

**Mackenzie Regional Waste
Management Authority**

Regular Meeting
Thursday, August 15, 2002
Town of High Level Council Chambers

MINUTES

IN ATTENDANCE:

Pat Kulscar	MD Mackenzie, and Chairperson
Wayne Thiessen	MD Mackenzie
Clark McAskile	Town of High Level
Lorraine Donovan	Town of High Level

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Marko Braat	MD Mackenzie
Ron Pelensky	Town of High Level
Dianne Hunter	Town of High Level
John Crisp	Town of High Level
George Neurohr	Alberta Environment

Bill Jenkins	Bill Jenkins Enterprises Ltd
Loretta Jenkins	Bill Jenkins Enterprises Ltd

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Pat Kulscar called the meeting to order at 10 a.m., and introduced those present. Councillor Donovan has assumed the committee position of Councillor LaGroix.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution No. 9-02

Moved by Clark McAskile

THAT the agenda for the meeting of August 12, 2002 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3. DELEGATIONS

Northwestern Health Services. Represented by Keith Orlaw, Environmental Health Officer, Stan Schurman, Acting Environmental Health Manager & John Bower.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

Minutes of March 18, 2002

Resolution No. 10-02

Moved by Wayne Thiessen

THAT the Authority minutes of March 18, 2002 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

5. ORDER OF BUSINESS:

5.1 Northwestern Health concerns on land farming hydrocarbons

Stan Schurman made the presentation on behalf of the Northwestern Health Services, and stated that he has given a report on contaminated soils to the CAO of Northwestern Health.

The essence of the report is that, at 1.6 Kilometers distant from the landfill, there is not likely to be an impact on the new hospital. No other considerations were given in the report.

The City of Edmonton was approached for a response on similar situations in Edmonton. But their situations have a much closer proximity (to hydrocarbon sources).

If operations are carried out as per guidelines there should not be a problem. Should a problem arise it is a simple matter to put in monitoring equipment at the site.

Dianne Hunter noted that there had been an earlier meeting between the Town and the Northwestern Health, with a suggestion that a delegation from Northwestern Health talk directly with the Authority.

Resolution No. 11-02

Moved by Wayne Thiessen

THAT the Northwestern Health Services Region report on treating hydrocarbon-contaminated soil be accepted for information.

CARRIED

5.2 WasteCo agreements and Sublease, and Formation Agreement

Ron Pelensky updated the Authority:

The Municipalities have signed off the WasteCo agreements and the Sublease. The MD Mackenzie and the Town of High Level have signed the Formation Agreement, and the Town of Rainbow Lake was communicating some small concerns to Ron Pelensky.

The Paddle Prairie Metis Settlement & the Dene Tha have not signed off as yet. It was suggested that a split fee structure be proposed for non-members, with a deadline for response of September 13, 2002.

George Neurohr noted that if Paddle Prairie and the Dene Tha do not become members they would be removed from the Authority approval.

High Prairie landfill receives waste from First Nations, which are not members. One Metis settlement is member, but one is not.

Resolution No. 12-02

Moved by Clark McAskile

THAT in lieu of the risk and responsibility of membership in the Mackenzie Regional Waste Management Authority, non-members be charged an additional tonnage fee of Twenty Five (25%) per cent.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 13-02

Moved by Wayne Thiessen

THAT a letter be sent to Paddle Prairie Metis Settlement and to the Dene Tha that the deadline for signing the Formation Agreement is September 13, 2002, and after that date the non-member fee will be levied on their tonnage.

CARRIED

5.3 Landfill Approval License-requirement to amend

George Neurohr of Alberta Environment made a presentation on our Approval amendments:

The addition of Oilfield waste will require more features.

The approval recognizes that landfill construction of liners and trenches is ongoing, and are perhaps the most important things in a landfill.

The new version of the standards will be shorter, and easier to work with as Environment focuses on the essential elements. The previous version had a lot of descriptive items that will be abbreviated or removed.

Real compliance issues need to be focused on. The revised document will be sent within two weeks. The lawyers have already completed their review.

Landfill Commissions v. Landfill Authorities

New applications are being made by Commissions. The Department is changing the process to partnerships only with Commissions. George Neurohr will provide comparison between an Authority and a Commission for us to consider.

Signing

There is a time limit for signing amending Approval. Letter of Understanding must be signed that each member agrees to the terms and conditions. Amendment should be available in September. The old Master Plan did not contain oilfield waste or treatment provisions.

Oilfield Waste

For example liners are required for burying oilfield waste. Methods of treatment vary, but each method still leaves a large concentration of chlorides. Except for the most expensive treatment methods the trenches will require liners.

It was noted that High Level has a naturally higher chloride level than the Alberta average.

Ron Pelensky noted that WasteCo's agreement includes all additional costs.

Liners are required for all trenches because we are over 10,000 tonnes.

Bill Jenkins stated that the promotion by the companies was that the all costs were included. And that the primary reason for treating oilfield waste was to get topsoil for cover. He also outlined the oilfield waste sites being built in the area.

George Neurohr confirmed the sites, but stated they are not licensed to accept outside waste as yet.

George Neurohr confirmed that the treated soil could be used for cover soil if it meets the Approval limits.

George Neurohr suggested that the NE corner of the landfill be used, and not to build more trenches.

WasteCo has not submitted their plan as to how they are going to design until the agreement has been signed. The changes need to be negotiated after signing.

Bill Jenkins asked why would not WasteCo get land of their own to remediate oilfield waste?

George Neurohr responded that companies preferred a developed site, and so does Environment.

Standards Document

The present Standards document is out for discussion. The document is good for 10 years. It manages all landfills. Volume 1 is Standards, and Volume 2 is Guidelines.

5.4 Muni Grant application for perimeter fence and Master Plan update

Still scheduled in Review Panels for next week, decision by September 6.

5.5 Discussion on restricting Metals and Tires into landfill

Request by Bill Jenkins Enterprises Ltd to restrict metals and tires in the landfill, and redirect them for recycling pick-up points outside the landfill.

One of the tire shops has the recycler pick up directly. The recycler will pick up at the source.

The MD will call the recycler, which picks tires up, from the transfer stations. They will haul some larger tires with the small.

Pat Kulsear noted that the AAMD&C passed a resolution asking for a part of the \$4 recycling fee collected by the Alberta Tire Recycling Board.

Bill Jenkins stated that Fountain Tire and Northern Tire would accept tires from the smaller gas stations.

One option will be to discourage tires being out into landfill, and therefore encourage people to take them to the tire service centres.

Admittedly, larger tires are still a problem; there are funds for processing them, but not for loading them. There is now a firm in Edmonton, which will grind and process the large tires.

However, it was noted that tires look unsightly if stored within the community, and they are a fire hazard. It is safer to store them at the landfill.

Fee

Should we charge a fee at the landfill to compensate for the loading costs of large tires by a contractor? The Town will take a look at it and bring a recommendation back to the Authority at the next meeting.

Metals

Some metals are too large, and should not be buried.

Bill Jenkins has a site in the MD for storing recyclable metals.

Bill Jenkins suggested that the metal be sent to a temporary storage site for recycler to pick up. He is also proposing to purchase a shearer to cut the metal to manageable sizes.

It was suggested that the Authority wait for approval for the Bill Jenkins site within the MD, and then perhaps restrict metals coming into the landfill.

Refer this item to the next meeting.

5.6 Operating Contract with Bill Jenkins Enterprises Ltd

Bill Jenkins noted that the changes in the operation include the Scale Shack employee now being Full Time, and that there is now office support time. They have been operating the landfill for 20 years this coming January, with just two price increases in that period.

Bill and Loretta Jenkins then left the meeting for the balance of the discussion on the Operating Contract.

Presentation by Marko Braat of the MD on the alternatives of a landfill south of the River.

There will be a landfill authority meeting, as a Committee of the Whole, for August 30 at 9 a.m. in High Level to discuss the contract issues.

5.7 Scale Shack purchase

The appraisal was attached to the agenda.

Bill Jenkins outlined the costs of construction as submitted.

At the time of construction the Town only paid for the weigh scales.

The capital budget for the trailer purchase was \$35,000.

Bill Jenkins suggested that the assessor perhaps did not include the pilings and infrastructure.

Loretta Jenkins stated that the previous scale shack was in very poor condition, and buried upon completion of the new scale shack.

Bill Jenkins suggested that the Authority pay the \$35,000, as approved in the budget, with the balance of \$10,000 to be paid when the next budget is approved.

Resolution No. 14-02

Moved by Clark McAskile

THAT the Scale Shack be tabled to the next meeting for more information

CARRIED

5.8 Financial report for July 2002

Resolution No. 15-02

Moved by Wayne Thiessen

THAT the financial report for July 2002 be accepted for information.

CARRIED

6. Date of Next Meeting

September 16, 2002 at 9 a.m. in High Level Town Council Chambers.

7. Adjournment

Resolution No. 16-02

Moved by Lorraine Donovan

THAT the meeting adjourn at 12:18 p.m.

CARRIED