

Alberta Coordinated Action for Recycling Enterprises - Meeting Minutes for Region 2 & 3
Friday, June 17, 2016- 10:00 a.m.
Royal Executive Inn, 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
Sandor Arguello	GEEP Alberta Inc.
Paul Ponich	Athabasca County
Jim Cheverie	Town of Bonnyville/BRRWMC
Matt Janz	MD of Bonnyville
Roxy Rutt	MD of Greenview
Molly Fyten	Lac La Biche County
Dale McQueen	Woodlands County
Leah Carter	Cascade Recovery
Dale Siemens	Dingman Trucking
Rob Arnold	K&K Recycling
Carol Nelson	Alberta Environment & Parks
Linda McDonald	Alberta CARE

Regrets:

Hussein Elkadri	Cold Lake Recycling Centre
Dareld Cholak	Smoky Lake County
Joe Pearson	Wainwright Regional Waste Services Commission
Cyndi Taron	MD of Opportunity
Wade Arnold	County of Wetaskiwin
Tom Kinderwater	Lac La Biche County
Lyle Hoffman	Hoffman Consulting
Tracey Boutilier	RM of Wood Buffalo

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

2. Elections: one representative for Region 2 and 3 to sit as a Board Director of Alberta CARE for a two year term.

Moved by Tom Moore to open elections.....CARRIED

Moved by Tom Moore to elect Rob Smith.....CARRIED

Moved by Janet Altmiks to elect Glen Finstad.....CARRIED

Moved by Tom Moore to close elections.....CARRIED

3. Adoption of Agenda

To add Item 4 (a) - Molly Fyten - Curb Side Recycling

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

4. Request

a) **Molly Fyten** asked the membership if they could recommend or suggest anyone to do the curb side pickup in Lac La Biche County. They have been with GFL and the contract ends at the end of June. Jim Cheverie reported that they had signed a 5 year agreement with Cold Lake Recycling Centre and were pleased with the service that was provided. Molly Fyten had to leave the meeting early.

5. New Members

Rocky Mountain Regional Solid Waste Authority - Rocky Mountain House, AB
Mountain View Regional Waste Management Commission - Didsbury, AB
Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation - Valleyview, AB
Going Green Enviro Clean Inc. - Fort MacLeod, AB
Crownsnest/Pincher Creek Landfill Association - Pincher Creek, AB
North Forty Mile Regional Waste Management Services - Bow Island, AB
Merlin Shredding - Red Deer, AB

6. Old Business

a) Alberta Recycling Spring Seminar - Lethbridge, AB - Alberta CARE derived net revenue of \$24,000.00.

7. New Business

- a) The Minister of Environment & Parks meeting with Alberta CARE for June 28th, 2016 was cancelled
- b) Alberta CARE had a meeting in December, 2015 to discuss decreasing the incentive payment to Alberta CARE by 20%. Alberta CARE did not pass the full decrease to its members, but split the difference, 10% for Alberta CARE and 10% for the member. GEEP has assured us that this is a temporary measure.
- c) The Landfill Cost Comparisons Survey Results have been emailed out as of June 17th, there might be an additional seven responding and they will be added on to Part B. This survey was initiated by our new member Pat Sliworsky at Mountain View RWMC.
- d) The Alberta Job Grant and the Summer Temporary Employment Program was distributed to the membership. It was reported that the STEP program was not accepting Commissions this year. The Federal STEP program is accepting Commissions.
- e) Alberta Recycling Conference 2016' is being held in Athabasca, AB and all sessions are confirmed with the exception of the ALPAC Tour and fishing on the Athabasca River.
- f) Alberta Recycling Spring Seminar 2017' will be held at the Olds College, Olds, AB during the last week of February.
- g) Tom Moore, formally of Lesser Slave Lake has taken the position of Manager of the Westlock Regional Waste Services Commission. Tom Moore will remain as a Board Director of Alberta CARE. The Westlock RWSC and the Town of Westlock have been members of Alberta CARE for quite some time.

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

8. Information

- a) Alberta CARE AGM Reminder - Friday, July 22, 2016 - Leduc Golf and Country Club
- b) Draft Alberta CARE Joint Region 1-5 Meeting - December 4, 2015 was distributed
Molly Fyten reported amendments to the minutes: correct spelling of Marvin Fyten; in round table, Molly Fyten is not the CAO, Tom Kinderwater is the new CAO.
- c) Steve Madden, formally of County of Grande Prairie has taken the position of CAO of the Town of Bon Accord.
- d) Letter from St. Michael Regional Solid Waste Commission to K & K Scrap Metal was removed from the agenda by Linda Davies. Linda Davies reported that the relationship between St. Michael SWC and K&K arose as a result of the Commission's membership in Alberta CARE. It was important for Alberta CARE to be made aware of the relationship had ended, as Alberta CARE receives incentive payments from members using K&K services, and the letter was sent for that purpose.
- e) Pam Haggerty provided EWMCE Academy - Course Calendar 2016'
- f) Janet Altmiks provided the Alberta Plastics Recycling Association Financial Statement - Dec 31, 2015

Moved by Glen Finstad to accept Items 8(a) to 8(f) with amendment to Item 8(b) as information.....CARRIED

9. Round Table

Janet Altmiks reported that she attended the AGM for Alberta Plastics Recycling Association on June 16, 2016. The AGM was geared around Grant Cameron retiring as Executive Director. Tammy Schwass will be taking his place. Grant will be attending the Alberta Recycling Conference in Athabasca. Saskatchewan has started a new plastics program.

Roberta Windrum invited anyone to the Alberta Dairy Council's breakfast, golf and barbeque on June 28th for a cost of \$175.00 per person at the Ranch Golf and Country Club.

Pam Haggarty handed out the course calendar from EWMCE. She reported that Airdrie is hosting a Transfer Station Course and Rocky View is hosting a HHW course. The host of any course would receive a discount for training. Pam and Linda will discuss a time on the conference agenda to get members together to collect information on waste asbestos and refer those comments to OH&S.

Linda Davies reported that the landfill was business as usual. They are charging for mattresses. As of March, 2016, they are charging for overweight propane bottles. St. Michaels's is the smallest landfill with the smallest staff and it is opened 6 days a week. Thank you to Alberta CARE for sending out the hours of operation survey for their Commission.

Rob Arnold reported that after reading the Landfill Cost Comparison Survey, he was concerned that some municipalities were charging for propane tanks (20 lbs or less). He suggested that they do not charge for propane bottles, they are a hazard and can explode and start metal piles on fire. Steve Madden, County of Grande Prairie had a metal pile fire and so did Didsbury. Signage should be visible so that there are no hidden bottles in the loads. Rob Arnold reported that they are helping out Fort McMurray with mattresses, but mattress springs are a typical issue because the springs are a tangled mess and some of the metal has foam on the springs, so therefore it is considered contaminated. K & K has reduced its crews on white goods due to the economic climate.

Rob Smith reported that Tank Traders took 600-700 bottles from Athabasca.

Carol Nelson reported that there are new scrap metal regulations from the Alberta Justice Dept. This material is high risk. She will forward the link to Alberta CARE.

Rob Arnold reported that in 2014, metal was \$300.00 a gross ton, and today, it is \$115.00 a gross ton. K & K Recycling clients and Alberta CARE members can be assured that they can have open dialogue with K & K and they have options, and one of those options is to opt out of the metal contract. Rob Arnold was happy to report that the majority of our clients and Alberta CARE members have remained with us during these hard economic times.

Leah Carter reported that Cascade Recovery would be joining Alberta CARE membership. They have a closed loop recycling program. They deal with all the mills across Canada. Walmarts are using the recyclable fiber meat trays and cascade tissues. She is looking forward to working with small rural municipalities in Alberta as she did in B.C. They can do pickups in municipalities through their sub contractor trucking firms. Westaskwin has been hauling into Edmonton at least once a day, sometimes two or three times a day. Leah is looking forward to attending the conference as an exhibitor

Paul Ponich reported that the lumber mill shut down in Boyle, AB, not the restaurant as reported in the Dec, 2015 minutes. They had a fire in Grassland and it backed up traffic on the highway for miles, people were camped out in the ditches until traffic was allowed to go. The school attendance has increased, they have over 100 new students from Fort McMurray. Rob Smith reported that the garbage has increased from the influx of Fort McMurray in the Wandering River area.

Glen Finstad reported that the Leduc Recreation Centre (LRC) and the operation building will have the largest rooftop solar array in Canada. City of Leduc was approved for partial funding from the province of \$1.25 million dollars together with the City of Leduc reserve of \$1,810,845.00 dollars. With the current provincial government the funding grant was cancelled at the end of May. The energy supplier Enmax is the consultant. There is 9 mega watts in all of Alberta, Leduc will be producing 1.6 megawatts (wow factor). The official opening of the completed project will be June 28, 2016. The Leduc Summer Games will be held from July 14-17th with 14 events. Twelve events will be held in the City of Leduc, 1 in the Town of Devon and 1 in the City of Edmonton (BMX Biking). Red Deer will be holding the Winter Games. The Condo buildings are willing to pay \$50.00 per unit for unsorted curbside pickup. The school's grade 4 class received the Leduc Achievement award for collecting organics in their school. When the downtown revitalization project is completed, it will have 3 streams of collection.

Jim Cheverie asked if anyone had any information on the new decking material made out of tire shred and plastics. The material is brick shaped for driveways. He was told that this product was sold at the Deck Store in Edmonton. It was also mentioned that DBS in Lethbridge makes this product.

Jim Cheverie reported that downtown Bonnyville has 3 streams of pickups. The recyclables collected downtown will be sorted by Public Works and the funds will be donated to the Boys & Girls Club at 10 cents a pop bottle. The commission is down on waste hauling by 25% to Thorhild. Thorhild was the lowest bid in March. We have a long term 5 year contract with them. The town is saving \$40,000.00 a year. We use our trailers and the hauler just brings the tractor. We use a local trucking company. It is \$400.00 from Bonnyville to Thorhild and \$500.00 from Cold Lake to Thorhild, everyday and sometimes 2 to 3 times a day. Toxic Roundup is being held June 24th and it is increasing annually.

Dale McQueen reported that they are looking at building a new cell above ground/hydro poplar. They are getting quotes from a Vancouver engineering company. Their leachate system has 2 ponds. They are re-vamping the whole site.

Matt Janz reported that the MD of Bonnyville has a new by-law for pickup for new residential subdivisions. It is \$15.00 per month along with MD residential at \$15.00 per month for collection costs. There are no fees for appliances and mattresses. They are going to be buying a new baler for cardboard.

Linda McDonald reported for **Molly Fyten** that Lac La Biche County is exploring new options for dealing with site recyclables (from landfills and transfer stations) as their pilot project with a local facility is coming to an end. (D & G Communications, formally Big Jim). The County is doing storm water management pond construction project and it has been completed at the Plamondon landfill.

Carol Nelson reported that Alberta Environment & Parks are short staffed, no layoffs, just not being replaced as staff leave. Carol has been a waste policy specialist for the past 4 years and 14 years with Victory. Carol is an environmental engineer. The Alberta Environment presentation for the conference was discussed. Alberta CARE hopes that Carol can be our liaison member, replacing Christine Della Costa.

Sandor Arguello, GEEP, reported that everyone is feeling the current economic downturn. GEEP has increased their efficiency and appreciates that Alberta CARE is willing to work with them. They are having issues with the cages; the cages are deteriorating and they are expensive, GEEP might have to wait for a little while to purchase more. We expect our volume to increase in the coming months.

GEEP is waiting to hear something official from the government for the Phase II program. We are disappointed that Alberta CARE could not meet with the Minister. High Prairie/MD of Big Lakes and Rocky Mountain House are on board for e-waste collection. Copper has declined from \$4.00 a lb in 2011 to \$2.00 a lb. in 2016, which is USA pricing. We have reduced our staff by 30 to 40 people. Linda asked for an overview of EPRA (Electronic Program Recycling Association). EPRA is in all the Canadian provinces with the exception of Alberta. It is very important to support ARAMA. Rob Smith suggested Mark Schell, GEEP come to a meeting and do a presentation on EPRA for the members.

Roxie Rutt reported that FCCS reported to Council that there were 2 villages of tents in Smoky River from people arriving in Valleyview with no jobs or housing from Fort McMurray. The food bank had increased requests and there is a huge rise in housing demand. They have been working on licensing for work camps with conditions for areas south of Fox Creek and Little Smoky. There has been an increased in gas waste south of Grande Prairie and Grande Cache. Debolt has two new firehouses. Valleyview has a new multi-plex. The challenge for Council is that First Nations have no running water and no pump out system for sewers. There are 9 Coops and they are going through a hard time and their garbage is being hauled to Grande Cache and the MD of Greenview pays Grande Cache. The MD of Greenview has large item pickup once a year.

Rob Smith reported they are dealing with the governance side of waste management. The commission has signed up 7 summer villages, that will use their facility site. They are considering using a card system for the summer villages. A survey was sent out and the deadline was June 13th but he has not heard the results yet. Since the increase of evacuees, there has been extra pickups of the increased waste. There have been some losses of businesses in Athabasca, but a new Boston Pizza is opening up. They are hauling to Thorhild landfill from Boyle, AB. The distance from Boyle to Thorhild is only 20 minutes instead of 1 hour from Boyle to Athabasca.

Tom Moore reported that Lesser Slave Lake is struggling with lost revenue of \$600,000.00. Alberta Environment approved a height extension of 10 meters. This approval is from June/2013 to June/2016 and will extend it for 20 years. Leachate is being hauled to the town lagoons, and time has now come to indicate that there is high metal content in the leachate from our fire. I will be the first Manager at Westlock. They have been waiting for 15 years to have someone. There will be lots of work, such as developing recycling facility, best practices, by-laws, policies, and staffing, along with daily operations. Everything is good.

Dale Siemens reported that there are some new ideas coming from Calgary about leachate, an evaporated system. When he hears more news, he will let us know.

10. Adjournment at 12:24 p.m.