

**Alberta Coordinated Action for Recycling Enterprises – Regions 1-5 Meeting Minutes**

**Friday, January 16, 2015 – 10:00 a.m.**

**Royal Executive Hotel, 8450 Sparrow Drive, Leduc, AB**

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**Present:**

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| Linda McDonald  | Alberta CARE  |
| Paul Ponich     | Athabasca County  |
| Rob Smith       | Athabasca Regional Waste Services Mgmt Commission       |
| Tom Moore       | Lesser Slave Lake Regional Waste Mgmt Commission        |
| Marie Dyck      | Peace River Waste Management Company                    |
| Art Sawatzky    | Peace River Waste Management Company                    |
| Dale McQueen    | Woodlands County  |
| Glen Finstad    | City of Leduc   |
| Roy Doonanco    | Beaver River Waste Management Commission                |
| Scott Loughton  | GEEP Electronics  |
| Darryl Wolski   | Merlin Plastics   |
| Janet Altmiks   | Crystal Clean Water                                     |
| Ray Juska       | Newell Solid Waste Authority                            |
| Hussein Elkadri | Cold Lake Recycling & Waste                             |
| Jim Cheverie    | Town of Bonnyville & Beaver River Waste Mgmt Commission |
| Lyle Hoffman    | Hoffman Consulting                                      |
| Pam Haggarty    | Edmonton Waste Management Centre of Excellence          |
| Romona Arnett   | Evergreen Regional Waste Management Commission          |
| Dave Franchuk   | Smoky Lake County                                       |
| Ron Bobocel     | Smoky Lake County                                       |
| Dareld Cholak   | Smoky Lake County                                       |
| Marvin Fyten    | Lac La Biche County                                     |
| Molly Fyten     | Lac La Biche County                                     |
| Linda Davies    | St. Michael's Regional Waste Commission                 |
| Frank Rosypal   | St. Michael's Regional Waste Commission                 |
| Steve Madden    | County of Grande Prairie                                |
| Susan Berry     | Rosieridge Regional Waste Commission                    |
| Dennis Lang     | North Peace Regional Landfill                           |
| Paul Ryan       | Bow Valley Regional Waste Commission                    |

**Regrets:**

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| Marlene Risdon        | Crawling Valley Plastics                      |
| Joanne Walroth        | Rocky View Regional Waste Commission          |
| Cindy Vizzutti        | MD of Willow Creek                            |
| Christine Della Costa | Alberta Environment & Sustainable Development |
| Tracey Boutilier      | RM of Wood Buffalo                            |
| Michelle Gairdner     | City of Grande Prairie                        |
| Roberta Windrum       | Alberta Dairy Council                         |
| Ken Scott             | Allied Paper Savers                           |
| Jamie Sullivan        | Shell Canada                                  |
| Bob Wood              | City of Wetaskiwin                            |
| Marco Gervair         | Falher Regional Waste Commission              |
| Terry Vickers         | Centra-Cam Recycling, Camrose                 |
| Jim Donaldson         | Alberta Wood Waste Association                |
| Mark Lowe             | City of Cold Lake                             |
| Cyndi Taron           | MD of Opportunity                             |
| Rob Arnold            | K&K Recycling                                 |
| Catherine Pearson     | Cutting Edge Tire Recycling                   |
| Nels Nelson           | Long Lake Regional Waste Commission           |
| Amy Horne             | Aquatera Eco Centre, Grande Prairie           |
| Jeff Johnson          | Aquatera Landfill                             |
| Peter Brown           | Durham Energy                                 |
| Dick Ellis            | Vulcan & District Waste Commission            |
| Joe Pearson           | Wainwright Regional Waste Services Commission |
| Ben Armstrong         | Wheatland County                              |

**1. Meeting called to order at 10:15 a.m.**

**2. Speaker:** *Vicky Wang – Eco Green International Services Ltd. Vicky gave an overview of their company and a hand-out.*

- HDPE - drums, bottles pipes
- LDPE - mixed films, grad A Film, AG films and bags
- PP - super-sacks, PP film
- PVC, PMMA, PET, mix plastics in bales
- Cardboard paper waste
- 20% contamination acceptable
- Will consider sharing land transportation costs

*Waste generators to pay transportation to port and Eco Green pays for ocean shipping to Asia.*

*No returns from destinations guaranteed.*

*Cold Lake Recycling Centre has shipped with Eco Green and saved \$1200.00 in transportation costs.*

**Steve Madden thanked Vicky Wang and Company and is looking forward to working with her.**

**3. Speaker:** *Elizabeth Gray – Alberta Recycling Management Authority*

- Overview and general update
- Overview of donations to charities, such as Rotary Club in Stony Plain
- 4-H Programs - door to door pickup of e-waste was very successful
- Pilot Program for paint spray cans, 4 million cans sold , but only 400,000 recycled
- HHW has been very well received and successful

**4. Speaker:** *Pam Haggarty – EWMCE - a hand out was distribute to members*

- Asbestos Course Issues was discussed and will be tighten up especially the gap being abatement and final disposal
- OH&S Course - Focus group to include landfill personal to liaison with industry
- Risk Management - job analysis - safety officer on site
- Composting course held in Manitoba for organic diversion
- New Project: ICI Section with the University of Alberta

**5. Adoption of the Agenda**

**Jim Cheverie moved to accept the agenda as amended adding 7(c) and 6(f).....CARRIED**

**6. Old Business**

a) *Alberta Recycling Conference 2014 was very successful in Lac La Biche and everyone enjoyed the speaker sessions and the hospitality. As of the end of December 2014, there is approximately \$9000.00 outstanding in receivables.*

b) *Wage Review Survey 2014' - distributed and discussed*

c) *Proposed Transportation Program - Red Wagon Quote was distributed to members - waiting for further quotes.*

d) *Durham Energy had its major investor change his mind and not invest, so therefore Durham is not accepting plastics at this time. But the good news is that Olds College approached Peter Brown to partner and develop a pilot plant with storage yard in Olds. They have a number of vacant buildings with storage yards and their investment would be to offer it for lease at a minimum cost. The faculty and students would be working at the plant as part of the pilot project. Olds College would qualify for government funding for the plant. Blest Equipment, who presented at our conference, has offered to provide all the necessary equipment and would become one of the investors in this venture with Durham Energy. The department of Energy has indicated that there may be tax breaks for "green oil".*

f) **Steve Madden** *sits on the Landfill Set Backs Committee; he reported that the regulation for subdivision is 300 hundred meters. Wild Land and parks is no changes, status quo. The question is whose is going to do these setbacks that generate variances and which jurisdictions will enforce them.*

**Tom Moore moved to accept Old Business 6 (a) to 6 (f) as information.....CARRIED**

## **7. New Business**

- a) Alberta Recycling Spring Seminar 2015 - Banff, AB - Brochure was distributed.
- b) Letter to ESRD from Rob Smith and the response received was distributed and Rob Smith spoke to the contents.
- c) SWANA - Linda Davies, St. Michael's Landfill - reported concerns and her frustrating experiences with SWANA in regards to SWANA only having 2 Certified Operators Courses a year - this is a difficult certification process. She had spoken to Alberta Environment about her concerns. As well, she had frustrating experiences having someone from SWANA return her calls or emails regarding her particular issues with having a staff member's certification. **Tom Moore** acknowledged some challenges that SWANA was having, but he will talk to the SWANA Board. Currently, the challenge is that the course is based on the number of people attending (12). It was discussed that courses could be done at registry offices and colleges throughout Alberta. Tom will report back as to his meeting with the SWANA Board.

**Steve Madden moved to accept items 7(a) to 7(f) for information.....CARRIED**

## **8. Information Items**

- a) Alberta CARE Region 1 Minutes - June 17, 2014
- b) Alberta CARE Region 2&3 Minutes - June 13, 2014
- c) Alberta CARE Region 4 Minutes - June 18, 2014
- d) HHW Course - Jan 21 & 22, 2015

**Lyle Hoffman moved to accept items 8(a) to 8(d) for information.....CARRIED**

## **9. Round Table**

Linda McDonald reported that Melissa Minks is no longer with Cutting Edge Tire Recycling as general manager. The Company had gone public and now they have new investors and the staffing has changed. They will continue be members of Alberta CARE.

Tom Moore reported that oil field debris is a challenge. This old redneck concept of diversion has a long term cost associated with it. Deuce Disposal has been bought out by GGL. The challenge is primary recycling and re-educating. Overall everything is good.

Paul Ryan reported that Energy to Waste/Southern Alberta has had discussions with P3 Canada. P3 Canada is the feds in Canada. Revised documents of SAEWA have to be done by March, for application to qualify for 25% funding which is \$125 million dollars. The tentative date of the results is June, 2015. Very exciting news for SAEWA!

Glen Finstad reported that the organics program for the City has resulted in increased diversion by leaps and bounds and that increase was not expected for another 4 to 5 years. The Eco Centre has seen increased materials coming in for recycling.

Roy Doonanco reported that Beaver River Waste is hauling solid waste to Riley, AB at an increase of 20% for transportation.

Dale McQueen reported Woodlands will be spending \$20-25 million for the performing arts building. The Snowmobile Invasion was again a tremendous success. Dale reported that the Woodlands Council is looking forward to hosting the annual Alberta Recycling Conference to be held September 9-11th.

Art Sawatzky reported that the construction of the 3 cells will bring the total to 11 cells. There will be a new MSW cell and a new second entrance to the landfill. Currently, they are looking into a compost program.

Dennis Lang reported that the cleanup of industrial contaminated soil is getting back to normal. Dennis recommended that Alberta CARE push Alberta Environment to have user fees on all products across the board. The urban centers can't dump in the ditches, but in my rural municipality, the residents and urban visitors do dump in my ditches. I feel used antifreeze should be in the Alberta Oil program. Burning of Ag plastic would not happen if there was a fee on it. I would like to drop a truck load of plastic on the legislative steps to get the point across to the politicians.

Steve Madden reported a great year in recycling and waste reduction. This past year has provided lots of networking, education and training in the Peace Region. We currently are building two cells.

*Linda Davies thanked Linda McDonald and Rob Smith for being really good resources. It has taken 3 years to take the dump status to "landfill". We have recycling projects such as wire/twine/pulled trees/wood/cement - dirty and clean.*

*Molly Fyten reported that they are busy doing budgets with Council. Eventually a waste strategy will be developed. They are in the process of storm water plans for the landfills. They now have 5 bunkers for tires and are doing oil recycling. Concrete is being crushed. In one year, they will have a core program for Composting. Waste audits are being done for residential and commercial. They are doing in-house training for their staff.*

*Marvin Fyten gave complements to Alberta CARE for providing a great lineup of speakers for the Alberta Spring Seminar in Banff, AB. One of the best in his opinion.*

*Ramona Arnett reported that 2014' brought challenges building a cell due to the problem of leachate deep well disposal. Trevita is doing the hauling. The cost was \$5000.00 to haul.*

*Lyle Hoffman reported that being so close to an election and oil and gas prices down, anything like fees sounds like a "tax" and gets put on hold. As to a burning ban for Ag plastics can be encouraged, but who will be enforcing this ban? In the spring of 2015, Used Oil and ARMA will be going through the list of products like antifreeze, window washer fluid containers. Lyle suggested a workshop/seminar as to the benefits and reasons why there should be strategic and business plans for waste commissions. He will confer with Pam Haggerty about this topic.*

*Hussein Elkadri reported that he has two companies servicing the area by the names of: Cold Lake Recycling and Waste and Bonnyville Recycling and Waste. He reviewed his future plans for waste reduction.*

*Paul Ponich reported that they will have a new councilor in June, 2015 by way of by-election. The pipeline corridor goes east of the RM. They have 2 completed and are continuing with the another. There is work camps of 500 men. They have a new school division for Grade 7-12. There is a new swimming pool attached to the Multi-Plex.*

*Ray Juska reported that the new industrial cell is completed. They are using crushed concrete on the roads in the County. Ray said that they are wood chipping. They have taken advantage of the \$25,000.00 from the Tire Board. They received \$10,000.00 for tire marshalling.*

*Marie Dyck reported that Peace is running out of space where it sits. No one in the community is willing to sell additional land. Letters have been sent to companies (oil field waste) to sort and recycle. We have camps of 2000 men. We are looking at buying a machine for rolling ag plastic that the farmers can use, and this could be stored at the Ag Service Board yard in Nampa. We need to work on public education in our municipality.*

*Scott Loughtan asked that anyone stock piling Phase II electronics to let GEEP know.*

*Rob Smith reported they are working on their "Project 2015". They have a dry cell that is now a Class 3. They have been working on a sewage lagoon in Boyle since 2006.*

**10. Adjournment at 2:15 p.m.**