

**MINUTES OF THE
NORTHERN COORDINATED ACTION FOR RECYCLING ENTERPRISES
GENERAL BOARD MEETING – JANUARY 5, 2007
NISKU INN AND CONFERENCE CENTRE
NISKU, ALBERTA**

Attendance:

Lorna Storoschuk	Town of Bonnyville
Gary Pollock	Town of Swan Hills
Robert Smith	Athabasca Regional Waste Commission
Edgar Koehler	County of Athabasca
Sam Wipf	Town of Valleyview
Owen Farnel	Town of Foxcreek
Dan Ricard	Town of Morinville
Carole Carpenter	Town of Smoky Lake
Samantha James	Albian Sands Energy Inc.
Ed Rondeau	MD of Bonnyville
Andy Wakaruk	MD of Bonnyville
Christine Della Costa	Alberta Environment
Judy Morris	Alberta Environment
Giselle Beaudry	Alberta Environment
John Trefanenko	Town of St. Paul
Bonnie Raho	Regional Enviro Action Committee
Jule Asterisk	Regional Enviro Action Committee
Ron Fraess	Town of Elk Point
Alvina Schuhmacher	Town of Elk Point
Dwayne Yaremkevich	Town of Elk Point
Roberta Windrum	Alberta Dairy Council
Tyler Morse	Enviro West Inc.
Glen Ockerman	County of St. Paul
Robert Bouchard	County of St. Paul
Ralph Whitford	Town of Lac La Biche
Dareld Cholak	Smoky Lake County
Barton Coady	Smoky Lake County
Pat Jacobs	County of Grande Prairie
Steve Madden	County of Grande Prairie
Uli Wolf	Aquatera Grande Prairie
Myler Savill	MD of Big Lakes
Geoff Milligan	Peace Citizen Recycle Society
Evan Lavoie	Northern Sunrise County
Chris Kramer	East Peace Regional Landfill/Northern Sunrise
Jim Young	Big Jim's Recycling
Jim Fay	R.M. of Wood Buffalo
James Waikle	Town of High Prairie
Linda McDonald	Northern CARE

1. Call to Order

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

- 2. Speaker's Corner** – Tyler Morse from EnviroWest presented information about EnviroWest and the partnerships with municipalities for the collection and disposal of used oil. EnviroWest prefers to deal with smaller municipalities and villages. Tyler provided hand-outs for the board members.

3. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Sam Wipf that the agenda be adopted. CARRIED

4. Adoption of the June 2, 2006 General Board Minutes

Moved by Gary Pollock that the General Board Minutes be adopted. CARRIED

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

Moved by Pat Jacobs to accept items 5A and 5C to 5E for information CARRIED

6. Administration

a) Financial Update - Verbal

James Waikle reported that he had attended the CIBC Bank and signed the necessary paperwork as Treasurer and reported that Northern CARE's bank balance was \$60,192.08

b) Executive Director Report – hand out

In addition to the report, Linda McDonald reported that the cost of improving the web site will be expensive and would be seeking sponsors to help with the costs. Discussion followed on providing an e-Forum on recycling and a recycling chat room for inquiries. This would increase the cost for expansion and a suggested cost would be \$25,000.00 when all is said and done.

Moved by Jim Fay to accept the Executive Director's Report as circulated. CARRIED

7. New Business

- a) Judy Morris, Alberta Environment provided information for the upcoming C&D Reduction Workshop. Judy provided locations of the meetings and answered questions from the members. Christine Della Costa will provide further updates.

- b) Giselle Beaudry from Alberta Environment provided the background information and a review of the information collected from municipalities as to the Yellow Pages. Discussion followed in respect to the sale of Super Pages being sold to Yellow Pages. Further discussion on the challenges of the glue and binding material associated with telephone books. Collection of telephone books is an added cost to the municipalities as it is a separate process of recovery but the consumer is used to recycling them.

Giselle provided contact information for further municipal input.

- c) Gary Pollock reported that Guy Boutilier, Minister of Environment has granted Northern CARE \$50,000.00 for the year 2007 and thereafter make application for annual funding. The Membership discussed a 3 year rolling funding plan, having a discussion with new Minister as to Northern CARE's history and accomplishments and to re-submit our Business Plan and have further discussion on financial support.

**Moved by Steve Madden to re-submit our Business Plan to the new Minister
CARRIED**

Moved by Jule Astistrek for Northern CARE to re- introduce Northern CARE with a package of history and accomplishments and discuss a 3 year term of funding to the new Minister.

CARRIED

Moved by Samantha James to set a meeting with the new Minister with the Executive Committee to put a face to Northern CARE.

CARRIED

**Moved by Maryanne Lehman items 7c) to 7h) be filed for information
CARRIED**

**Moved by Maryanne Lehman item 7f) Minutes of the AGM Minutes be adopted.
CARRIED**

8. Other New Business

James Waikle moved that Northern CARE investigate a bulk cost for the ABRC green plastic recycling collection bins and to survey the membership if they would participate in purchasing these bins to reduce the costs to a bulk purchase price.

CARRIED

Pat Jacobs moved that Northern CARE send a letter of congratulations to our new Premier.

CARRIED

9. Information Items

Moved by James Waikle – Items 9a) to 9 d) be filed for information.

CARRIED

10. Round Table Discussion

- **RM of Wood Buffalo** – Jim Fay reported that the Fort McMurray temporary merf will be opened before March, 2007. The R.M. has purchased 8 new equipment units for the landfill. The license on the old landfill runs out at New Years, 2008. The new landfill will increase in volume by 200,000 tonnes per year. By October, 2008 the new landfill will have 26 cells completed and will have a 2-3 life span. (Life Span is 80-100 years) The total cost of the project is 8 and half million dollars.

- Big Jim's Recycling – Jim Young reported that cardboard is slowly increasing. He is receiving \$40.00 a ton. He is baling Styrofoam and #6 and 7 plastics unsorted and receiving \$30.00 a ton. In the month of December, he had 100 bales ready for shipping. The bales were weighing 2010 pounds. Jim is very pleased with Raydar Recycling.
- Peace Citizen Recycle Society – Geoff Milligan reported that the society was stalled on a couple of projects waiting for funding approval. The society is running with a \$75,000.00 deficient. When the new building is built the society is hoping that the local bottle depot will move his facility into it. When they toured the facilities at Athabasca and Grande Prairie last year, it provided really good ideas for the development of their new facility. Some challenges are that the haulers are bringing in 80% commercial cardboard contaminated with plastics. Currently, they have one good hauler. Contaminated cardboard is trucked to the East Peace Regional Landfill.
- East Peace Regional Landfill – Chris Kramer reported that they are using hay for daily covering of the landfill instead of using clay for closing.
- Aquatera – Uli Wolf reported that they are testing the system for the gas extraction at the older landfill. This is the first step to assess the quantities coming out and then they can forecast for the future. At the recycling end of business, there is an additional problem with commercial loads. The commercial rate is \$35.00, but if contaminated than \$55.00 and land filled. This is becoming too expensive.
- County of Grande Prairie – Steve Madden reported that the metal processors are becoming a problem due to untimely pickups and cherry picking. He feels that Northern CARE should bring up these challenges to the processors and coordinate proper scheduling. The price of metal is high so there should be good money in recoveries. Northern CARE should develop a regional metal collection.
- Alberta Dairy Council – Roberta Windrum reported that the Dairy Council was into their 6 months memorandum with the Alberta Government. Their year end is June 30th. Beverage containers are under review. Bearing Point is conducting a corridor study for MPI. I have been driving more and talking to the political and technical people about the program. I am finding very strong local support for the program. Recycle Plus and Raydar co-mingle the milk jugs/plastics, so therefore the numbers are not showing the recovery of mixed plastics. We have an increase in our recovery rate, not that the numbers have increased.
- Town of Elk Point – Ron Fraess reported that they have a 30 yard electronics container. They have recycled 1200 tires. Styrofoam is a constant headache. They have set up a double stand for milk jugs in the Co-Op parking lot for the consumers – very little squishing going on. Everything else is working well.
- Lesser Slave Lake Waste Commission – Jule Asterisk reported that she is no longer with the employed by the Waste Commission. Jule reported an issue with the drilling mud pails that have been stock piled since 2002 to 2005. These are #2 plastic pails.

Radar arranged pickup of these pails and delivered into Calgary. On arrival the pails were deemed contaminated. The reason for the contamination was that rainwater had sat in the pails for a couple of years and they were convinced that the pails were contaminated. The end result was that the pails were land filled at the West Edmonton landfill at a cost of \$75.00 a ton. The total tonnage was 4.9 tons. Together with that cost was that the pails remained on the truck for one week and incurred costs for wait time. So therefore this is the sad song of the pails. REAC will be passing this information onto Alberta Environment. Jule thought a regional metal collection program spear headed by Northern CARE was an excellent idea. A two year contract would be the best but be very specific in the written agreement.

- REAC – Bonnie Raho reported that the new tire video has had some difficulties with delays, but should be ready any day. This video was reviewed by Alberta Learning as a resource for Alberta schools. The video will be translated into Spanish, French and Mexican.
- Woodlands County – Mary Anne Lehman reported that at the end of August the local Bottle Depot closed. The county purchased a shed and placed on school grounds for collection. The County has a new Bike repair shop and he collects bikes and rebuilds them and sells them. We have 200 bikes at our transfer station that need repairs.
- Town of St. Paul – John Trefanenko reported that they are in the process of building a “state of art” landfill and facility for waste, reuse, composting and recycling. Many difficulties have arisen out of this project from the public such as “not in my backyard” and political flack on this topic. We feel education is the answer to overcome these objections, but it has proven to be very difficult.
- Alberta Environment – Christine Della Costa reported that the new Minister of Environment will be Rob Renner from Medicine Hat.
- MD of Bonnyville – AndyWakaruk reported the first transfer stations will be completed in 2007.
- Town of Valleyview – Sam Wipf reported that they have purchased a new truck for hauling to the new regional landfill. The town’s transfer station is under construction. A new compactor trailer has been purchased to be used with the new truck for the Towns of Valleyview and Foxcreek to haul from the transfer stations into the new regional landfill site.
- Town of Morinville – Dan Ricard reported that their immediate concern is what to do with glass collection. For the past 2 years, it has been shipped to Rob, but it is ever increasing and shipping is becoming costly.

Suggestions from the membership were that the glass be crushed until it is rounded and can be used in natural waterways, around fire hydrant bases, or as decorating boulevards or around bedding plants gardens. The mixed colors look quite attractive.

- County of Athabasca – Edgar Koehler reported that they went through the same process of public uproar about their regional site. He suggested that the word “dump” or hole in the ground never be used. Council should sell the recycling programs first and then the public will eventually get on board. Everything is going well in the County, thanks to Rob Smith.

- Athabasca Regional Waste Commission – Rob Smith reported that this past fall has been quite exciting as they have been shipping cardboard to Washington FOB and are being paid \$52.00 per ton Canadian. One year's of plastics was shipped to Raydar and it generated \$3500.00 for 20 tons – it went directly to rail cars in Vancouver and then on to Honk Hong with no middle man. We are using empty tote bags for film which is free and clean. We will realize a 20% diversion rate in the coming future. We will have a new cell in 2007 not funded by AENV and we are looking forward 2007.
- Town of Bonnyville – Lorna Storoschuk reported that everything is going smoothly. The commission is continually working on the transfer station. This coming spring we will be re-negotiating our contract with Cold Lake Recycle Centre.

11. Next Meeting and Location

The next meeting will be held at the Nisku Inn and Conference Centre on Friday, March 30th, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.

Sam Wipf voiced his concern with Board Members leaving after the lunch and not returning to the meeting to finish the afternoon sessions. He felt this was not in everyone's best interests. Sam suggested we eat our lunch in the meetings room instead of the restaurant and continue with the meeting after a 45 minute lunch break instead of one hour. The membership agreed with having lunch in the meeting room and a 45 minute lunch break. Sam suggested that the meeting begin at 9:00 a.m., but the membership disagreed due to some airplane flights arriving at 9:30 a.m.

12. Adjournment

Sam Wipf moved to adjourn the Northern CARE General Board Meeting at 2:10 p.m.

CARRIED

