

Alberta Coordinated Action for Recycling Enterprises - Region 1-5
Friday, December 2nd, 2016 - 10:00 a.m.
Executive Royal Inn, 8450 Sparrow Drive, Leduc, AB

MINUTES

Attendance:

Rob Smith	Athabasca Regional Waste Management Services Commission
Tom Moore	Westlock Regional Waste Management Commission
Art Sawatzky	Peace River Waste Management Company
Janet Altmiks	Crystal Clean Water
Jennifer Besinger	County of Grand Prairie
Glen Finstad	City of Leduc
Ben Armstrong	Wheatland County
Glenn Belozar	Leduc County
Frank Byrne	GEEP Alberta Inc.
Paul Ponich	Athabasca County
Carol Nelson	Alberta Environment
Roxie Rutt	MD of Greenview
Elizabeth Gray	Alberta Recycling
Erin Gallagher	Leduc County
Pam Haggarty	Edmonton Waste Management Centre of Excellence
Annette Hunter	Aquatera, Grand Prairie
Pat Sliworsky	Mountain View Regional Waste Management Commission
Dana Swigart	MD of Bonnyview
Dale McQueen	Woodlands County
David Fox	MD of Bonnyville
Brad Ollen	MD of Bonnyville
Lyle Hoffman	Hoffman Consulting
Tom Kinderwater	Lac La Biche County
Molly Fyten	Lac La Biche County
Marvin Fyten	Lac La Biche, AB
Paul Ryan	Bow Valley Regional Waste Commission

Regrets:

Roberta Windrum	Alberta Dairy Council
Tracey Boutilier	RM of Wood Buffalo
Dareld Cholak	Smoky Lake County
Sandor Arguello	GEEP Electronics
Linda Davies	St. Michael Regional Solid Waste Commission
Gary Counc	MD of Greenview

1. Meeting called to Order with Introductions at 10:05 a.m.

- 2. Speaker: Alberta Recycling Management Association (ARMA)** presented on the economic downturn. Posted on Alberta CARE Website.
Elizabeth Gray reported that we are not to use the term ARMA, but only "Alberta Recycling". It is the 100 Million Tire Anniversary. Three awards were given out to the RM of Wood

Buffalo, Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation and the County of Grande Prairie. The downturn is in the sales of electronics. They are drawing on the electronics reserve. There will be a drop in grant funding for 2017'. Paint Program is at a breakeven point and are looking at increasing the fees in the future. Charles Huck is inspecting to keep out materials out of the landfill. Rob Smith sits on the Tire Industry Council.

Speaker: Albert Used Oil Management Association (AUOMA) presented on proposed changes to the Program. Lyle Hoffman spoke to the projected deficit of \$734,000.00 in 2016'. AUOMA is waiting for the government to approve changes to the regulations. Some of the changes would be to include antifreeze containers, as contaminated oil with antifreeze cannot be recycled. They have 5 people for administrating the operations. They have lost 134 collection sites in 2016. Red Deer refuses to collect used oil. Calgary is not collecting used oil. The incentive paid to dealers is the lowest in Canada. AUOMA can only survive another two years under the existing program.

3. Adoption of Agenda

Dale McQueen moved to adopt the Agenda as presented.....CARRIED

4. Old Business

- a. The Alberta CARE Conference held in Athabasca generated \$29,579.00 in revenue
- b. Alberta CARE has had no response to requests to meet with the Minister of Environment. Linda McDonald reported that the Minister's assistant told her that he would get back to her, but hasn't and indicated that there would be no immediate date set at this time.

5. New Business

- a. Alberta Recycling Spring Seminar to be held on Feb 22-24th at Olds College at the Pomaroy Inn and Suites.
- b. Alberta Recycling Conference will be held on Sept 6-8th at the Executive Royal Hotel in Leduc. The City and County of Leduc will be the host sponsors for this conference.
- c. Freon Removal Course was held in the County of St. Paul on November 25, 2016 with 12 attending.
- d. Memberships will be mailed out in January, 2017'
- e. Crawling Valley Huttrite Colony - Film Winder Video - distributed to the membership
- f. Alberta Education Curriculum Development Survey - distributed to the membership

Ben Armstrong moved to accept items 5(a) to 5(f) as information.....CARRIED

6. New Members

- a. Richmond Steel is paying for steel
- b. Lafarge Canada - overview attached

Jennifer Besinger moved to accept 6(a and b) as information.....CARRIED

7. Other Business

- a. Asbestos Research Project by Edmonton Waste Management Centre of Excellence, which is funded by OH&S. Pam Haggerty reported that the Asbestos research would be complete by March/17. There have been 7 rounds of round table discussions. Discussion of best practices, how to train handlers, and what to do now. She reported that EWMCE would be looking at doing a one day waste water course in the fall.
- b. SWANA Training - Tom Moore reported that SWANA training is on their website. Tom has done two courses in Fort McMurray. SWANA is working with Saskatchewan legislation. SWANA is very busy with basic instruction for landfill certification. They have done a fire course for the City of Edmonton.

- c. Show and Tell/Fire Damage - Rob Smith reported a fire at his Class III landfill at Boyle. Cigarettes were in the construction bin from smoking containers. There was second fire at the Class II landfill in the garbage bin. Battery was crushed and hot sparks caused the fire.

8. Information

- a. Alberta CARE Region 1 Draft Minutes - June 20, 2015
- b. Alberta CARE Regional 2 & 3 Draft Minutes - June 17, 2015
- c. Alberta CARE Region 4 & 5 Draft Minutes - June 22, 2015
- d. Alberta Used Oil Management Association Executive Director - Jodi Tomchyshyn London
- e. Alberta Plastics Recycling Association Executive Director - Tammy Schwass
- f. Saskatchewan Stewardship AG Grain Bag Program
- g. Merlin Plastics & Emittera Plastic Partnership
- h. NAPC News Article

Glen Finstad moved to accept items 8(a) to 8(h) as information.....CARRIED

9. Round Table

Roxi Rutt reported that the MD of Greenview would have to increase their "Take it or Leave it" as it is growing.

Erin Gallagher reported that Leduc County is business as usual.

Ben Armstrong reported that all is going well in Wheatland County.

Pat Sliworsky reported that they are recycling shingles at Mountain View County. They have recycled 4000 tons of shingles. They are putting it on the roads to cut down the dust, with a 1 inch coverage. There have no complaints from anyone. The cost per ton is \$65.00 a ton. This will be a good item for the spring seminar at Olds.

Dana Swigart reported that every meeting is a good session of information.

Dale McQueen reported the "Happy Shack", which is the drop and take is going really well. The Town of Whitecourt dropped out of the used oil business. GFL now takes it.

Brad Ollen reported that Cold Lake and Bonnyville have a partnership for a grant. The Cold Lake Depot has recycled 22 tons of twine this year. The MD of Bonnyville has applied for 4 transfer stations.

Lyle Hoffman reported that he is working for Rocky Mountain House/Clearwater County. He is looking for further projects in the industry.

Tom Kinderwater reported that Lac La Biche County is only at 18% curbside collection and that needs to improve. They have to focus on improving the recycling rates.

Art Sawatzky reported they are improving the recycling rate. Town of Peace started a blue bag program and they bale it for GFL. They have been doing summer backyard composting. The landfill has slowed down, and its been the slowest year ever seen.

Molly Fyten reported that Lac La Biche County is looking at curbside service or communal bins. One third of their collection is weed and garden.

Tom Moore reported that they are looking to get into recycling bales and are looking at balers. Westlock has two disasters: flooding in Westlock and a chicken farm burned down.

Rob Smith reported that he has 7 out of 8 summer villages on board for collection for an annual fee. The Athabasca Sites are hauled to Athabasca and the Boyle site is hauled to GFL. The cost per residential is \$143.00. He is looking into the carbon levy. Methane collection is 25 times more harmful than CO2 and paying \$30.00, which effect the bottom line. Continued testing needs to be done for the next 3 years at the same rate of \$143.00.

Jennifer Besinger reported they have a RFP with K & K Recycling for the past 8 years. Backyard composters/digesters was a successful promotion in the County of Grande Prairie. They have done tours at the landfill. They are moving to a cart system for some residential areas.

Frank Byrne reported that GEEP volumes are down due to the market.

Paul Ryan reported that they have completed a detailed Business Plan and a detailed Waste Characteristic Plan. They have doubled their recycling volume with a Merf.

10. Adjourned at 1:02 p.m.