



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT
Solid Waste Committee Meeting Minutes

DATE: April 4, 2019
PLACE: Regional District offices, Dawson Creek, BC

PRESENT: Director Rose, Electoral Area 'E'
Director Goodings, Electoral Area 'B' – via telephone

Delegation

Lindsay Heal, Recycle-It Resource Recovery, Fort St. John
Tyler Heal, Recycle-It Resource Recovery, Fort St. John

Staff

Paulo Eichelberger, General Manager of Environmental Services
Loryn Day, Solid Waste Coordinator
Suzanne Garrett, Corporate Services Coordinator

- 1) Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am
As there was no quorum, discussion on the following items took place.

DIRECTORS NOTICE OF NEW BUSINESS:

Director Rose Jackfish Lake area – bulky waste bins
Director Goodings UBCM Multi-Materials BC Advisory Committee

- 2) 2018 Waste Does the Regional District have tonnage numbers on the amount of curbside
and Recycling recyclable materials that ends up in the landfill due to contamination?
Diversion Rates Staff advised that only “baled” material weights are tracked.

- 3) Multi-Materials UBCM is calling for expressions of interest from local government representatives
BC Advisory who wish to site on Multi-Materials BC (MMBC) Advisory Committee. It was noted
Committee that the Regional District would be interested in participating, however, it is not clear if
the expression of interest is for staff or elected officials or both. UBCM has been
contacted seeking clarification. Deadline for submissions is April 10, 2019.

Director Goodings requested that this item be included on the next Board agenda.

- 4) Spring Cleanup At the March 21, 2019 Rural Budgets Administration Committee meeting a resolution
had been passed, for approval by the Regional Board, to conduct a pilot project for
two weeks during the 2019 spring and fall clean up campaigns to waive all tipping fees
for Tier 1 and Tier 2 transfer stations; place roll-off bins on the outside of the Tier 2
transfer station confines and to place roll-off bins at the Jackfish Lake Community Hall.

Concerns identified included:

- Additional costs of transportation/haulage and extra tips per bin.
- Creation of a new unmanned site is counter to the mandate of the Solid Waste Management Plan to upgrade to secure, manned sites.
- Piloting an unmanned site could cause challenges to reducing/divert wastes and achieving provincial waste diversion/segregation goals and could be viewed by the MoE as a major change to the Plan.

- 4) continued It is felt that too much garbage is ending up in ditches, or in the bush. Concern has been expressed regarding the hours of operation at the transfer stations. Monitor the pilot program.

DELEGATION:

- 5) D-1 Recycle-It Resource Recovery Lindsay Heal and Tyrell Heal, Recycle-It Resource Recovery provided the Committee with an update on contamination in recyclable materials.
- Bins contain non-acceptable items, dog feces, grass clippings, this creates a safety issue for staff and contaminates the entire bin so the contents become garbage.
 - Have implemented social media campaign, recorded addresses and written letters to offenders, conducted bin checks, requested assistance from bylaw Enforcement however garbage continues to be found in bins. Staff have to focus on garbage extraction rather than recycling/sorting.
 - Strategic focus on the repeat offenders.
 - The same issue is faced by other municipalities.
 - The Village of Pouce Coupe has reduced its contamination level from 15-20% to 2%. The Village undertook a campaign – bins were not picked up if it contained contaminated material, it was left on the curb for the householder to deal with. The Village implemented a two strike course of action, after the second offense the householder was out of the program. To be reinstated the householder has to sign an agreement, any infraction after that and the bin is pulled indefinitely.
 - Message has to be clear, users are not aware how the program works and that contaminated material reduces the effectiveness of the program.
 - Drives up costs for the recycling program which are being paid for by the entire region.
 - Need to work collaboratively to combat this issue – levy fines, public education, consistent messaging, rejection of bins
 - Would be beneficial to have a year round depot for yard waste
 - Recycle BC has issued fines to municipalities that have greater than 6% contamination in the recyclable material stream.

The Chair thanked the delegation for their presentation. It was suggested that the delegation from Recycle-It Resource Recovery be invited to a future Solid Waste Committee meeting, possible in Fort St. John, such that all committee members could participate.

It was suggested that the Regional District publicly recognize those municipalities doing a great job at curbside recycling.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:20 am

Director Rose,
Chair – Solid Waste Committee

Suzanne Garrett,
Corporate Services Coordinator