

**Alberta Coordinated Action for Recycling Enterprises Joint Regional 1 Meeting**

**Tuesday, June 17, 2014**

**Holiday Inn, 9816-107 Street, Grande Prairie, AB**

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**Minutes**

**Present:**

Steve Madden	County of Grande Prairie
Dennis Zahacy	High Prairie Regional Waste Commission/MD of Big Lakes
Amy Horne	Aquatera Eco Centre
Sara Pettipaw	Aquatera Landfill
Michelle Gairdner	City of Grande Prairie
Marie Dyck	Northern Sunrise County
Doug Dallyn	Northern Sunrise County
Art Sawatzky	Peace Regional Waste Company
Lionel Thomson	Trevita
Linda McDonald	Alberta CARE

**Regrets:**

Nels Nelson	Town of Grimshaw
Brenda Burridge	Town of Fox Creek
Jim Joelson	Town of Valleyview
Ron Longtin	Village of Berwyn
Dale McQueen	Woodlands County
	MD of Greenview

**1. Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m.**

**2. Elections:**

**Ray Zahacy was elected by the members of Region 1.**

**3. Adoption of the Agenda**

**Moved by Dennis Zahacy moved that the agenda be accepted as presented.....CARRIED**

**4. Old Business**

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

**Moved by Amy Horne to accept items 4 (a) and 4 (b) as information.....CARRIED**

**5. 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. Sarah Pettipaw spoke about the SWANA Courses that Aquatera uses.
- d. Cutting Edge Announcement Letter discussed.
- e. Regional Back Hauling Transportation Program – Linda McDonald had only received two replies back from local trucking companies, but will continue to contact companies.

**Moved by Michelle Gairdner to accept items 5 (a) to 5 (e) as information.....CARRIED**

**6. Information Items**

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

**Moved by Marie Dyck to accept items 6 (a) and 6(b) as information.....CARRIED**

**7. Other Business**

- a. Discussion followed on tipping fees and differential fees. Alberta CARE will be surveying members in 2015 for rates.

**8. Round Table**

Marie Dyck reported that she attended the High River Spring Seminar and was very impressed with the the recycling opportunities we have, but was disappointed that there wasn't a market for glass. They are very busy with the continual growth of the County.

Amy Horne reported that they had had issues with their bulb crusher, so they did the necessary testing. The results indicated that the Bulb Eater 3 machine was leaking emissions and it was time for a new machine. Alberta CARE referred Sybertech system and we will go that route. Sybertech systems are used in Alberta hospitals. Last fall, Amy was invited to New York City to discuss their Styrofoam machine relating to net revenue benefit. Currently, Aquatera is very interested in the EPR Program that Alberta Environment is proposing. Amy will be watching BC very closely regarding their EPR Program.

Michelle Gairdner reported that the City of Grande Prairie is hosting Eco Systems Services, which will present "Green Spaces/Wetlands". Also discussing the cost of replacing a tree or not. An invitation is extended to the members to come and listen to the presentation, which will be held Thursday, June 19. The City is working on strategies for Greenhouse Gas Emission targets and gathering a corporate inventory – assessment of buildings and how efficient they are. Atco will assist with recommendations for residential and commercial owners. The City partnered with NAIT to pilot project solar power panels on city hall. There was an issue with snow on the panels. After a 7 year project of promoting backyard composting and worm composting it is now deemed a success. We have our residents raising their own worms and when we hold composting workshops, the attendance is astounding.

Art Sawatzky reported that their Eco Centre is overly busy for the capacity so they are adding a shed and upgrading the bins to a larger size with an easier system and be able to handle them more easily. At the landfill, there are 3 cell expansions and capping a large portion of the industrial cell with 30,000 meters' of clean clay from a nearby neighbor. We are in the process of building a transfer station within the regional landfill with recycling on site as well as being manned. This transfer station should be ready by mid July. We put our styrofoam into the landfill. We have been thinking that glass could be used for drainage.

Doug Dallyn reported that the new transfer station that Art reported on was specifically manned to direct traffic safely from the landfill site. We will need to expand our site and we do own 160 acres of farmland by the landfill.

Sarah Pettipaw reported that Northern BC called if we would take 400 mattresses and we do not deal with recycling mattresses. We landfill our own mattresses. Sarah discussed gaps in education courses.

Dennis Zahacy reported that the solar lights installations are going well and there are installing an additional 4 solar lights.

Steve Madden reported that they have used tire shred on one of the County roads as a pilot project (a marshy road) and will be able to report after the first winter. Cutting Edge had come to the County and did a presentation for this project. We are donating used bikes and parts to the Rotary and the Rotary cleans up these bikes and donates them to Chili and other areas. We use a Tag n Bag system and the scale operator can wave through the resident. We are checking non-residents by having the scale operator do vehicle plate checks if they have been there before. We use a signature pad, which will spit out a laser print off. We paid for an extra computer which can be accessed at all times even from a separate location. Landfill setbacks will be discussed at the AAMDC conference, such as yes or no to residential variances near landfills.

Lionel Thomson reported do not co-mingle with industrial waste, which has happened at the site at Spirit River. They have 3 cells and 3 sides of these cells have no stability, it slumps 600 feet into the working space, and they have to build 2 cell expansions with one used for the overflow alone. Alberta Environment approved and encouraged Trevita to co-mingle with 15 meter vertical and final slopes of 4 or 5 to 1 sloping, but now its dropping with volume. The whole top is so unstable. Co-mingling doesn't affect lechate.

**9. Adjourned 1:20 p.m.**