

Alberta Coordinated Action for Recycling Enterprises - Region 1 Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 20, 2016
Conference Call

Present

Jennifer Besinger	County of Grande Prairie
Doug Dallyn	Northern Sunrise County
Nels Nelson	Long Lake Regional Waste Services Commission
Art Sawatzky	Peace Regional Waste Management Company
Amy Horne	Aquatera Utilities
Dennis Lang	North Peace Regional Waste Mgmt. Company
Dennis Zahacy	High Prairie Regional Waste Commission

Regrets

Marie Dyck	Northern Sunrise County
Kelly Solon	Trevita/Grimshaw
Lionel Tomson	Trevita/Spirit River
Brenda Burridge	Town of Fox Creek

1. Meeting called to Order at 8:40 a.m.

2. Elections

Moved by Dennis Zahacy to open elections.....CARRIED

Moved by Nels Nelson to elect Art Sawatzky.....CARRIED

Moved by Doug Dallyn to close elections.....CARRIED

3. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by Dennis Lang to accept the agenda as presented.....CARRIED

4. 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

5. Old Business

a) Alberta Recycling Spring Seminar held in Lethbridge earned a net revenue for Alberta CARE of \$ 24,000.00.

Moved by Nels Nelson to accept for information.....CARRIED

6. New Business

a) The Minister of Environment Meeting has been cancelled for June 28th, 2016 with our Board of Directors
b) GEEP Electronics has temporally decreased the incentive payment to Alberta CARE by 20%, Alberta CARE spit the difference with the members.

- c) The Landfill Cost Comparisons Survey results were sent out to the members.
- d) Two Alberta Job Grant and Summer Temporary Employment Program.
Art Sawatzky, Peace Regional Waste has been approved for 3 students under this grant, recouping \$7.00 per hour.
Dennis Lang, North Peace Regional Landfill, has hired in the past, but this year the Commissions are not being accepted under the STEP program.
- e) Alberta Recycling Conference 2016' is being held in Athabasca. Members encouraged to book hotel rooms as soon as possible due to construction crews booking for Fort McMurray and Alpac shutting down for the month of September.
- f) The Alberta Recycling Spring Seminar for 2017' will be held at the Olds College.
- g) Tom Moore is now the Manager of the Westlock Regional Waste Commission and will remain as a member of Alberta CARE for Region 2 & 3.

Moved by Dennis Zahacy that Items 6(a) to 6(g) be accepted as information.....CARRIED

7. Information

- a) Alberta CARE AGM Reminder is being held on Friday, July 22nd, 2016 at the Leduc Golf and Country Club.
- b) Draft Alberta CARE Joint Region 1-5 Meeting Minutes - December 4th, 2015.
- c) Steve Madden, formally of Grande Prairie is now the CAO of the Town of Bon Accord.

Moved by Art Sawatzky that Items 7(a) to 7(c) be accepted as information.....CARRIED

8. Round Table

Amy Horne reported that the RCA was not successful with having a meeting with the Minister of Environment & Parks. The RCA decided to meet with the respective MLAs. The meeting with Wayne Drysdale went really well. The volume at the Eco Centre has had a significant decrease and the curb side recycling is down 100 metric tons. They are holding off shipping their Styrofoam because in the past, they received 28 cents a pound, and currently they would only receive 8 cents a pound. Aquatera is still having issues with GEEP regarding cages. Some cages have to be put together when they are received, they are missing hinges and have glass in the bottom of the cage.

Dennis Lang reported that he uses a sea can without cages. All heavy items at the bottom and then the light ones on the top. It has worked well and he will continue with this method and with Recycle Logic. Dennis Zahacy reported that they have changed to GEEP and gotten rid of the sea can method, which can be a health and safety issue. Art Sawatzky uses the sea can method and will remain with Recycle Logic.

Art Sawatzky reported that volume is down for oil and gas waste and their operation is subsidized by oilfield waste. Peace River has a blue bag curbside recycling program. The processor came to them to bale the recyclables and then send it to the processors. It seems to be working. They are promoting backyard composting. Art Sawatzky and Environment and Parks came together to speak in the community and schools about the importance of backyard composting. They will be building a Class II composting pad.

Dennis Lang reported that volumes are down, but are still busy. He attended a County tradeshow and promoted battery recycling (small ones). They can be very dangerous and cause fires. The key to success is education. Dennis attended the SWANA Conference in Calgary in May and will be attending the Alberta CARE Conference in Athabasca.

Nels Nelson reported that the volume is down at Long Lake Regional Landfill, but recently, 2 large elevators were torn down and the waste could not be burned so it was buried, which brought the volume up to last year's stats. There was no asbestos in the waste, but lots of grain dust.

Jennifer Besinger reported that they have put forward community incentives for organic diversion. The County is subsidizing the cost of digesters and composters. The cost of the digester to the County is \$120.00 and to the community it is \$60.00. The cost of the earth machine is \$60.00 and to the community it is \$30.00. They are collecting organic waste in the public works building.

Doug Dallyn reported that Northern Sunrise County has switched over to curbside pickup and it is going well. It was cheaper to have this than the County doing it themselves.

8. Adjourned

Moved by Jennifer Besinger that the meeting be adjourned at 9:10 a.m.....CARRIED