



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, MARCH 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
Tab Young, Deputy Corporate Officer
Paulo Eichelberger, GM of Environmental Services
Gerritt Lacey, Solid Waste Manager
Loryn Day, Solid Waste Coordinator
Suzanne Garrett, Recorder

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

2. DIRECTORS' NOTICE OF NEW BUSINESS

Director Rose Wood waste at the Bessborough Landfill
Alternate Director Deck Share sheds
Director Sperling Regional Solid Waste Management Plan "on-line" survey

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

3.1 Adoption of Agenda MOVED Director Fraser, SECONDED Director Sperling,
That the Solid Waste Committee adopt the March 4, 2021 Meeting Agenda, as amended
to include Director's new business (wood waste, share sheds, and survey):

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 February 4, 2021
6. Business Arising from the Minutes
7. Delegations
8. Correspondence
9. Reports
 - 9.1 Future Groundbirch Transfer Station Land Acquisition, ENV-SWC-037
 - 9.2 Prespatou Waste Transfer Station Weigh Scale, ENV-SWC-036
 - 9.3 Draft Regional Solid Waste Management Plan – Consultation Update, ENV-SWC-035
 - 9.4 2020 Recycling Services Financial Recap, ENV-SWC-038

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3.1 Adoption of Agenda
(Cont'd)

10. New Business
 - 10.1 Stockpiled wood waste at the Bessborough Landfill
 - 10.2 Share shed update
 - 10.3 Regional Solid Waste Management "on-line" survey
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
Feb 4, 2021 SWC Minutes
- MOVED Director Sperling, SECONDED Alternate Director Deck,
That the Solid Waste Committee adopt the February 4, 2021 Meeting Minutes.

CARRIED

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

7. DELEGATIONS

8. CORRESPONDENCE

9. REPORTS

- 9.1 Groundbirch Transfer Station Land Acquisition
ENV-SWC-037
- MOVED Director Fraser, SECONDED Director Sperling,
That the Solid Waste Committee recommend that the Regional Board authorize submission of an application to purchase 8225-271 Road (PID 012-260-509) "as is" from the Province, through a Sponsored Crown Grant, for the purpose of expanding and upgrading the existing transfer station.

CARRIED

Staff noted:

- Province will be conducting a third party assessment of the property;
- Property owners within vicinity of the proposed transfer station will be contacted to ascertain any concerns; and
- Cost to remove demolition material from the site is unknown at this time.

- 9.2 Prespatou Transfer Station – Weigh Scales
ENV-SWC-036

MOVED Director Goodings, SECONDED Director Sperling,
That the report titled "Prespatou Waste Transfer Station Weigh Scale ENV-SWC-036" regarding the Prespatou Waste Transfer Station weigh scale be received for discussion.

CARRIED

The Prespatou Farmer's Institute (PFI) utilizes the Prespatou Waste Transfer Station weigh scale and have been advised that due to rising maintenance costs the Regional District will be taking the scale offline in 2021. It is felt that if repairs to the scale are too costly or not achievable, the scale cannot be relied upon to accurately provide weight data for bale/grain handling. As such the transfer station will be operated as a "volume-only transaction" site.



9.2 (Cont'd)

The PFI has requested a meeting with the Regional District to discuss options for continued community use of the scale.

In response to a question staff noted:

2019 - 32 weigh scale tickets issued;

2020 – 16 weigh scale tickets issued.

The scale is accessible 24/7 so “after hour” ticket numbers are not available.

MOVED by Director Goodings, SECONDED by Director Sperling,

That the Solid Waste Committee recommend that the Regional Board authorize the scheduling of a meeting between the Electoral Area ‘B’ Director, PRRD staff and the Prespatou Farmer’s Institute prior to taking the Prespatou Transfer Station Weigh Scale offline in order to discuss options for continued community use of the scale as well as the increase in costs resulting from maintaining scale certification under the *Weights and Measures Act*.

CARRIED

9.3 Draft RSWMP –
Consultation Update
ENV-SWC-035

MOVED Director Fraser, SECONDED Director Sperling,

That the Solid Waste Committee receive the report titled “Draft Regional Solid Waste Management Plan – Consultation Update - ENV-SWC-035” which updates members on the progress of the Public Consultation phase of the Draft Regional Solid Waste Management Plan Renewal project, for discussion.

CARRIED

Discussion ensued regarding the development and use of an informational video as an extra platform to assist with the dissemination of material during the public consultation phase. The video would provide an overview of the Plan posted on the website under “Have Your Say”.

Concern was expressed that the virtual open houses meeting times be expanded to include additional night-time viewing opportunities, to allow more flexibility for public viewing. Open House times could be shared on social media platforms and websites.

MOVED by Director Fraser, SECONDED by Director Sperling,

That the Solid Waste Committee recommend to the Regional Board to authorize the development of informational videos as an addition to the public consultation phase for the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan Renewal process, working with the consultant Morrison Hershfield, at a cost of \$8,500, with funding applied for from the COVID relief fund.

CARRIED

9.4 2020 Recycling
Services Financial Recap
ENV-SWC-038

MOVED Director Fraser, SECONDED Director Sperling,

That the Solid Waste Committee receive the report titled “2020 Recycling Services Financial Recap – ENV-SWC-038”, which provides an update on the Peace River Regional District’s Recycling programs, for discussion.

CARRIED



9.4 (Cont'd)

In 2020 the material handled through Recycling BC (RBC) program provided the Regional District with a net loss of \$1,770,052.61 or -\$408.93/tonne. This can be attributed to the Regional District funding 100% of collection/processing, transportation to market, and uncertain markets.

MOVED by Director Zabinsky, SECONDED by Alternate Director Deck,
That the Solid Waste Committee recommend to the Regional Board that a report be prepared outlining how curbside versus Recycle BC collection/processing of comingled and sorted recyclables is processed and the costs moving forward.

DEFEATED

While some recyclable products fluctuate, trends indicate that current markets are going to continue as is. Is it economically viable to continue with the recycling program? Meet with RBC – determine full picture of how RBC is involved, what are the rules, is RBC being proactive and reaching out to those municipalities not participating in their program. Need to determine market change, what would costs be to provide service of “comingled” versus “segregated?”

MOVED by Director Fraser, SECONDED by Director Bumstead,
That the Solid Waste Committee recommends that the report titled “2020 Recycling Services Financial Recap – ENV-SWC-038” be referred to the Regional Board for input.

CARRIED

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1 RSWMP Survey

Part of the Consultation Phase in the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan includes distribution of an online and hard copy survey. Committee members have received feedback that the survey lacks actual numbers such as recycling costs versus landfilling costs and tipping fees. These figures would provide information needed to provide an informed response in the survey. It was felt that after each question a space should be included for “comments”.

The General of Environmental Services noted that the survey can be revised to include those changes and extend the deadline for survey responses. Additionally, the public will be advised to utilize the forum space under “Have Your Say” on the website.

10.2 Salvage

The Regional District received a large quantity of dimensional lumber currently stored at the Bessborough Landfill. Members of the public have inquired if there is an opportunity to salvage some of the wood.

The Solid Waste Manager noted that in the near future a share shed system for construction material will be placed on site in the form of a diversion pad – taking into consideration provincial scavenging rules and liability. The diversion pad is scheduled to be built in 2021 with share shed building to follow in 2022.

10.3 Share Shed update

In response to a question from Alternate Director Deck, the General Manager of Environmental Services advised that the share shed pilot project will be expanded to include Chetwynd in 2022. It was confirmed that share sheds are still not in operation at this time due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



11. DIARY

12. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

12.1 SWC ToR

13. ADJOURNMENT

13.1 The Chair adjourned the Meeting at 11:50 am

CARRIED

Director Rose, Meeting Chair

S. Garrett, Recorder

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