

Alberta Coordinated Action for Recycling Enterprises Joint Regional 2 & 3 Meeting

Friday, June 13, 2014

Nisku Inn and Conference Centre, Nisku, AB.

Minutes

Present:

Rob Smith	Athabasca Regional Waste Services Commission
Tom Moore	Lesser Slave Lake Regional Waste Services Commission
Janet Altmiks	Crystal Clean Water
Marty Holst	MD of Opportunity
Lyle Hoffman	Hoffman Consulting
Pam Haggarty	Edmonton Waste Management Centre of Excellence
Molly Fyten	Lac La Biche County
Doris Splane	Athabasca County
David Fox	MD of Bonnyville
Roy Doonanco	Beaver Regional Waste Services Commission
Jim Cheverie	Town of Bonnyville
Glen Finstad	City of Leduc
Kerra Chomlak	City of Leduc
Linda Davies	St. Michael's Landfill
Peter Brown	Durham Energy
Dale McQueen	Woodlands County
Roberta Windrum	Alberta Dairy Council
Melissa Minks	Cutting Edge Tire Recycling
Natasha Page	Alberta Environment & Sustainable Development
Linda McDonald	Alberta CARE

Regrets:

Joe Kress	Wainwright Regional Waste to Energy
Hussein Elkadri	Cold Lake Recycling Centre
Scott Loughton	GEEP Electronic Alberta
Shawn Searle	e-Cycle Solutions
Rob Arnold	K & K Recycling
Kimball Neuberry	MD of Opportunity
Derald Chomak	Smoky Lake County
Ken Scott	Allied Paper Savers

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

2. Elections:

Glen Fenstad was nominated by Kerra Chomak and was elected by the members of Region 3.

3. Speaker: Melissa Minks, Cutting Edge Tire Recycling

Melissa presented on their new landscaping tire shred. The cost of the new shred is 30 cents a pound. It would cost approximately \$400.00 a cubic yard. Cats will stay away with this shred mulch. This material is ideal for playgrounds, as it is like a blanket, soft and safe. Melissa presented a letter of funding approval from ARMA and the dollars available for road shred. An example of this use would be to dig out the boils in the roads to the clay base and fill with tire shred. Further information is on their website.

4. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by Doris Splane moved that the agenda be accepted as presented.....CARRIED

5. Old Business

- a. Durham Energy Mix Plastics Project update was presented with news article.
- b. Alberta Recycling Spring Seminar 2014' in High River, AB.

Peter Brown reported that he had received trailers of baled unrecyclable plastics from a municipality, but the trailers with the bales had to be returned to the municipality as the bales were contaminated with metal, tires, rebar, clothing, etc. The municipality paid double transportation costs.

Moved by Jim Cheverie to accept items 5 (a) and 5 (b) as information.....CARRIED

6. New Business

- a. Alberta Recycling Conference 2014' being held in the County of Lac La Biche, AB
- b. Wage Review Surveys for 2014' – Linda McDonald reported that the survey was sent out and very few have responded. Second notices will be emailed and if necessary contact by telephone.
- c. Proposed Education Courses for 2014' – Linda McDonald reported that the Asbestos and the Emergency Response Courses would be rolled out in the fall. Linda McDonald asked if there were any requests for courses.
- d. Regional Back Hauling Transportation Program – Linda McDonald had only received two replies back from local trucking companies, but will continue to contact companies.

The members suggested Rosenau, Syndicated Transport and Little Red Wagon trucking firms to try.

Moved by Jim Cheverie to accept items 6 (a) to 6 (e) as information.....CARRIED

7. Other Business

- a. Tipping Fee Survey Discussion
- b. Creating Rural Connections 2014 – Rob Smith reported

Discussion followed on tipping fees and differential fees. Separated material, waste watchers at the at the scale, sorted materials, wet and dry waste, diversion rates, and costs to the commissions was discussed. Alberta CARE will be surveying its members in 2015 for current comparable rates.

Moved by Roy Doonanco that items 7 (a) and 7(b) be accepted as information.....CARRIED

8. Information Items

- a. Alberta CARE Region 1-5 General Meeting Minutes
- b. Alberta CARE AGM Notice of Meeting

Moved by Lyle Hoffman to accept items 8 (a) and 8(b) as information.....CARRIED

9. Round Table

Molly Fyten reported that it has been really busy the last two months since the CAO and Mayor of Lac La Biche County has left. The County had 500 participants at their Environment Week events, which included a HHW roundup. The County had used the media sources for good public information. We have had a major site cleanup and a major litter cleanup. We have also had our large item pickup which generated 130 tons in one week. The County has purchased a baler which has produced 60 bales from the recycling bins. The County has expanded curb side pickup.

We have developed an integrated landfill goal of reducing our waste by 80% by 2020. We are developing a backyard composting program modeled after the Red Deer Program. Barry Kolenosky has won the Alberta Emerald Aware for "Individual Commitment".

Kerra Chomak reported that the Leduc and District Regional Landfill are running out of space. Decisions have to be made as to building new cells or hauling out our waste. We are looking at our options and will do some strategic planning. The City of Leduc is taking advantage of the HHW Roundup and the funding from ARMA. The City of Leduc is promoting Habitat for Humanity, as our residents can call them and they will come to their door to collect usable items once a month.

Natasha Page reported that the Leaf and Yard Waste Paper has finally been publically released.

Doris Splane reported that Athabasca County has had staffing changes and a by-election for the Deputy Reeve. The University of Athabasca is so well known as far away as Japan. We have a new president for our University.

Linda Davies reported that she very pleased to be a member of Alberta CARE and has taken advantage of the benefits that are offered to members, such as a working relationship with GEEP Electronics and K&K Recycling. The conferences are very informative and educational.

Jim Cheverie reported that Alberta CARE should not count out Bonnyville for the annual conferences. Currently, we have 1100 men in camps in the Town of Bonnyville. All hotels are booked for a year in advance to accommodate workers. It could be possible to look at 2016 for a conference in Bonnyville.

David Fox reported that there are 3000 workers in camps throughout the MD of Bonnyville.

Dale McQueen reported that there are 18-20,000 workers in camps in the Town of Fox Creek. There are 60 new industrial lots in the Town of Whitecourt. The County of Woodland's landfill cells are filling up fast and anticipate we have 3 more years left. We now have bear proof recycling bins.

Lyle Hoffman reported that he is basically working and is busy on small projects, but if anyone needs his skills, he is available.

Janet Altmiks reported that she attended the Alberta Plastics Recycling Association AGM.

Roberta Windrum reported that the Alberta Dairy Council has concerns about the proposed New Packaging Regulations by Alberta Environment. Yogurt containers are not part of the regulation. High value material is not included. Dairy processors are impacted by multi package materials.

Pam Haggerty reported that The Asbestos and the Emergency Response Course would be rolled out this coming October. Pam is developing a Safety Course adapted to suit our Aboriginal communities.

Rob Smith voiced concerns with the population in these camps regarding garbage. Is there a waste surcharge, is there separation and is there any awareness/education to the corporate citizens who hire these workers? These are important issues that would have to be addressed by municipalities.

10. Adjourned 12:30 p.m.