

**Alberta Coordinated Action for Recycling Enterprises
Joint Meeting with Region 1-5
Leduc Golf and Country Club, Leduc, AB**

Friday, January 14, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.

MINUTES

Attendance

Tom Moore	Westlock Regional Waste Commission
Rob Smith	Athabasca Regional Waste Services Commission
Janet Altmiks	Crystal Clean Water/Alberta CARE Treasurer
Glen Finstad	City of Leduc
Ray Juska	City of Brooks/Newell Recycling Centre
Jennifer Besinger	County of Grande Prairie
Art Sawatzky	Peace River Waste Management Company
Brad Ollen	MD of Bonnyville
Dana Swigart	MD of Bonnyville
Ben Fadeyiw	MD of Bonnyville
Paul Poulin	Evergreen Regional Landfill
Molly Fyten	County of Lac La Biche
Zac Sarling	MD of Greenview
Rick Sereda	City of Leduc
Tony Tymchyshyn	Town of Vegreville
Christopher Stadnyk	Town of Fox Creek
Dwayne Yaremkevich	Town of Elk Point
Brad Schultz	Alberta Recycling Management Authority
Linda McDonald	Alberta CARE

1. Meeting and introductions at 10:15 a.m.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by Ben Fadeyiw that the Agenda be accepted as presented.....CARRIED

3. Adoption of the December 4, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Moved by Rob Smith to accept the December 4, 2020 Meeting Minutes.....CARRIED

4. **ARMA Review of 2021' by Brad Schultz.**

Discussion followed as to the new changes of HHW and the EPR Program and touched on the e-Waste Expansion Pilot Competition Collection Sites and the dedication to the pilot by Jennifer Besinger and her department for the County of Grande Prairie.

5. **Old Business**

- a) Alberta CARE Spring Conference 2021' – Cancelled due to Covid 19 by Province Government
- b) Alberta CARE Conference 2021' - Cancelled by the MD of Bonnyville, AB
- c) e-Waste Expansion Pilot Competition among Alberta Collection Sites
- d) Alberta Code of Practice for Hydro Vac Stakeholder Update. Carol Nelson was unable to attend and report on this matter

- e) Freon Removal Course was held in the County of Grande Prairie on October 22nd with 11 in attendance
- f) Updated HHW Videowas completed by DBS Environmental for the upcoming HHW courses, which will begin in mid-February
- g) Mike Milhousen reported that he has recruited 4 new members to the Alberta CARE and Quantum Lifestyles e-Waste Program.
- h) Tom Moore reported to the meeting with the Minister of Environment’s department as to the new Household Hazardous Waste changes and the costs to the landfills and off loaded to the taxpayers – December 21, 2021’

Moved by Jennifer Besinger to accept 5(a) to 5(d) to be filed for information.....CARRIED

6. New Business

- a) Alberta CARE Spring Seminar 2022 will be hosted and sponsored by DBS Environmental in the City of Lethbridge on Feb 23-25th, 2022
- b) Alberta CARE Conference will be hosted and sponsored by the City of Leduc on Sept 7-9th, 2022’
- c) Alberta CARE Conference will be hosted and sponsored by the County of Grande Prairie on September 6-8th, 2023’
- d) New Members: Frog Lake 1st Nation, Clean Harbors Canada/ Red Deer and Town of Edson

Moved by Art Sawatzky to accept 6(a) to 6(d) to be filed for information.....CARRIED

7. Other Business

- a) Letter of Concern addressed to Alberta CARE by Stacey Jost. Rob Smith said that this is something from a private resident that we do not deal with and should be referred to Alberta Environment and Parks.
- b) Molly Fyten would like to get more information as to the Sharps program and other medical waste and possibly have someone speak on it at the upcoming conference

8. Information

- a) Ben Armstrong, Wheatland County and Alberta CARE Board Member has retired (Region 4)
- b) Scott Klassen, Wheatland County will be the Alberta CARE Alternative for Ben Armstrong
- c) Paul Ryan, Bow Valley Regional Waste and Alberta and MD of Big Horn, Alberta CARE Board Director was not elected in the municipal election 2021’ (vacancy in Region 4)
- d) Ray Juska was elected Council for the City of Brooks and is an Alberta CARE Board Member and represents the Newell Recycling Centre in Brooks

Moved by Glen Finstad to accept 8(a) to 8(d) as information.....CARRIED

9. Round Table

Ray Juska said that when he looks at the brochure for the Spring Seminar and looks at the line up, tells the others that this is the meat and potatoes of this organization.

Ray reported that his input to the new EPR program should take in end of life batteries for electric cars and solar panels. He also reported that they could not get trucks to come to the landfill and pick up the cardboard, so the City of Brooks decided to privatize it and it was tendered out. Cardboard is selling for \$140.00 a ton.

Dana Swigartis looking forward to the Spring Seminar and will enjoy hearing Peace River’s presentation as to the Waste to Energy Program. He also agrees that batteries should be included in the EPR Program and mattresses.

Dwayne Yaremkevich finds this meeting informative and will attend again in the future.

Zac Sarling reported that this was his first meeting . The cardboard from the MD is processed in Edison. They deal with Shank for electronics for the MD of Greenview and Town of Grande Cache.

Janet Altmiks thanked Tom Moore for taking her plastic caps that are no needed for her business of Crystal Clean Water.

Jennifer Besinger reported that tonnage dropped 20-25% this past year. They have had 2 bin fires and 2 landfill fires which possibly started from batteries. They will be using the old leachate pond for Hydro Vac.

Glen Finstad reported that the Eco Centre is the City of Leduc received the award. They have had 22% increase in stereo foam and process it into bricks. Their first load of organics from the City was shipped to Tom Moore in Westlock. The City is doing two wetlands restoration projects. The City has a homeowner grant funding program to upgrade their energy deficiencies and then it is added to their taxes to be paid back monthly.

Tom Moore reported that he is grinding plastics from 4 and 5 municipalities. He grinding AG Silage Bags. The plastics are sent to DBS Environmental in Southern Alberta and to Westlock in the Northern Alberta. Tom is working with a Composting Facility operated by a private company which cost the company \$600,000.00.

Tony Tymchyshyn reported that they now have a compactor which has made a huge difference and saving cell space. They are revamping the landfill to make it more user friendly, it seems the struggle of years are over. The tonnage at the landfill has been down this past year, but the recycling is increased. Vegreville has a new Council.

Rob Smith reported that he has been with Alberta CARE for 21 years and agrees with Ray Juska's comments. He reported that revenues were over all up for Class 2 and 3. They have new councilors. They have 9 summer villages around the lakes. The cabins are being torn down and people are building million dollar homes. They are going through the expansion for 3 cells. The Athabasca new bridge will have access over the river for our trucks to haul.

Art Sawatzky reported they now have a single stream of recycling instead of multi streams which as cut down costs. The bins for yard waste have been removed as they did not work out, they were filled with couches and furniture. Wate to Energy is bringing in 2 ½ tons a day blended with waste wood. The goal is 8 tons a day.

Brad Ollen reported that the Class 3 expansion is completed and added a 5 years length. The MD has 7 landfills, they do door to door for 450 houses for collection. They have 30/40 years old pile of clay, dirt and rocks – 4100 ton concrete, 1000 concrete, and 5 tons rocks. Glass goes into the concrete pile to be crushed. They have sent 12 sea cans of mattresses to TechnoTrash, Tabler, AB. The 12 sea cans shipped contained 6000 mattresses, 4 years worth. The cost to ship the mattresses was \$26.00 each. The MD is involved in the Battery Recycling Program. They are aware that the program does not help with the cost of shipping. They have shipped to

DBS Environmental 120 bales of grain bags. K&K do their metal recycling. They did a road trip to have a tour with Art Sawatzky of their site for Energy to Waste. Ben Fayden reported Ben Fadeyiw reported that he is glad to be involved as a member of Alberta CARE. He reported that the MD had investigated the Bio Mass in Kanas, USA.

Molly Fyten reported that they have had landfill fires due to lithium batteries. They have two wetlands projects started. AENV put a stop order on their compost pad due to food on site. The matter got resolved and they are working on a renewal again. Hopefully it will be approved by the spring of 2022'.

Paul Poulin reported that he has been working with First Nations.

Jennifer Besinger reported that they will be listing their compactor for sale. The County will be renting the Terminator; mattresses will be shredded.

10. Adjournment 12:30 p.m.