

**Minutes of the  
Northern Coordinated Action for Recycling Enterprises  
General Meeting – July 11, 2003  
Chateau Louis Hotel & Conference Centre  
Edmonton, Alberta**

**Present:**

Gary Pollock, Chair	Town of Swan Hills
Pat Jacobs	County of Grand Prairie
Alvina Schuhmacher	Town of Elk Point
Myron Goyan	Town of Elk Point
Richard Dubetz	Town of Smoky Lake
Lorna Storoschuk	Town of Bonnyville
Leonard Olson	Town of High Prairie
Uli WolfAquatera/	City of Grand Prairie
Helen Rice	City of Grand Prairie
Ralph Whitford	Town of Lac La Biche
Tom Baldwin	Northern Alberta Development
Sam Wipf	Town of Valleyview
Veronica Andruchiw	M.D. of Big Lakes
Robert Smith	Athabasca Regional Waste Management
Dennis Reid	Buffalo Lake Metis Settlement
Roberta Windrum	Alberta Dairy Council
Julie Asterisk	Lesser Slave Regional Waste Management
Owen Farnel	Town of Fox Creek
Mary Cartwright	Woodlands County

**Also in Attendance:**

Christine Della Costa	Alberta Environment
Linda McDonald	Northern CARE

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

G. Pollock called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. He welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked everyone to introduce themselves and the organizations they represent.

**2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Leonard Olson moved adoption of the agenda **CARRIED**

**3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

J. Asterisk noted error in minutes on page 3; 4(b) should read (EUB).

L. Storoschuk moved adoption of corrected minutes. **CARRIED**

#### **4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

##### **a. Oilfield Waste Pail Recycling**

H. Rice noted that this item was tabled from the last meeting for Tom Baldwin's input as to Northern CARE taking on this project and if this would be feasible. At this time, T. Baldwin had not completed his report and will report back through L. McDonald on this undertaking. J. Asterisk discussed the waste pail situation and her concerns regarding stockpiles over-exceeding the 100 tons required for pickup. Currently, Lesser Slave Waste Management site has 10 tonnes and increasing. The costs are 95cents for cleaning, storage, etc. and 5 cents for administration costs. The set levy would be \$1.00 per pail. J. Asterisk reported this was for non-hazardous material in the pails. The oil companies are in favour of paying us a \$1.00 per pail. The Recycler will come and do the pickups, as soon as the levy is in effect.

##### **b. Northern CARE Boundary Expansion**

This item came forward due to requests from interested municipalities in becoming members of Northern CARE. Our new member is from the Town of Smokey Lake, which falls outside of our boundaries. T. Baldwin and H. Rice expressed concern as to losing our northern identity. Further discussion followed on the impact of the Edmonton/Capital Region and R.C.A.

L. Olson made a suggestion for discussion that the boundary be Highway 16 North. M. Goyan pointed out that the high density of population would increase our membership base. G. Pollock felt that the municipalities could choose either the Capital Region membership or Northern CARE's membership. T. Baldwin did not feel that NADC's boundary would conflict with a new boundary change of using Highway 16 North. NADC's boundary was put in place in the 60's.

L. Olson moved that the new southern boundary for Northern CARE would be Highway #16 North. **CARRIED**

H. Rice suggested that G. Pollock, L. McDonald and Gordon Gradin meet with Dr. Taylor to make him aware of the boundary change and why we did it.

##### **c. Membership**

This item was tabled from the last meeting for L. McDonald to report back with membership proposals for discussion. L. McDonald reported that she had done 3 options with per capita rates with caps, but felt at this time that the membership issue should be tabled until next year for further discussion. We are gaining new members, but there are members dropping off. This is due to amalgamation of county, towns and MDs. Northern CARE's operating costs should be covered by one third to one half of membership fees. Some small villages are financially

stressed. We should be aware that consolidation will eventually happen and impact our membership fees.

H. Rice moved that this item be tabled to the next board meeting and that she and L. McDonald report back with a revised fee structure based on equalized assessment. **CARRIED**

**d. Worm Composting Contract Proposal**

Discussion followed on moving forward to contract out the worm composting program. The time line for the Shell Environment funding expires December 31, 2003. C. Della Costa reported that the ideal time to continue the program was in the months of September and October. Approximately 70 schools remain. It was suggested that Northern CARE not continue the program, but the concern was creditability with Shell Canada and if this would effect further funding. Some board members volunteered to recruit schools in their municipalities that have not had the presentation.

H. Rice moved that the Executive Director contract out the position with a budget of \$10,000.00 to include all expenses, such as mileage, accommodation, and meals. Northern CARE will provide the worms and containers. **CARRIED**

**5. Administration**

**a. Executive Director Report**

H. Rice moved to accept the Executive Director Report as presented.

**CARRIED**

**b. Financial Report**

L. Storoschuk moved to accept the Financial Report as presented.

**CARRIED**

**6. New Business**

**a. 2003 Northern Alberta Workshop Recycling Workshop Committee Update**

H. Rice reported that the City of Grand Prairie and Aquatera have agreed to sponsor the Wine and Cheese Social. The prize for the photo contest was donated by the Varscona Hotel for a two night stay along with \$80.00 worth of coupons from Old Strathcona District. H. Rice explained the context of the Photo Contest and the Save a Million Contest. A letter addressed to each municipality, to provide a unique photo for the Photo Contest will be sent out. H. Rice has volunteered to be the moderator for these games. H. Rice presented copies of letters written to the City of Grand Prairie and Aquatera for a sponsorship of \$1000.00 along with a copy of letter of request to Swanberg Air to sponsorship a coffee break of \$200.00. H. Rice would like the camp grounds placed on the brochure for our delegates, as an alternative to the hotel accommodations.

L. Olson reported that the Town of High Prairie will sponsor a coffee break for \$200.00 and the M.D. of Big Lakes will sponsor a coffee break for \$200.00. L. Olson is negotiating a lower golf fee. L. McDonald will receive a confirmation by fax this coming week as to the golf fees.

L. McDonald reported that all speakers are confirmed with the exception of the market update and banquet speakers. L. McDonald provided R. Smith with environment posters for him to matt, which will be the gifts for the speakers. R. Smith will confirm the price for matted posters. R. Smith will be on the look out for the 1993 vehicle to compare to the Hybrid Car on display.

J. Asterisk requested a workshop on Sump Waste Water and the hazardous effects. Discussion followed with Aquatera sharing information with the Board on their disposal of sump waste water. It was suggested by H. Rice that Aquatera and J. Asterisk meet to learn what Aquatera has accomplished and what challenges they are facing.

C. Della Costa had a concern in respect to the “Tooney Bar” and if a liquor license is required. When the new Director of Food and Beverages at the Sawridge Inn returns from holidays on July 15<sup>th</sup>, L. McDonald will confirm this event and if any changes need to be done.

**b. “Good Riddance” – Waste Management Law in Alberta**

L. McDonald attended a meeting at the Environmental Law Centre. Northern CARE has purchased the second edition of Waste Management Law in Alberta. This edition can not be legally reproduced. The cost of the edition is \$24.95. The Environmental Law Centre is a non profit organization, and will recommend environmental lawyers for municipal cases and it lobbies for law reform. The book deals with common law, statutory law and criminal law. The new law reforms in Alberta are agricultural waste, landfills, oilfield waste, recycling (tire industry and beverage containers). Order forms were distributed to members.

**c. Resolutions for changes in the charity application**

Resolution attached.

Moved by Pat Jacobs that we amend the corporate objectives.

**CARRIED**

**d. E-Waste Roundups versus Ongoing Collection**

L. McDonald questioned the board members as to what is working best in their municipality. M. Goyan reported very little e-waste. L. Storoschuk reported very little e-waste, but the paint roundup was very successful. L. Olson reported that their annual e-waste roundup’s volume was low. L. McDonald suggested that we have an annual e-waste roundup each year. October 20<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> is Waste Reduction Week and possibly that could be Northern CARE’s annual e-waste roundup. David Betts, from EPS Canada will have current information on the

new stewardship at our annual conference. L. Storoschuk suggested we start the program this October and possibly it will increase in volume as awareness grows.

**e. Corporate Class Rental Program**

L. McDonald reported that we have a corporate account with Enterprises Ltd. The rate is reasonable and the end result is that it is cheaper than mileage fees. This is available for any board member or staff for Northern CARE business.

**f. Climate Change Central**

L. McDonald reported that Climate Change Central is putting a program in place for collection of used appliances. Susan Tinker would like to know if your appliance program is effective and how it can be enhanced. This questionnaire will be sent to the members.

**g. Car Heaven**

Car Heaven in Ontario is putting a program into place in Alberta to collect older high polluting cars permanently off the road. The vehicles are towed free of charge and the consumer receives a charitable receipt for \$60.00 minimum. To promote this program, names will be entered into a draw for a new Ford Focus and other miscellaneous prizes. Northern CARE has ordered the pamphlets and they will be sent out to the membership.

**h. Plastic Hay Wrap**

L. McDonald reported that Northern CARE hasn't received the hay wrap information as requested. Requested that this item be tabled for the next board meeting.

R. Smith stated that he had received an email from a firm in Seattle requesting over 500 tonnes of plastic silage bags, clean and baled each month. Suggested Northern CARE look into a roundup for a delivery to Seattle.

**i. Bio-Hazardous Waste**

L. Storoschuk, from the Town of Bonnyville brought this concern to L. McDonald's attention. L. McDonald checked with the Health Unit and confirmed that the local health unit is informing clients to put their needles in plastic bags and tie the bag, and place it in your landfill. At this time the Sharps Program is unavailable, but some London Drugs and Shoppers Drugs Stores are supplying plastic needle containers and the store disposes of the containers. L. McDonald has approached the local Value Drugs in Bonnyville and will proceed to develop a program to eliminate the disposal of needles in the landfill.

R. Smith and J. Asterisk have concerns with this biohazardous waste going into the landfill. The needles are compacted and could end up in the wood and plastic recyclables. C. Della Costa reported that this issue falls under the Alberta Health Act.

## **7. Information Items**

Moved by H. Rice that information items a. to f. is accepted as information.

**CARRIED**

## **8. Round-Table Discussion**

M. Goyan reported the hazardous waste roundup was in the middle of the week and they had a low response. They held it on a Saturday and they had a high response. The town of Elk Point hasn't enough e-waste to warrant an ongoing collection. An annual e-waste roundup would be acceptable.

A. Schuhmacher reported that the Bottle Depot in Elk Point was collecting milk containers. R. Windrum offered to give them a call and offer assistance with the program. A. Schuhmacher likes the idea of an annual roundup targeted each year during Alberta Waste Reduction Week – Oct 20 – 26<sup>th</sup>.

P. Jacobs reported the County is participating in the "In Bloom" program, so this is boosting the clean up. H&M Meats and the County are concerned about condemned carcasses and dumping the carcasses in the country ditches. The County is in the process of applying for a change in their landfill environmental licensing to accommodate this concern. The landfill is opening their second cell for contaminated soil from Grand Cache. The local 4-H Clubs are collecting batteries.

G. Pollock reported that the Town of Swan Hill's hazardous waste roundup was a lot less than last year. The community has developed a compost project.

R. Dubetz reported that they have completed their spring cleanup for the Town of Smokey Lake. They have a collection area for paint and residents can take paint under the supervision of Public Works. There is also a battery collection site. The town is closing the landfill and transporting to the County. A one acre site will be developed for a recycling area. No concerns have come forward in respect to contaminated carcasses at this time.

L. Storoschuk stated that they had a backyard cleanup which included automobiles. They also had a program to pay \$3.00 a bag for garage/litter collection and the proceeds were donated to local charities. Cold Lake and Bonnyville had a joint hazardous waste roundup. The paint exchange exceeded last year. There were 12 barrels collected last year and 27 barrels were collected this year. The town and the health unit collected 15 baby car seats and 15 baby cribs.

L. Olson stated that High Prairie and the M.D. completed the annual spring cleanup. There will be another one in July and the town will place a large bin in the Sports Complex for collection. L. Olson would like to receive his agenda package by mail one week prior to

the board meeting, so he may have ample time to go over it. He has difficulty opening the attachments on his computer.

H. Wolf stated that the curb-side collection is going well. They will be developing a transfer station to divert residential traffic and concentrate on separation and screening Waste. They are in the process of demolishing the old City Hall and will do green demolition. They have year round electronic waste collection. They have purchased a grinder to do 2000 tonnes of wood waste, this will be used to insulate and cover the soil.

H. Rice stated that the City of Grand Prairie has purchased their own Mad Vac. This looks like a golf cart with an elephant front end. This will clean gutters and streets of leaves in the fall. H. Rice likes the slogan for the Alberta Dairy Council of "Squish and Squash". This slogan will educate the consumer.

R. Whitford stated that they are holding a hazardous waste roundup on July 19, 2003 in the Town of Lac La Biche. They have used a lot of advertising. They are using Opportunity Corp for labour and this will add income for the workers and assist in the clean up. The town is continuing to look for a new landfill site.

S. Wipf suggested that during the paint roundup, that the paint could be stored and used to paint fire hydrants and curbs. Discussion followed regarding frozen latex paint. Oil based paint would not freeze. S. Wipf felt that these items could be painted any color, such as pink or purple instead of the yellow or red. The Town of Valley View did not have a good turnout due to a snow storm for their hazardous roundup. The Town is allowing residents to bring their waste into the town office lot as a drop site.

V. Andruchiw stated that the M.D. of Big Lakes is receiving less and less litter and people have become recycle conscious. The landfill is receiving less and less waste. M.D. of Big Lakes is concerned about animal disposal and the disposal of skulls and spines. With the border closing and the market down, herd disposal is a priority. C. Della Costa will provide an update of information regarding this concern.

R. Smith agreed with the concern of animal disposal and when it arrives at the Athabasca Regional site, it is buried immediately. Curb recycling is going well in the Village of Boyle. They have collected 2 tonnes in the last year. Athabasca has collected 6 tonnes in six months. In the recycling area, Athabasca has recycled 18 tonnes of glass. There has been an increase in tin can collection, no dollars, but out of the landfill.

R. Windrum stated that a pilot project is taking place in the Cypress County, where the population is low and located in the extreme area of the province. The project will provide stands and bags at the transfer sites and a small portable bailer. R. Windrum provide the members with the 2001/2002 Annual Report. There will be media and radio coverage during the Fall Campaign with 2 cow ads and one canoe.

J. Asterisk stated that the hazardous roundup was completed with an oil roundup. The High School students dressed in costumes and "Mr. Oil Drop" was the main attraction.

This brought awareness into the community. J. Asterisk is looking at a paint exchange one day a year. The video of My Life as a Plastic Bottle has been finally completed. Northern CARE has received their copy.

This video will sell for \$15.00 at the Annual Workshop Conference. J. Askerisk is seeking a further production. J. Askerisk has approached Alberta Learning to use the video as a resource tool and they will consider it and get back to her. She will approach Edmonton Premiere and Global Visions Folk Festival.

O. Farnel from the Town of Fox Creek, stated that the toxic roundup was in the first week of June. They had a bulky garbage pick up. The Town is currently working on a cardboard program.

Mary Cartwright stated that their regional composting program has increased from last year at the landfill site. The hamlet cleanups are completed. The county of Woodlands are concerned about the costs of transportation to the rendering plant. Some farms are hauling over a hundred miles and many carcasses will end up in the ditches. Mary displayed a wind chime made from aluminium siding pieces that end up in the landfill site.

L. McDonald received a news release from the Town of Kindersley. The Town is the first in Western Canada to bale all solid waste and recyclables in a single facility. Attachment with the minutes.

#### **9. Next Meeting Date and Location**

Helen Rice moved that the next meeting will be 7:30 p.m., September 10, 2003 at the Point Steakhouse in Slave Lake.

**CARRIED**

#### **10. Adjournment**

M. Goyan moved adjournment at 12:10 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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Gary Pollock, Chair

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Linda McDonald

