disposed of in the landfill and is in alignment with Strategy 3 in the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan.

8.2 Agricultural Plastics Pilot Program 2025-2026 Extension, ENV-SWC-178 (Cont'd)

In response to a question staff advised that the addition of silage plastic recycling to the Clean Farms contract would increase the contract by another \$150,000.

The Chair called the Question to the Motion.

CARRIED

MOVED Director Sperling
SECONDED Director Dober

That the Solid Waste Committee recommend that the Regional Board authorize staff to investigate cost implications to include additional information to current signage at transfer stations and landfills promoting the agricultural plastics recycling program to increase public awareness.

CARRIED

8.3 SW Public and Technical Stakeholder Committee Recommendation from March 27, 2025, ENV-SWC-181

MOVED Director Dober
SECONDED Director Rose

That the Solid Waste Committee recommend that the Regional Board approve the “Regional Solid Waste Management Plan Amendment – Consultation Plan” dated March 13, 2025, to include the addition of a section for the contemplation of future facilities.

CARRIED

8.4 PRRD Solid Waste Collection System Network Study, ENV-SWC-182

MOVED Director Dober
SECONDED Director Sperling

That the Solid Waste Committee recommend that the Regional Board no longer pursue purchasing land or building attended transfer stations until a study can be completed to evaluate the existing solid waste collection system network and options for implementation are provided to move forward.

CARRIED

8.5 PRRD Illegal Dumping (Littering) Policy No. 0340-85, ENV-SWC-183

MOVED Director Dober
SECONDED Director Rose

That the Solid Waste Committee recommend that the Regional Board adopt the PRRD Illegal Dumping (Littering) Policy No. 0340-85 which provides guidelines for addressing improper disposal of waste at PRRD owned and operated facilities, including monitoring, reporting, response, and enforcement.

In response to questions, staff noted:

- illegal dumping has not increased or decreased at PRRD solid waste sites;
- the frequency of reporting of illegal dumping to the PRRD is low, it is anticipated that the policy will create a greater awareness for how to report improper disposal of waste, littering and illegal dumping;
- illegal dumping on Crown Land is reported through the Report All Poachers and Polluters (R.R.A.P.) 24 hour tip line, follow-up done by the Ministry of Environment Conservation Officers Service, highway contractors conduct annual roadside clean-up, fees are waived;



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- the policy will give the PRRD the ability to use different enforcement actions for on-site littering, such as putting pictures on a board – letting the abuser know this is strike one or something similar. Staff will develop a procedure following adoption of the policy.

The Chair called the Question to the Motion.

CARRIED

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. CONSENT CALENDAR

MOVED Director Dober

SECONDED Director Rose

That the Solid Waste Committee receive the April 11, 2025 Consent Calendar.

CARRIED

12. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:26 a.m.

CERTIFIED a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Solid Waste Committee from a meeting held on April 11, 2025 in the PRRD Board Room, 1981 Alaska Avenue, Dawson Creek, BC.

Leonard Hiebert, Committee Chair

Suzanne Garrett, Corporate Services
Coordinator/Recorder