

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

Friday, Dec 4, 2015 - 10:00 a.m.

Leduc Golf and Country Club, 5725 Black Gold Drive, Leduc, AB

Present:

Rob Smith	Athabasca Regional Waste Services Mgmt Commission
Tom Moore	Lesser Slave Regional Waste Services Mgmt Commission
Glen Finstad	City of Leduc
Janet Altmiks	Crystal Clean Water
Roberta Windrum	Alberta Dairy Council
Pam Haggarty	Edmonton Waste Management Centre of Excellence
Linda Davies	St. Michael Regional Solid Waste Commission
Frank Rosypal	St. Michael Regional Solid Waste Commission
Mark Schell	GEEP Alberta Inc.
Scott Loughton	GEEP Alberta Inc.
Paul Ponich	Athabasca County
Brad Ollen	MD of Bonnyville
David Fox	MD of Bonnyville
Jim Cheverie	Town of Bonnyville/BRRWMC
Ramona Arnett	Evergreen Regional Waste Services Commission
Ray Juska	Newell Regional Solid Waste Authority
Art Sawatzky	Peace Regional Waste Management Company
Doug Dallyn	Northern County Sunrise
Norm Duval	Northern County Sunrise
Marie Dyck	Peace Regional Waste Management Company
Peter Brown	Durham Energy
Tracey Boutilier	RM of Wood Buffalo
Roxy Rutt	MD of Greenview
Roy Doonanco	Beaver River Regional Waste Management Commission
Marv Fyten	Lac La Biche County
Molly Fyten	Lac La Biche County
Lyle Hoffman	Hoffman Consulting
Linda McDonald	Alberta CARE

Regrets:

Dennis Zahacy	High Prairie Regional Waste Services Commission
Hussein Elkadri	Cold Lake Recycling Centre
Dareld Cholak	Smoky Lake County
Joe Pearson	Wainwright Regional Waste Services Commission
Cyndi Taron	MD of Opportunity
Jamie Sullivan	Shell Canada
Rob Arnold	K&K Recycling
Wade Arnold	County of Wetaskiwin
Dick Ellis	Vulcan & District Regional Waste Commission
Paul Ryan	Bow Valley Regional Waste Commission
Ben Armstrong	Wheatland County
Christine Della Costa	Alberta Environment
Michelle Gairdner	City of Grande Prairie
Rob Arnold	K&K Recycling
Marlene Risdon	Crawling Valley Plastics
Azam Khan	City of Cold Lake
Roberta Windrum	Alberta Dairy Council
Dennis Lang	North Peace Regional Waste Commission
Dale McQueen	Woodland County
Jim Donaldson	Alberta Wood Waste Recycling
Tom Kinderwater	Lac La Biche County

1. Meeting called to order with introductions at 10:10 a.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Tom Moore to accept the agenda as presented.....CARRIED

3. Old Business

- a) Linda McDonald reported that the Alberta Recycling Conference 2015' in Woodlands, AB earned Alberta CARE \$21,700.00 in net revenue.
- b) Rob Smith reported that the meeting with the delegates from Municipal Affairs regarding commission managers issues, such as more education required for commission boards of governance and to develop a booklet or guide line for the board. It was a very good meeting and it was well received by Alberta Municipal Affairs.

Moved by Lyle Hoffman to accept Items 3(a) to 3(b) as information.....CARRIED

4. New Business

- a) Linda McDonald reported that the Spring Seminar in Lethbridge is underway.
- b) The Alberta Recycling Conference for the fall of 2016' was discussed and at this time the location has not been determined.
- c) Two Board of Directors Resignations: Steve Madden - County of Grande Prairie and Dennis Zahacy - High Prairie Regional Waste Commission/MD of Big Lakes. The Board will make appointments for the two vacant positions in January, 2016.
- d) Christine Della Costa, Alberta Environment Liaison Member has taken a position with AUMA. There has been no indication from government who will be taking her place.
- e) e-Cycle Solutions has closed its operation in Edmonton and is currently open in Calgary. K&K Recycling has stopped collecting metal from our member sites until the market is favorable. This will impact Alberta CARE's annual revenue. K&K Recycling has suggested to our members to stock pile the material or they will collect the material at a cost. K &K has no issues with any members having other metal companies take their scrap metal.

Moved by Glen Finstad to accept Items 4(a) to 4(e) as information.....CARRIED

5. Other Business

- a) Tom Moore reported on the impact of the Thorhild landfill and how it has created major challenges for Lesser Slave Lake.
- b) Pam Haggerty reported on the upcoming courses and training available and reviewed the issues with the Asbestos Course.

Moved by Marie Dyck to accept Items 5(a) to 5(b) as informationCARRIED

6. Information Items

- a) Region 1 Meeting Draft Minutes
- b) Region 2 & 3 Meeting Draft Minutes
- c) Region 4 & 5 Meeting Draft Minutes
- d) Thorhild Landfill News Release
- e) Letter from Premier Rachel Notley
- f) Regional Joint Meeting Minutes for Regions 1-5- Jan 16, 2015
- g) Risk Management & Job Hazard Analysis Course - Dec 11, 2015
- h) Alberta Environment & Parks Business Plan 2015'-2018'

Moved by Tracey Boutilier to accept Items 6(a) to 6(h) as information.....CARRIED

7. Round Table

Tom Moore reported that it's been a struggle on his site. There isn't any staff to deal with the recyclables. They are hauling their waste to Thorhild at a cost of \$65.00 to \$70.00 a ton. At this time there is no manager on site at Thorhild. Rob Smith reported that he went to the open house at Thorhild.

Jim Cheverie reported that they are hauling 70% of waste to Riley, AB (15,000 tonnes). This has created a greater loss of revenue. They use a private hauler. Waste Management is buying out a number of smaller haulers.

Lyle Hoffman reported that Vancouver is hauling to Abbotsford due to cheaper tipping fees.

Linda Davies suggested that Alberta CARE should pull and research what other provinces are doing.

Tracey Boutillier reported that Nova Scotia and New Brunswick don't have private haulers.

Rob Smith commented that the landscape is changing.

Pam Haggarty reported that she is very busy and has done a lot of work with First Nations. The HHW course was cancelled because of not enough attendance. The HHW course done in Fort McMurray will be held on Dec 8 & 9th and 17 from their own site will participate. The OHS/Asbestos course has a lot of unknown guidelines. On Jan 27, 2016 Alberta Environment will be doing a workshop on the topic of Asbestos. Our Centre's Executive Director is in China.

Tracey Boutillier reported that the Gasifier Pilot Project is up and running and doing 10 tons a day. The Bio Reactor had some legal issues with a patent and is in court. Land farming contaminated soil has shut down. In the new year they will be increasing curb recycling. They will have their first batch of 6000 tons of compost from their Class A project in June, 2016, which will be mixed with peat moss. They have 9 windrows and will be marketing the product but not selling it. Cutting Edge Tire Recycling is not collecting tires from the municipality, so they are using Liberty Tire. They are having problems with K&K collecting scrap metal, they have 800-1000 fridges waiting for freon removal. There are having union issues with using their trained staff in freon removal because it is not accepted by the union.

Mark Schell asked the members each to write to the Minister of Environment to enact the Phase II e-waste products.

Jim Cheverie reported that the Town of Bonnyville is having front street garbage pickup collection not in the back alley. The recycling compound opened up with volunteers donating their time. There is no money in the budget to hire staff.

Paul Ponich reported that the restaurant in Boyle, AB is shutting down, which employed 9 people. This will affect the tax base for the County.

Ray Juska reported that they have a new vertical baler at a cost of \$240,000.00. The Newell Recycling Centre qualified for a grant of \$35,000.00 towards it. Abestos waste is an issue for the Newell Solid Waste Authority. Ray suggested a tour of the bio gas plants in Lethbridge for our spring seminar. Kudos to GEEP. They had a HHW Roundup with a free breakfast and ARMA was open to funding the event. One of their challenges is that the Youngstown landfill has been in their region for 10-15 years and a new cell was built 3 years ago at a cost of \$100,000.00. Currently, the engineers are telling us that the landfill is unacceptable for use, so therefore there has been no approval.

Tom Moore reported that 40 businesses closed down in Slave Lake. The logging is doing well. GFL will be an ongoing issue. He is working with Alberta Energy to get their carbon credits back.

Lyle Hoffman reported that he is working with Rocky Mountain House. He is experiencing freeze mode (budget cuts) and is not sure what is happening in Government. The economy is so unsure and everyone is on hold and this is a trickle-down effect. If anyone needs any consulting be sure to call Lyle.

Molly Fyten reported the new CAO is Tom Kinderwater. There has been a lot of changes, one being a hold on budget. They are starting storm water management. The tipping fees are based on tonnage, \$50.00 a ton for sorted and \$100.00 a ton for unsorted. Molly asked for information for contacts to purchase speakers/ intercoms for the scale house operators.

Mervin Fyten reported that on TV, 1000 farmers raised the plaque cards and got the Politian's attention, maybe we should be dumping 30 truckloads of garbage on the legislature steps.

Doug Dallyn reported that Evergreen Management has saved them money. They switched over to curbside recycling to Evergreen. They are doing a by-law renewal for oil field waste - high volume - in a green zone. Currently, the oil field waste has slowed down. Municipal major plans are on hold.

Art Sawatzky reported looking for different markets for their recyclables. They hired a new Eco Centre manager last spring. They have stock piled 300 bales of mixed plastics, and 50 bales of film. They might have to bite the bullet and pay for shipping. Cardboard has increased from the commercial users. They had to purchase a new bunker. They are charging for cardboard - \$90.00 for compacted cardboard. The bunker cost is \$15,000.00. The commercial and oil field waste subsidized the recyclables. They are building a new landfill cell for oil waste with 90% being oil waste and it will be located in the green zone surrounded by agricultural land. One half of revenue is oil related in their budget. In 2016' they will cap one cell for MSW.

Rob Smith reported that they are busy with people cleaning up since there is no snow and everything is brown. They are not receiving much commercial and oil waste. With GFL coming into play, this will significantly impact everyone.

Linda Davies reported that they are busy as usual and they have collected 880 mattresses for a population of 8000 in the region. They have lots of electronics and kudos to GEEP. Cutting Edge is not picking up tires, so they are using Liberty. They have spent a lot of money developing a metal area, but they are having great difficulty with K&K Recycling picking up the metal. St. Michael 's Landfill has won an award for the best little landfill with a population of 5-2500 population.

Jennifer Besinger reported that the County of Grande Prairie is expanding the recycling pad. They have completed the cell at the regional landfill in Clairmont. They are busting at the seams with scrap metal. There has been an interesting change, there has been an influx of oil field waste that we do not take. We have garbage policies. We have collected and recycled concrete and used it for road base and topped with a layer of gravel. We have expanded our tire location.

Roy Doonanco reported that they do not operate a landfill. Members operate transfer sites. They have experienced a drop of 10% in volume.

Ramona Arnett reported that asbestos waste is an issue for them.

Brad Ollen reported that they have 2 new bins sites. They are recycling twine and have diverted 22 tons.

Roxie Rutt reported that they have developed an area for "gentle used articles" for residents. It is business as usual.

Marie Dyck reported that Art Sawatzky is a good manager.

Glen Finstad reported the City is undertaking a survey of multi-family curb side recycling. Retailer will be involved as well. He is now the Vice Chairman of the Capital Region Waste Minimization Advisory Committee. The City is preparing for the 2016' Summer Games and is looking for sustainable legacy sponsorships.

Peter Brown reported that plastics to oil is proceeding and financing is coming into place.

8. Adjournment at 12:15 p.m

9. Next Meeting - June, 2016