



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

Solid Waste Committee Meeting Minutes

MA-2

DATE: Monday, May 4, 2009

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Regional District offices, Fort St. John, BC

PRESENT: Director Tim Caton, Electoral Area 'E'
Director Bruce Lantz, City of Fort St. John
Director Lori Ackerman, City of Fort St. John
Director Karen Goodings, Electoral Area 'B'
Shannon Anderson, General Manager of Environmental Services
George Kunz, Public Works Supervisor
Suzanne Garrett, Corporate Services Coordinator

Guests

Lindsay Heal, Eco-Depot Recycling Centre, Fort St. John
Randy Wolsey, Complete Environmental Inc., Fort St. John, 9:15 a.m.

- 1) Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m.
- 2) Election of Committee Chair: Mr. Anderson called for nominations for the office of Chair for 2009.
MOVED by Director Lantz, SECONDED by Director Ackerman, that Tim Caton be nominated for the office of Chair for 2009. **CARRIED.**
Mr. Anderson declared Tim Caton to be the Chair of the Solid Waste Committee for 2009.
- 3) Vary the Agenda: MOVED by Director Ackerman, SECONDED by Director Lantz, that the agenda be varied to hear the Eco-Depot presentation at this time. **CARRIED.**
- 4) D-1 re: Regional Recycling Program
Ms. Heal was in attendance to provide on update on the regional recycling
- 38% increase in recycling region wide from 2006 to 2008
- 100.2% increase in recycling in Fort St. John from 2006 to 2008.
- Approximately 700 bales of cardboard and 150 bales of plastic are being stored, which are starting to be shipped out.
- As of April, Mixed Waste Paper (MWP) and Office Paper (OP) continue to cost Eco-Depot money to ship; OCC fluctuates between -\$17 to +\$10; there is no viable market for plastic film at this time; Plastic 1-7 and tin are being accepted at part; ONP and milk jugs have value.

Monthly Eco-Depot collects more from the Dawson Creek bins sites than Chetwynd and Hudson's Hope combined. The recycling rates at the Dawson Creek bin sites continue to increase, with the peak summer months seeing almost 20,000 kgs. recycled per month. Eco-Depot is working with the Manager of Peavy Mart to place additional bins at their site to alleviate the pressure at the Extra Foods site. They are also looking at the possibility of conducting pilot projects over the summer – rural recycling collection (Montney, Cecil Lake, Wonowon) and a share shed.

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4) D-1 re:
Regional Recycling
Program

The Fort St. John pilot curbside recycling program held last year was very successful. Eco-Depot would like to expand the curbside recycling program city-wide in July. Ms. Heal inquired if the Solid Waste Committee could foresee any issues with this expansion?

It was felt that a city-wide curbside recycling program would require some investigation, currently the Regional District heavily subsidizes the recycling program, if recycling increases it means more funding for Eco-Depot – is it fair that a resident in Wonowon pays taxes for the City of Fort St. John's recycling program? Eco-Depot is charging each homeowner a fee for collection, the Regional District is paying for the processing only. Currently, the Regional District system allows for voluntary delivery to the Depot. The curbside system allows for a private business to collect the products and deliver them to the Depot which the homeowner pays for outside the Regional District contract.

Ms. Heal advised that Eco-Depot is looking at the possibility of expanding recycling services to the District of Taylor in September 2009. She noted that D.C. Recycling in Dawson Creek is looking at starting a curbside collection service.

Director Caton thanked Ms. Heal for her presentation. Ms. Heal left the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

5) D-2 re:
Fort St. John
Landfill

Mr. Randy Wolsey, Complete Environmental Inc. was in attendance at the meeting to discuss litter control at the Fort St. John landfill.

Mr. Joe Teiber, an adjacent property owner to the Fort St. John landfill had provided pictures of litter that has spread onto his property and has expressed concern (1) litter control, (2) height of land is increasing, and (3) leachate pond.

Mr. Wolsey's observed that the compactor breaks up the bags resulting in litter flying all over the open face of the landfill. As of Friday, all open faces were covered and the rest of the litter/paper will be picked up.

Discussion ensued regarding the implementation of snow fence and/or portable litter fencing at the site. It was suggested that evergreens be planted at the site in front of the aspen stand.

Mr. Anderson noted that the Regional District has not gone over the "height of land", currently fill is taking place off to the sides of the middle mound. Mr. Anderson will provide the latest fill survey to Committee members at the next meeting.

Mr. Kunz advised members that water samples from the leachate pond have been forwarded for testing. If test results reveal no leachates, the water will be pumped back out over the landfill.

MOVED by Director Lantz, SECONDED by Director Ackerman,
that staff develop/implement a litter strategy, revisit the "height of land" plan, for
the Fort St. John Landfill and discuss solutions with Mr. Teiber with a report back
to the Regional Board. CARRIED.

Mr. Wolsey left the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

6) Adoption of the
Agenda

MOVED by Director Ackerman, SECONDED by Director Lantz, that the Solid Waste Committee Meeting agenda for the May 4, 2009 meeting, including Directors' New Business and Additional Items for the agenda, be adopted as amended.

CARRIED.

Minutes:

M-1 Solid Waste Committee Budget Meeting Minutes of February 26, 2009

M-2 Solid Waste Committee Budget Meeting Minutes of February 12, 2009

M-3 Solid Waste Committee Special Meeting Minutes of January 16, 2009

Business Arising from the Minutes:

Delegations:

D-1 Lindsay Heal, Eco-Depot regarding Regional recycling program

D-2 Randy Wolsey, Complete Environmental Inc. regarding the Fort St. John Landfill

Correspondence:

C-1 April 6, 2009 letter from Councillors Dan Davies and Larry Evans, Co-Chairs – Celebrate Fort St. John Committee regarding composting.

New Business:

NB-1 Lack of disposal space for clean fill material in the Dawson Creek area.

Referred from the March 26th Regional Board meeting.

NB-2 Review of the landfill operating contracts for Bessborough, Chetwynd and Fort St. John

NB-3 Spring and Fall Clean

NB-4 Fort St. John landfill – replacement

MINUTES:

7) M-1, M-2, M-2
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MOVED by Director Lantz, SECONDED by Director Ackerman, that the following minutes be adopted:

a) Solid Waste Committee Budget Meeting Minutes of February 26, 2009

b) Solid Waste Committee Budget Meeting Minutes of February 12, 2009

c) Solid Waste Committee Special Meeting Minutes of January 16, 2009

CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

8) M-1, Item #5
and NB-4 re:
replacement of
the FSJ landfill

Mr. Anderson advised members that the Regional District issued A Request for Information and Qualifications (RFIQ) – Alternative to Fort St. John Landfill. The RFIQ was issued to determine alternative means of long term waste disposal that would be a viable and sustainable replacement to the existing landfill. One proposal was received in response to the RFIQ from Complete Environmental Inc. who proposed a private landfill approximately 4 km from Fort St. John. Mr. Anderson has requested additional details and costs information from the proponent.

Discussion ensued regarding other avenues for solid waste disposal. Is there an opportunity to attend trade fairs/conferences where the Regional District could meet/explore other disposal methods that could be economically viable, i.e. bio-mass, partnerships with industry – need a long term strategy.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

- 8) M-1, Item #5 re: replacement of the FSJ landfill (continued) MOVED by Director Lantz, SECONDED by Director Ackerman, that staff be requested to investigate other alternatives for solid waste disposal.

CARRIED.

The Teiko Pit area was identified as a possible disposal site, need to determine what is out there – refuse could be hauled in via rail.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 9) C-1 re: composting The Celebrate Fort St. John Committee, made up of various community organizations, bring together and promote the City's spring and summer community beautification programs. The Committee is requesting that tipping fees for composting be waived at Regional District solid waste facilities. It was noted that currently there are no large Regional District operated composting programs taking place within the Regional District.

- MOVED by Director Lantz, SECONDED by Director Ackerman,
- a) that a letter be forwarded to the Celebrate Fort St. John Committee advising that currently there are no landfill operated composting programs within the Regional District; and
 - b) that the Regional District has scheduled a Composting Workshop on May 21, 2009 in Dawson Creek for interested parties to attend.

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 10) NB-1 re: Clean fill material Area for haulers
Referred from March 26th Board meeting

A meeting was held on February 17, 2009 with local contractors to discuss solutions to the lack of disposal space for clean fill material. The City of Dawson Creek has advised that it will be closing the site on 115th Avenue, effective June 1, 2009. The Regional District has been approached by the City and local contractors, to explore other options for the disposal of the clean fill material. The old Dawson Creek landfill was identified as a suitable site due to its close proximity to the City. Some of the issues identified:

- the site needs to be monitored
- the cost to construct access to the site is approximately \$125,000, how will the Regional District recoup these costs, charge contractors who may or may not use the facility
- mix of residential and commercial vehicles
- why not haul to Bessborough?
- preferred option, facility is manned, waive the tipping fee – would offset extra fuel costs, will be charged if load is not clean fill material, all equipment in place to spread materials as they arrive, operated to safely accept industrial/commercial traffic
- why spend additional funds, use Bessborough
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MOVED by Director Lantz, SECONDED by Director Ackerman, that the Solid Waste Committee recommend to the Regional Board that uncontaminated fill material be received at the Bessborough Landfill for no tipping fee and that staff be directed to pursue more affordable options in the development of an uncontaminated disposal site at the Dawson Creek Transfer Station Site.

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:

11) NB-2 re:
Landfill contracts

Mr. Anderson briefly reviewed the changes to the new landfill contracts. The contracts for operation of Bessborough, Chetwynd and Fort St. John landfills expire in July 2009. Revisions to the contract include:

- rather than charging by the tonne for solid waste the contractor will be required to identify a lump sum fee for complete site management to the current landfill specification
- Regional District will act as compliance officers only
- Large performance bonds will be implemented
- Change to Hours of operation
- Penalties for non-compliance, litter, etc \$1,000 for each occurrence, increased discipline for repeat offences
- Five year contract, price per year

MOVED by Director Lantz, SECONDED by Director Ackerman,
That the Solid Waste Committee recommend to the Regional Board that the hours of operation for the following landfills be approved and implemented:

Bessborough Landfill
Monday to Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Closed Sunday

Chetwynd Landfill
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday
from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Closed Tuesday and Sunday

Fort St. John Landfill
Monday to Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Closed Sunday

CARRIED.

12) NB-3 re:
Spring Cleanup

Spring clean up is scheduled for May 8th to 23rd. There is a need to poll rural residents to ascertain if they would be in favour of implementing a coupon system for spring/fall cleanup.

13) Committee
Report

MOVED by Director Ackerman, SECONDED by Director Lantz,
that the recommendations from the Solid Waste Committee Meeting of
May 4, 2009 be recommended to the Regional Board for approval.

CARRIED.

14) Adjournment

BY CONSENSUS,
that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Tim Caton, Chair

S. Garrett, Corporate Services Coordinator