

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO
REGIONAL SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2015
BOARD CHAMBERS**

Present:

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| Alec McPherson | Chair, RDN Director | Amanda Ticknor | Member at Large |
| Fred Spears | District of Lantzville | Al Cameron | Town of Qualicum Beach |
| Jan Hastings | Non Profit Representative | | |
| Charlotte Davis | City of Nanaimo | | |
| Gerald Johnson | Member at Large | | |
| John Finnie | Member at Large | | |
| Craig Evans | Member at Large | | |
| Jim McTaggart-Cowan | Member at Large | | |

Also in Attendance:

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| Larry Gardner | Manager of Solid Waste, RDN |
| Sharon Horsburgh | Senior Solid Waste Planner, RDN |
| Shelleen Schultz | Recording Secretary, RDN |
| Gary Fairbank | Waste Management Industry |
| Rod Leclerc | City of Nanaimo |
| Dave Ross | Waste Management Industry |

Regrets:

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| Chief & Council | Nanoose First Nation |
| Chief & Council | Snuneymuxw First Nation |
| Jeremy Jones | Business Representative |
| Rod Mayo | Institutional Waste Generator |
| Ed Walsh | Waste Management Industry |
| Al Leuschen | Ministry of Environment |
| Karen Muttersbach | Environment Canada |
| Al Metcalf | City of Parksville |
| Brian Dietrich | Member at Large |
| Frank Van Eynde | Member at Large |
| Wally Wells | Business Representative |
| Michael Recalma | Qualicum First Nation |
| Glenn Gibson | Island Heath |
| Michele Green | Member at Large |
| Ellen Ross | Member at Large |

CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 5:12 pm.

MINUTES

Minutes of the Regional Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting held on February 19, 2015 could not be motioned as there was no quorum.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

An update on the Solid Waste Management Plan Public Consultation activities was presented by S. Horsburgh. The activities underway and plans moving forward for the summer include:

- Revised consultation plan submitted to the MoE for comment
- Region-wide Solid Waste newsletter mailed
- Conducted Solid Waste survey
- Developed Static Displays
- Finalizing schedule of events to attend over the summer

REPORTS

L. Gardner presented a timeline review outlining, spring, summer and fall guidelines for the Consultation moving forward.

2 R's – Reduce, Reuse & RPR

M. Larson presented the report in a PowerPoint presentation on the Current Status of Reduce, Reuse & RPR in the RDN including the challenges and what the future role of the RDN in Reduce, Reuse & RPR will be.

3rd R – Recycling and end uses

S. Horsburgh presented a PowerPoint presentation outlining the Policy Framework and Current Status of Recycling in the RDN. The underlying policy that has contributed to the RDN's high diversion rate is the **"Zero Waste" policy** – *which continuously strives to reduce the amount of waste requiring disposal. Key policy drivers are as follows:*

- The RDN's material bans –treat garbage as a resource once a stable, alternative use is identified;
-Low hanging fruit: mattresses, organics, textiles, RPR materials
- High disposal fees
- Organics diversion strategy & construction/demolition (C&D) waste

Considerations for the future was also discussed as RDN's programs, policies, services and infrastructure indicative of an advanced solid waste management system such as RPR – new opportunities for private sector & residents.

- RDN not involved in delivering service to commercial sector - past success has been from policy and regulation
- Waste composition Study indicates more can be done within the current system to divert waste - what can we do better?
- Societal impact of consumerism makes reducing the per capita waste a challenge how do we address this?
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Residential Curbside Collection Program Overview

C. Davies and J. Ainge presented a PowerPoint presentation outlining the Past, Present and future of curbside collection including City of Nanaimo and RDN curbside collection milestones, diversion through curbside budgets, MMBC, communication, challenges, future influences, achievements and looking ahead.

A timeline overview was also presented that covered options to consider moving forward:

Spring

- Feb – projected waste generation
- April - reduce, reuse, recycle and curbside
- May – resource recovery (presentation by NextUse); introduction on residual management
- June – WTE (presentation by Morrison Hershfield);Regulatory

Summer

- research options
- increased consultation/feedback

Fall

- review of research and feedback
- develop preferred options and system
- communications/consult/feedback
- revise preferred options and system
- Stage 2 Report

Group Exercise (L. Gardner/S. Horsburgh)

L. Gardner introduced a group activity to sit and discuss ways to improve the 3r's. Permission was also requested from the members to allow the 2 members of the public to participate and this was agreed upon by the members.

J. Hastings/J. Finnie requested ignoring the 3 group split up as the attendance was small. G. Johnson and A. McPherson agreed to proceed with the exercise as one united group.

A. McPherson provided an update on the AVICC. This committee focuses on Solid Waste issues and includes representatives from Vancouver Island regional districts. The next meeting will be held at the RDN. J. Kipp and myself have been appointed as representatives from the RDN. There may be representatives from Metro Vancouver in attendance.

L. Gardner was to update on the Regional Solid Waste Management Select committee, however due to time constraints this will be touched on at the next meeting.

J. Ainge commented that due to time constraints the group did not get to touch on the curbside aspect of the exercise which will be completed at the next meeting, however if anyone had any ideas regarding curbside collection they would like to share please feel free to approach the solid waste department.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm