

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

MINUTES OF THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT SELECT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2015 AT 1:30 PM IN THE RDN COMMITTEE ROOM

Present:

Director J. Stanhope	Chairperson
Director A. McPherson	Electoral Area 'A'
Director H. Houle	Electoral Area 'B'
Director M. Young	Electoral Area 'C'
Director B. McKay	City of Nanaimo
Director J. Kipp	City of Nanaimo
Director T. Westbrook	Town of Qualicum Beach
Director M. Lefebvre	City of Parksville

Also in Attendance:

D. Pearce	A/Gen. Mgr., Transportation & Solid Waste Services, RDN
L. Gardner	Manager of Solid Waste, RDN
S. Horsburgh	Senior Solid Waste Planner, RDN
P. Thorkelsson	CAO, RDN
R. Graves	Recording Secretary, RDN

Regrets:

Director B. Yoachim	City of Nanaimo
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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:32pm by the Chairperson.

MINUTES

MOVED Director Lefebvre SECONDED Director Westbrook that the minutes from the Solid Waste Select Committee meeting held March 11, 2015 be received.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MOVED Director Lefebvre SECONDED Director McKay that the minutes from the Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting held December 11, 2014 be received for information only.

CARRIED

MOVED Director Lefebvre SECONDED Director Westbrook that the draft minutes from the Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting held February 19, 2015 be received for information only.

CARRIED

REPORTS

Authority to Regulate Municipal Solid Waste.

S. Horsburgh introduced the report on information regarding flow management as a measure to regulate Municipal Solid Waste generated in the Region. The Regional District of Nanaimo is proposing to review waste flow management options as part of the SWMP process to require that waste residue generated in the RDN is disposed of at a regional facility.

MOVED Director Lefebvre SECONDED Director Westbrook that the Authority to Regulate Municipal Solid Waste report be received.

CARRIED

Disposal Facility Future Cost Projections.

L. Gardner introduced a staff report for 25 year landfill cost projections under three different scenarios as follows: 1) Waste Volume Decrease – 22,000 tonnes (no flow management); 2) 80% Waste Diversion with no flow management; 3) 80% Waste Diversion with flow management in place.

MOVED Director Kipp SECONDED Director McPherson that the Disposal Facility Future Cost Projections report be received.

CARRIED

Solid Waste Tipping Fee Analysis.

L. Gardner introduced a staff report presenting an alternate tip fee structure based on a tiered per tonne fee and the introduction of a transaction fee. The objective of the alternate fee structure is to stabilize revenue while the SWMP is under review.

MOVED Director Westbrook SECONDED Director Lefebvre that the Solid Waste Tipping Fee Analysis report be received.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Stanhope commented that Energizer is introducing a new campaign that 40% of their batteries will be recyclable. The Chair questioned if the RDN will start accepting batteries for recycling? L.Gardner commented that if private recycling industries are providing that service the RDN would not compete with industry.

Director Westbrook displayed a garbage can lid that a Grade 4 class designed for Qualicum's Town Hall square elaborated and on recycling efforts within the school community.

Director Kipp enquired if the Committee should take a tour of local recycling facilities? Staff was directed to arrange a tour.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved Director Lefebvre SECONDED Director Westbrook that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

NEXT MEETING

TBA.

CHAIRPERSON