



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 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
Alternate Director Deck, District of Chetwynd
Director Fraser, District of Taylor
Director Sperling, Electoral Area 'C' – ex officio
Director Goodings, Electoral Area 'B' (*via teleconference*)

Staff

Shawn Dahlen, Chief Administrative Officer
Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer
Tab Young, Deputy Corporate Officer
Paulo Eichelberger, GM of Environmental Services
Gerritt Lacey, Solid Waste Manager
Suzanne Garrett, Recorder

1. CALL TO ORDER The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

2. DIRECTORS' NOTICE OF NEW BUSINESS

Director Sperling agriculture plastics

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

3.1 Adoption of Agenda MOVED Director Fraser, SECONDED Director Zabinsky,
That the Solid Waste Committee adopt the February 4, 2021 Meeting Agenda, as amended
to include Director's new business (agriculture plastics):

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 January 7, 2021
 - 5.2 Solid Waste Committee Draft Budget Meeting Minutes of January 15, 2021
6. Business Arising from the Minutes
7. Delegations
8. Correspondence
9. Reports
 - 9.1 RFP Award 23-2020 Mile 62.5 Transfer Station Site Attendant, ENV-SWC-034
10. New Business
 - 10.1 agricultural plastics
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
Jan 7, 2021 SWC Minutes
- MOVED Director Goodings, SECONDED Director Zabinsky,
That the Solid Waste Committee adopt the January 7, 2021 Meeting Minutes.

CARRIED

- 5.2
Jan 15, 2021 SWC Budget
Minutes
- MOVED Director Bumstead, SECONDED Director Zabinsky,
That the Solid Waste Committee adopt the January 15, 2021 Budget Meeting
Minutes.

CARRIED

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

7. DELEGATIONS

8. CORRESPONDENCE

9. REPORTS

- 9.1 RFP Award 43-2020
Mile 62.5 Transfer Station
Site Attendant
ENV-SWC-034
- MOVED Director Zabinsky, SECONDED Alternate Director Deck,
That the Solid Waste Committee recommend that the Regional Board award
Request for Proposal 43-2020 "Mile 62.5 Transfer Station Site Attendant" to Dusty
Road Ventures Ltd. for a three year contract at a cost of \$135,000 (excluding
taxes); further, that the Chair and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to
sign the contract on behalf of the Peace River Regional District.

CARRIED

Staff confirmed that the contract price is \$135,000 for three years, averaging
approximately \$45,000 per year.

It was also noted that staff continues to work with Procurement to find efficiencies
and maintain a "use local" approach for contracts. Consolidating contracts by area
is under consideration for future contract renewals.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- 10.1 Agricultural plastics
- Director Sperling felt that the article in the January 28, 2021 edition of the Western
Producer entitled "Alberta farmer turns ag plastic into fence posts" presents an
opportunity for investigation as existing recyclers only want clean plastics.

A Vermillion farmer, Danny Farkash, has constructed a recycling machine using old
oilfield pipe, an anhydrous ammonia tank, a straw chopper, and parts of a swather.
The machine takes plastic grain bags in one end and spits out fence posts. The
machine is also capable of recycling other types of plastics, regardless of how dirty
it is.

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10.1 Agricultural plastics
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MOVED by Director Sperling, SECONDED by Alternate Director Deck,
That the Solid Waste Committee recommend to the Regional Board that
discussions be undertaken with Mr. Farkash to determine his interest in an
initiative to accept agricultural plastics from the Peace Region as feedstock for use
in his new process which creates fence posts from ag-plastic waste; further, that a
report detailing the discussion and potential next steps be brought back to the
Solid Waste Committee for consideration.

CARRIED

11. DIARY

12. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

12.1 SWC Terms of
Reference

13. ADJOURNMENT

13.1

The Chair adjourned the Meeting at 10:25 a.m.

CARRIED

Director Rose, Meeting Chair

S. Garrett, Recorder