

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO
REGIONAL SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2013
BOARD CHAMBERS**

Present:

George Holme, Chair	Director Electoral Area E
Jim Kipp	City of Nanaimo
Ted Greves	City of Nanaimo
Wally Wells	Business Community - North
Dr. Jim McTaggart-Cowan	Environment Community
Frank Van Eynde	General Public - North
Michael Recalma	Qualicum First Nation
Ed Walsh	Waste Management – Private Sector
Jan Hastings	Waste Management – Non Profit Sector
Gary Franssen	City of Nanaimo
Al Cameron	Town of Qualicum Beach
Fred Spears	District of Lantzville
Al Leuschen	Ministry of Environment

Also in Attendance:

Paul Thorkelsson	CAO, RDN
Dennis Trudeau	GM Transportation & Solid Waste Services, RDN
Carey McIver	Manager of Solid Waste, RDN
Sharon Horsburgh	Senior Zero Waste Coordinator, RDN
Jeff Ainge	Zero Waste Program Coordinator, RDN
Maude Mackey	Zero Waste Compliance Officer, RDN
Maggie Warren	Superintendent of Scale & Transfer Services
Alec McPherson	Director Electoral Area A

Regrets:

Jeremy Jones	General Public – North
Al Metcalf	City of Parksville
Howard Houle	Director Electoral Area B

CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm.

INTRODUCTIONS

The Chairperson asked each participant to briefly introduce themselves as well as their reasons for participating on the Committee.

RSWAC TERMS OF REFERENCE

Sharon Horsburgh, presented an overview of the Regional Solid Waste Advisory Committee Terms of Reference including the purpose, roles and responsibilities, membership criteria and term. (Powerpoint presentation attached to minutes).

RDN SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM OVERVIEW: Zero Waste to Residuals

Carey McIver presented background information on: the RDN Solid Waste System, the Zero Waste Plan and the Residual Management Plan as well as issues and opportunities. (Powerpoint presentation attached to minutes).

SOLID WASTE PLAN REVIEW PROCESS

Sharon Horsburgh gave a presentation of the Solid Waste Management Plan Review process, which includes three stages over the next three years. Stage One will evaluate the existing system, Stage Two will identify strategy options for future planning and Stage Three will involve consultation and plan adoption if required. The draft Stage One Technical Report is being prepared by Maura Walker & Associates and will be made available at the RSWAC site tour meeting on June 20th 2013.

Jan Hastings questioned the role of the committee and asked if the committee would be reviewing the Stage 1 technical report?

Sharon Horsburgh replied that a draft copy of the Stage One report will be distributed at the June 20th meeting. Each Committee member will be given a copy to review over the summer and then at the October meeting, the RSWAC members will have an opportunity to provide feedback to staff.

Wally Wells questioned the timing of Metro Vancouver's Request for Proposals with regards to potential site identification for New Waste-to-Energy Capacity.

Carey McIver advised that Metro Vancouver is ahead of us with respect to seeking out options for future disposal capacity, as the RDN has sufficient disposal capacity for the next twenty years at the Regional Landfill.

Dennis Trudeau added that the Board has a keen interest in Waste-to-Energy. Staff has conducted studies on new and emerging technologies and the RDN will be paying close attention to Metro Vancouver's process.

SITE TOUR/NEXT MEETING

Sharon Horsburgh advised that the June 20 meeting would include conducting a tour of Church Road Transfer Station, Porter Wood Recycling Ltd., Parksville Bottle & Recycling Depot Ltd., Nanaimo Recycling Exchange, BFI Canada Inc. (Springhill Road & 10th Avenue), Regional Landfill and ICC. The time would be from 11am-6pm. A meeting tour invitation will be e-mailed to all RSWAC members.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm. The next meeting of the Regional Solid Waste Advisory Committee is tentatively scheduled for the June 20, 2013 tour.

CHAIRPERSON