

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO
WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
(VIRTUAL)

Thursday, May 13, 2021

PRESENT: Chair Mark Fisher

Directors Gladys Atrill
Shane Brienen
Chris Newell
Jerry Petersen
Michael Riis-Christianson
Gerry Thiessen

Staff Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer
Cheryl Anderson, Director of Corporate Services
Alex Eriksen, Director of Environmental Services
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

Others Dolores Funk, Village of Burns Lake
Clint Lambert, Electoral Area "E" (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural)
Brad Layton, Village of Telkwa
Linda McGuire, Village of Granisle
Bob Motion, District of Fort St. James
Mark Parker, Electoral Area "D" (Fraser Lake Rural)

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fisher called the meeting to order at 12:59 p.m.

AGENDA

Moved by Director Brienen
Seconded by Director Atrill

WMC.2021-3-1

"That the Waste Management Committee Agenda for May 13, 2021 be approved."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Waste Management
Committee Meeting Minutes
-April 8, 2020

Moved by Director Petersen
Seconded by Director Brienen

WMC.2021-3-2

"That the Minutes of the Waste Management Committee for April 8, 2021 be received."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADVOCACY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

None

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE

Discussion Item

- Recruitment
 - Alex Eriksen, Director of Environmental Services provided an overview of the recruitment process that will take place
 - Staff will provide the names of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee past members to the Committee
 - Feedback from Directors in regard to potential members is welcome.

POLICY REVIEW

None

DIVERSION & RECYCLING

Re-use Shed Opening Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Atrill

WMC.2021-3-3 "That the Committee receive the Director of Environmental Services' Re-use Shed Opening memorandum."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Agricultural Plastic Recycling -Transfer Station Collection Bays Moved by Director Riis-Christianson
Seconded by Director Petersen

WMC.2021-3-4 "That the Committee receive the Director of Environmental Services' Agricultural Plastic Recycling – Transfer Station Collection Bays memorandum."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion Items

- Wood sorting bays
 - Will be implemented at all RDBN Transfer Stations by the end of summer 2021
 - Smithers-Telkwa Transfer Station now operational
 - Significant amount of material being received
 - Develop a barnwood bay
 - Clean wood
 - Canadian Wood Waste Association providing assistance in regard to markets
 - Brush Waste
 - Markets available to reduce landfilling or burning
 - Potentially lead to additional initiatives and opportunities
 - Respecting the rules of salvage
 - Will increase amount of salvage opportunities
- Metal Piles
 - Develop a plan for access for metal salvage
 - Review policy and review potential opportunities
- Other diversion – asphalt shingles, wax boxes
 - Staffing impacts have delayed asphalt shingle initiatives
 - Currently no markets for wax boxes
 - Staff will continue to investigate
 - Loop has shown interest
 - Chair Fisher and CAO Helgesen to have further discussions.

OPERATIONS UPDATE

Department Activity Update

Moved by Director Atrill
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

WMC.2021-3-5

“That the Committee receive the Director of Environmental Services’ Department Activity Update memorandum.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MISCELLANEOUS

None

NEXT MEETING – SUGGESTED TOPICS

Contact Chair Fisher with suggested topics.

NEW BUSINESS

Ministry of Agriculture

CAO Helgesen mentioned that the Ministry of Agriculture has contacted the RDBN to follow-up regarding shavings and cardboard for agricultural uses.

IN-CAMERA MOTION

Moved by Director Brien
Seconded by Director Riis-Christianson

WMC.2021-3-6

“In accordance with Section 90 of the *Community Charter*, it is the opinion of the Board of Directors that matters pertaining to Section 90(1)(K) – negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the Committee, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the Regional District if they were held in public (Recycling) must be closed to the public and therefore exercise their option of excluding the public for this meeting.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Brien
Seconded by Director Petersen

WMC.2021-3-7

“That the meeting be adjourned at 12:52 p.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mark Fisher, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant