

**NORTHERN COORDINATED ACTION FOR RECYCLING ENTERPRISES
GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES – December 2, 2005
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Attendance:

Roger Hall	Village of Boyle
Ray Tannas	Village of Boyle
Lorna Storoshuk, Chair	Town of Bonnyville
Alvina Schuhmacher	Town of Elk Point
Ron Fraess	Town of Elk Point
Myron Goyan	Town of Elk Point
Owen Farnel	Town of Fox Creek
James Waikle	Town of High Prairie
Ralph Whitford	Town of Lac La Biche
Geoff Milligan	Town of Peace River
Sam Wipf	Town of Valleyview
Hussein Elkadii	Cold Lake Recycling Centre
Uli Wolf	Aquatera & City of Grande Prairie
Michel Savard	Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo
Edgar Koehler	County of Athabasca
Ed Rondeau	M.D. of Bonnyville
Andy Wakaruk	M. D. of Bonnyville
Pat Jacobs	County of Grande Prairie
Ed Tollefson	M.D. of Greenview
Chris Kramer	Northern Sunrise County
Vern Billey	Smoky Lake County
Mary Anne Lehman	Woodlands County
Rick Twach	Woodlands County
Roberta Windrum	Alberta Dairy Council
Christine Della Costa	Alberta Environment
Janet Altmiks	A.P.R.A.
Rob Smith	Athabasca Regional Waste Management
Jule Asterisk	Lesser Slave Regional Waste Mgmt Commission
Bonnie Rayho	Regional Environmental Action Commission
Linda McDonald, Exec. Director	Northern CARE
Corinne Huberdeau	Northern Alberta Development Council - Recorder

1. Call to Order

Chair Lorna Storoshuk called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance.

2. Adoption of Agenda

- It was requested to change the wording of 5b) to 'Tom Baldwin Environmental Excellence Award' **from** 'Tom Baldwin Recycling Scholarship'
- Delete Item 5.c)

- Add Items:
 - 6.g) Price of Cardboard
 - 6.h) Radar Recycling, and

6.i) Construction and Demolition Workshop

Moved Ralph Whitford – the Agenda be adopted as amended. CARRIED

3. **Adoption of Northern C.A.R.E. General Meeting Minutes – June 3, 2005**

Moved James Waikle – the Minutes of the Northern CARE General Board Meeting held on June 3, 2005 be adopted as circulated. CARRIED

4. **Administration**

a) **Financial Update**

Sam Wipf, Treasurer asked to have the Treasurer's Report tabled.

Moved James Waikle - to table the Treasurer's Report until the next General Meeting. CARRIED

b) **Executive Committee Report**

Lorna Storoshuk, Chair provided an update of the Executive Committee meeting held on December 1, 2005. She advised that the Executive Committee reviewed various options for the Tom Baldwin Memorial Scholarship, and recommends that Northern C.A.R.E. contribute \$1,500 to the Northern Alberta Development Council's (NADC) Bursary Partnership program. The NADC would match the \$1,500 to provide a student with a \$3,000 bursary for one year.

5. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

a) **Tom Baldwin Memorial Scholarship**

Moved Sam Wipf– that Northern C.A.R.E. donates \$1,500 as a one time 'Tom Baldwin Memorial Scholarship' grant to the Northern Alberta Development Council (NADC) Bursary Partnership Program, for matched NADC dollars, to provide a student with a one year bursary in the amount of \$3,000. **CARRIED**

b) **Tom Baldwin Environmental Excellence Award**

The Executive Committee recommends that a Tom Baldwin Environmental Excellence Award, in the form of a plaque, be provided annually at the Northern C.A.R.E. Annual General Meeting. The award would be given to a municipality, individual or organization that has shown environmental excellence.

Moved Pat Jacobs - that the Executive Committee set the criteria for qualifying for an Environmental Excellence Award, and that Northern C.A.R.E. provide the 'Tom Baldwin Environmental Excellence Award' annually to a deserving individual, organization, or municipality at the Annual General Meeting. CARRIED

c) **Draft Policy for Memorials - (This agenda item was deleted)**

d) **Letter to Minister of Environment - Super Pages Recycling**

Super-pages have sold out to Yellow Pages. A meeting was held on November 24 with Alberta Environment, Paper Recyclers and Yellow Pages. A fund will be set up to financially help municipalities on a case by case basis until a recycling program can be set up. Municipalities

used to get 10 cents/directory. 6000 tons of directories are currently collected. Yellow Pages will try to get cooperation with their suppliers to take old directories back. Yellow Pages operate out of Toronto.

For information.

e) Letter to Minister of Environment - Alkaline Batteries

The Executive Director advised that a letter has been sent, but no reply has been received to date. Jule Asterisk requested information about what is being done with mercury batteries. Christine Della Costa advised that currently alkaline batteries are not classified as hazardous. Christine stated that Environment Canada is doing a study regarding battery recycling, and when she receives a copy she will distribute to the members.

For information.

f) Letter to Recycle Plus - Service Concerns

The Executive Director advised that she was uncomfortable writing a letter to Recycle Plus about concerns expressed by a municipality for the service they receive. She felt this letter should come from the municipality with the concern and if necessary would mediate a solution for both parties.

James Waikle reported that their issues with Recycle Plus had been resolved.

MOVED Geoff Milligan - to hold letter to Recycle Plus in abeyance.

CARRIED

6. New Business

a) Executive Director Report

The Executive Director provided a written report attached to the agenda package.

MOVED Roberta Windrum - Accept Executive Director's Report.

CARRIED

6.b) Tom Baldwin - RCA Excellence Award

MOVED - Geoff Milligan - To give the 'RCA Excellence Award' presented posthumously to Tom Baldwin to Jeanne Kalyn, his significant other.

CARRIED

6.c) Challenge North 2006 Sponsorship Request

Challenge North is the Northern Alberta Development Council's tri-annual conference, with the next one being held in April in High Level. Corinne Huberdeau was asked how much it would cost for the Northern CARE to have a floor display to promote the organization at the Conference. Corinne will look into the costs and report back.

MOVED Geoff Milligan - to donate \$500 as a Bronze Sponsor to the NADC for the Challenge North 2006 Conference.

CARRIED

6.d) Recycle Plus - Fireproofing Paper Bins

In response to concerns raised with regards to paper recycling bins being set on fire, Darrin Stubbs, Recycle Plus, provided information via e-mail of what the Catholic School Division in Grande Prairie has done to alleviate this problem. The paper bins have been modified by covering the slot for depositing material, with a hinged door that has a lock on it. This limited access to the bin to those that have a key to the lock.

For information.

6.e) Location of 2006 Northern Recycling Conference

Geoff Milligan advised that he would like to speak to the Town of Peace River, Northern Sunrise County, the Village of Nampa, and the East Peace Regional Landfill Authority, to see if they would be interested in hosting the 2006 Northern Recycling Conference in Peace River.

The Town of St. Paul may be an alternate site. This item will be brought forward to the next Northern CARE general meeting.

6.f) Letter of reply from Minister of Environment - Sharps Program and Pesticide Container Storage

A letter was received from the Hon. Guy Boutilier, Minister of Alberta Environment in response to Northern CARE's letter expressing concern over access to safe disposal opportunities for used needles, and the accumulation of pesticide containers in northern landfills. **For information.**

6. g) Price of Cardboard

Roberta Windrum asked if anyone had concerns with the low price of cardboard. Hussein Elkadii advised that cardboard costs \$81.32/tonne to process, which includes \$22.00/tonne to ship, and they only receive \$35.00/tonne as revenue. Jule advised that if the cardboard is shipped to Burnaby, B.C. \$140.00/tonne is received as revenue.

Two alternatives were discussed: 1) Northern CARE to research whether mills in northern Alberta can use recycled cardboard, and obtain statistical information of how much it costs to dig a landfill pit for extra cardboard. 2.) Another alternative to look at is whether co-generation can use excess cardboard. Possibly municipalities should pay a subsidy for recyclables. From a local perspective, the Town of Peace River is looking at using cardboard in composting sewer sludge.

MOVED Edgar Koehler – Northern CARE to write a letter to the Minister of Environment addressing sustainability of the forests by recycling cardboard to create a local market for recycled cardboard within the province. CARRIED

6. h) Raydar Recycling - Calgary

Roberta Windrum reported that Angelo Tsui of Raydar Recycling in Calgary is purchasing mixed plastics of any kind. He has a machine 80:1 ration to brick Styrofoam. He will give a machine to a municipality to trial. He will purchase the bricks from the municipality. Municipalities can contact him directly, if interested. Raydar Recycling will also take 'clean' agricultural plastic - like silage bags and co-mingled plastics.

MOVED Edgar Koehler - that Northern CARE coordinate setting up a pilot project using machine to brick Styrofoam and investigate the possibility of coordinating northern plastics

to the existing hubs for market.

CARRIED

6.i) Construction & Demolition Workshop - Uli Wolf

Uli reported that Alberta Environment held a Workshop on November 24th to discuss landfill bans to reduce construction and demolition material that is going to municipal landfills. There is a potential for provincial prohibition of construction materials in municipal landfills. The province is looking at methods of how to deal with construction materials at the front end. The construction industry is looking at fees for aggregate and wood products. Discussion topics were diversion rates, prohibition and enforcement and handling. Uli will report to the Board members any further information.

7. Information Items

- a) Plastics Refresher Workshop Meeting Notes - June 7, 2005
- b) ARMA Alarm - Solid Waste Magazine
- c) Guidelines for Compost Quality 2005
- d) Lac La Biche Post Newspaper Clipping - Big Jim's Recycling - Donation to Community.
- e) Joint PRRWAC and ERROW Minutes - September 9, 2005
- f) Letter from City of Cold Lake
- g) Grizzly Gazette - Swan Hills
- h) Northern CARE Business Plan 2005/06 to 2007/08

MOVED James Waikle - To Accept Items 7.a) to 7.h) for information. CARRIED

8. Round Table Discussions

a) County of Grande Prairie No. 1 - Pat Jacobs

The Beaverlodge River has been tested, as some cattle got sick and had to be put down. Traces of acetone and volatile hydrocarbons were found. Alberta Environment is monitoring the river on an ongoing basis. Gordie Mack has left the County and is now employed at the M.D. of Clearwater. This is a tremendous loss for the County.

b) Town of Valleyview - Sam Wipf

The recycling is going well in Valleyview. The Catholic School is being dismantled this July. The Town of Valleyview is advising that all materials possible are to be salvaged and recycled. Broken concrete can be landfilled. Sam advised the contractor that what can be recycled, will be recycled.

c) Town of High Prairie - James Waikle

The High Prairie Bottle Depot has been sold and the new owner is building a new facility. The new owner is pro recycling. The Grand Opening of the new swimming pool is happening next weekend. The bin behind the Post Office was never used so now it has been relocated to the new depot and it getting full constantly.

d) Northern Sunrise County - Chris Kramer

The old Peace River hospital is being demolished, and the contractor has already come out to the landfill to discuss demolition materials and what charges to expect.

e) Town of Peace River - Geoff Milligan

Geoff expressed his appreciation and thanks to the impressive and informative tours of Lesser Slave Landfill, Duence Disposal in Slave Lake and the Athabasca Waste Commission facility. He felt any new members to Northern CARE should tour these facilities.

f) Aquatera - City of Grande Prairie - Uli Wolf

Uli reported that they had opened up a new cell at a cost of 2 million dollars.

g) Cold Lake Recycling - Hussein Elkadii

Cold Lake Recycling has been a member of Northern CARE for two years now. The company has lost \$32,000 in 2005. He is finding that municipalities talk about recycling, but do not follow through. The city of Cold Lake contract with Hussein ended November, 2005.

h) Woodlands County - Mary Anne Lehman

Mayerthorpe and Sangudo want to use the Regional landfill for Whitecourt and Woodlands County. The County has sent in 6 boxes of ink cartridges to Ko-Rec-Type for recycling.

i) M.D. of Bonnyville - Ed Rondeau

The M.D. of Bonnyville is not into recycling as yet. One transfer site is completed and one will be completed in 2006.

j) M.D. of Bonnyville - Andy Wakaruk

Andy asked group what happens in their area with regards to disposing of veterinary medicines. Rob Smith advised that in Athabasca the vet's take it back.

k) Town of Lac La Biche - Ralph Whitford

Ralph advised that Tom Mihalcheon is the garbage contractor in Lac La Biche and Big Jim's is the recycling contractor. The households pay \$9.00 a month for garbage and recycling. The Town subsidizes the rest.

l) Town of Elk Point - Alvina Schuhmacher

Milk containers from Elk Point are delivered to St. Paul for recycling. They are finding that the milk containers are not being "squished". E-waste is gaining momentum with over half of what is collected being large old T.V.'s. Elk Point has a new garbage contractor.

m) Town of Elk Point - Ron Fraess - Myron Goyan

The Town of Elk Point charges \$12.00/month for garbage pick-up. There is no pick-up for recyclables. Residents take their recycles to bins.

n) M.D. of Greenview - Ed Tollefson

The M.D. of Greenview, Town of Fox Creek and the Town of Valleyview are partners in the Regional landfill. Households pay \$6.50 a month for garbage and \$2.00 a month for recycling with Recycle Plus. They have few recycle problems and no complaints with Recycle Plus.

o) The Town of Fox Creek - Owen Farnel

The Town of Fox Creek charges \$2.00 for Recycle Plus, and \$6.50 for Garbage Pick-up.

p) Regional Environmental Action Committee - Bonnie Raho

The video "My Life as a Tire" is not complete. The fall shoot has been completed. Some of the filming took place at Champagne Tire Recycling facility in Legal. Ralph Klein did the intro to the video.

q) Lesser Slave Regional Management Commission - Jule Asterisk

The Town of Slave Lake has hired Kassy Environmental to do an audit. An Environmental Audit is good to get done every 3 years. It gives you a professional opinion and formulates new ideas for new technologies, containment information and battery storage. The Town of Slave Lake charges \$13.48 for garbage pick-up and recycling fees.

r) Village of Boyle - Ray Tannis

The Blue Box Program has been running for the last four years. Dr. Recycle hauls to Athabasca Regional Waste facility. Households pay \$6.00 a month for garbage and \$7.00 for recycling every second week. Dr. Recycle collects, and sorts and is very friendly with consumers.

s) County of Athabasca - Edgar Koehler

We have total cooperation with the County and the Town for disposal and recycling. The County is investigating recycling and collection sites. Rob Smith will assist and assess.

t) APRA - Janet Altmiks

Alberta Plastic Recycling Association has made a new commitment to do a provincial plastics audit to help us to find markets.

u) Alberta Dairy Council - Roberta Windrum

The ADC has conducted 4 years of research, telephone polls and focus groups. It has shown that recycling is dropping off and a contributing factor could be attributed to a robust economy. Milk jug tonnage has increased. Milk containers are showing end result of recycling.

v) Town of Bonnyville - Lorna Storoshuk

The Town of Bonnyville is making a decision as to whether to have a regional landfill site. They will continue funding future transfer stations.

w) Athabasca Regional Waste Commission – Rob Smith

November was a busy month. The weather was good and everyone was still working outside. We held a "free Appliance week" which generated 450-500 units. It was a really good roundup. We are now doing the waste collection and recycling for the Athabasca University. They dropped their Edmonton contractor so therefore we have increased our revenues and recycling.

9. Next Meeting Date and Location

The next meeting will be held on March 3, 2006 at the Nisku Inn at 10:00 a.m.

10. Adjournment

Moved by Ray Tannas to adjourn the Northern CARE General Board Meeting at 1:50 p.m.

