

**MINUTES OF THE  
NORTHERN COORDINATED ACTION FOR RECYCLING ENTERPRISES  
GENERAL BOARD MEETING – June 2, 2006  
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**Attendance:**

Lorna Storoshuk, Chair	Town of Bonnyville
Roger Hall	Village of Boyle
Alvina Schuhmacher	Town of Elk Point
Myron Goyan	Town of Elk Point
James Waikle	Town of High Prairie
Geoff Milligan	Town of Peace River
Pat Palechuk	Town of Smoky Lake
Sam Wipf	Town of Valleyview
Uli Wolf	Aquatera & City of Grande Prairie
Jim Fay	Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo
Samantha James	Albian Sands – Fort McMurray
Alvin Billings	M.D. of Big Lakes
Jeff Renaud	M.D. of Big Lakes
Ed Rondeau	M.D. of Bonnyville
Vern Billey	Smoky Lake County
Dareld Cholak	Smoky Lake County
Barton Coady	Smoky Lake County
Dan Bojarski	St. Paul Abilities Network
Mary Anne Lehman	Woodlands County
Rick Twach	Woodlands County
Randy Conrad	Alberta Plastics Recycling Association
Janet Altmiks	Alberta Plastics Recycling Association
Roberta Windrum	Alberta Dairy Council
Christine Della Costa	Alberta Environment
Rob Smith	Athabasca Regional Waste Management
Jule Asterisk	Lesser Slave Regional Waste Mgmt Commission
Bonnie Rayho	Regional Environmental Action Commission
Jason Bos	Canadian Lamp Recyclers
Jim Young	Lac La Biche – Big Jim’s Recycling
Angelo Tsui	Raydar Recycling
Mason Welsh	Waste Management
Randy Yee	Waste Management – Calgary
Dan Dorne	Waste Management – Edmonton
Mohamed Kamal	Waste Management - Edmonton
Linda McDonald, Exec. Director	Northern C.A.R.E.
Corinne Huberdeau	Northern Alberta Development Council - Recorder

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Lorna Storoshuk called the meeting to order at 10:13 a.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance.

2. **Adoption of Agenda**

**Moved by James Waikle – the Agenda be adopted as circulated. CARRIED**

3. **Adoption of Northern C.A.R.E. General Meeting Minutes – March 3, 2006**

**Moved by Geoff Milligan to adopt the minutes of March 3, 2006, and to have the draft minutes of each meeting sent to members for review in order to make changes or corrections prior to the next meeting. CARRIED**

4. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

**a) Alberta Environment Paint Stewardship Program – Christine Della Costa**

In April, Alberta Environment held a series of stakeholder consultation meetings on a paint stewardship program proposal. The results showed strong support for a provincial paint program. Alberta Environment and ARMA are working on developing the program, and Christine Della Costa may be contacting some northern municipalities for their input on specific program elements. Christine will provide Northern CARE with updates as developments occur, and invited members to contact her at any time.

**b) Fluorescent Tube Regional Program – Dr. Jason Bos**

Dr. Bos, Chiropractor has initiated a fluorescent tube recycling process. He originally leased a machine to recycle the tubes however it was emitting more mercury than storing. He has now purchased a machine from the U.S. and has it set up in the Campbell Business Park in St. Albert and will be ready to process fluorescent tubes this fall. Currently, fluorescent materials are being collected from municipalities, universities, schools, and hospitals and being stored at their 8000 sq. ft. facility. Transporting the tubes from remote communities is causing a challenge.

Environmental lamp disposal has been based on volume – \$0.10 per lineal foot for fluorescent tubes and \$1.30 per high density discharge mercury lamps.

The boxes for new lamps are being used to ship recycled lamps to the recycle facility. Customers are packing boxes of tubes on pallets 4' wide x 6' high. If waxed cartons were used they would weather better outside. Dr. Bos advised that if tubes are packaged tightly and stacked vertically, they'll ship better, and tubes stacked vertically will not break. West Edmonton Mall creates approximately 400,000 used tubes a year. Mercury lamps should not be disposed of in concentrated amounts. Currently used mercury is sent to Pennsylvania.

Uli Wolf suggested that municipalities should cooperate in banning fluorescent tubes in all landfill sites.

**Moved by Roberta Windrum that Northern CARE write a letter to Alberta Environment to encourage them to develop a program to look after disposal of fluorescent tubes, and mercury lamps. CARRIED**

**4.c) Plastic Recycling – Raydar Recycling – Angelo Tsui  
Roberta Windrum, Alberta Dairy Council**

Roberta provided a presentation on her recent trip to China with Angelo Tsui to look at plastic recycling facilities. Raydar Recycling of Calgary sends their plastics, Styrofoam and paper to China for recycling. They use balers to crunch the materials prior to shipping.

Landfill costs for garbage in China is much more expensive than in North America, so there are a greater number of recycling facilities. E-waste cannot be shipped however Raydar Recycling takes mixed consumer plastics, bales it and ships it to Hong Kong and mainland China. They currently have a facility in Calgary and would like to open another in Edmonton. The Town of Cochrane is currently recycling Styrofoam.

Mohamed Kamal advised that baled mixed plastic will be picked up free of charge if there is 5 tons or more. If it's pre-baled they may pay for the plastic.

**4.d) Letter to Alberta Recycling Management Authority (ARMA)**

A letter was distributed to those in attendance addressed to Doug Wright at ARMA regarding the regional e-waste program developed by Northern CARE. The letter was for information.

**4.e) Letter of Support for Fast Food Packaging Stewardship Program**

This item was provided for information.

**Moved by Rob Smith that Northern CARE also provide a letter to the Minister In support of a Fast Food Packaging Stewardship Program**

**CARRIED**

**5. Administration**

**a) Financial Update**

Sam Wipf, Treasurer provided a Treasurer's Report advising that the transition of accounting and administration records has been completed, and that Alice Walker has been contracted on a part time basis (10 hours per month) to do Northern CARE's accounting. She was referred by Myers, Norris, Penny Accounting firm.

The Bank balance for Northern CARE as of April 30, 2006 is \$59,483.43

**Moved by Uli Wolf - to accept the Treasurer's Report.**

**CARRIED**

**b) Executive Director's Report**

Linda McDonald reported that Northern CARE and Alberta Environment would be partnering to expand delivery of recycling and waste reduction awareness in Northern Alberta with school presentations and backyard composting workshops. AENV would fund the agreement and Northern CARE would coordinate and deliver the program. This agreement would be over a two year school term.

**Moved by Pat Palechuk – to accept the Executive Director's report as presented.**

**CARRIED**

**c) Executive Committee Report**

Lorna Storoschuk reported that there were no motions from the Executive Committee.

**6. New Business**

**a) Drywall Waste Diversion – Uli Wolf**

Uli asked if other municipalities are interested in recycling drywall. There is a charge for recycling drywall waste, the greater of \$25/metric tonne or 60% of tipping fee. Discussion ensued, and this will be discussed at the municipal level.

**a-i) New Member to Northern CARE**

Linda McDonald advised that the Town of Morinville is the newest member to Northern CARE. For information.

**b) Draft Outline of 2006 Conference**

Linda McDonald advised that a draft agenda for the 2006 Conference to be held in September will be forwarded to the members by June 15<sup>th</sup>.

**c) Letter from Ray Danyluk, MLA – Lac La Biche-St. Paul**

A letter was received from Ray Danyluk, MLA for Lac La Biche-St. Paul and Chair of the Northern Alberta Development Council, praising Northern CARE's endeavours and Business Plan for 2005-2008. For information.

**d) Letter from the Hon. Guy Boutilier, Minister of Environment**

A letter was received from the Honourable Guy Boutilier, Minister of Environment advising termination of any further annual financial support for Northern CARE effective March 15, 2006. Gary Pollock, Secretary advised the Executive Director that he was under the impression that funding from Alberta Environment would be negotiated on an annual basis, instead of for a three year period as had been the case in the past.

**Moved by James Waikle – that the Executive Director should forward information requested by the Minister of Environment, and include clarification of Northern CARE's self sustainability plan. Also included in the letter should be a report of the contribution made by municipalities and private sectors. All northern MLA's should receive a copy of the letter.**

**CARRIED**

Dan Bojarski advised that he would help with information required to lobby for the ability to negotiate for annual provincial support.

**e) Letter of Support Required for Emerald Award Nomination.**

Northern CARE will write a letter of support of the Peace Citizen's Recycle Society's nomination for the Alberta Environment Emerald Award. For information.

**f) Letter from Alberta Recycling Management Authority**

A letter was received from ARMA with regards to electronic waste recycling. For information.

**7. Other New Business**

There was no other New Business to discuss.

**8. Information Items**

- a) **Newsletter – Lesser Slave Lake Recycling Program**
- b) **A.P.R.A. Invitation to Annual General Meeting & Golfing**
- c) **Bio-Cycle Letter to Uli Wolf – Aquatera Solid Waste Management**

**Moved by Jule Asterisk to accept items 8.a) 8.b) and 8.c) as information. CARRIED**

## **9. Round Table Discussion**

- **Town of Valleyview - Sam Wipf** reported that they will be having a household hazardous waste round-up on June 7 & 8. The Town of Valleyview terminated/fired the contractor at their landfill. Aquatera is building a water treatment plant in Valleyview and piping water to Fox Creek, Debolt and Rich Valley to the Big Smoky. Water supply is from the little Smoky River.
- **Lesser Slave Regional Waste Management Commission - Jule Asterisk** reported that they are purchasing a double walled tank for used oil. The LSRWMC is using a solar powered pump for leaching water, in order to pump the water from the bottom to the top for evaporation.
- **Regional Environmental Action Committee - Bonnie Raho** advised that the video "My Life as a Tire" is basically complete and should be ready for release in September or October, 2006.
- **Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo – Jim Fay** reported that a feasibility study is being conducted on bio gas in the old landfill. The Alberta Research Council and private industry is doing the study. They are seeing if there is enough bio gas to facilitate energy requirements on the new landfill site.
- **Aquatera - City of Grande Prairie - Uli Wolf** advised that a local contractor is starting at the end of June, as the 'Waste Management' contract is up.
- **Town of Peace River - Geoff Milligan** advised that industry is being more pro-active in using the municipal landfill. Peace Citizens Recycling Society is looking at solar panels for electricity, collection of rain as examples for eco-building.
- **Alberta Environment – Christine Della Costa** advised there are two new people on staff increasing the staffing levels to six. The Leaf and Yard Waste Committee is developing a draft strategy that will provide recommendations to Alberta Environment on the processes, policies and programs required to accomplish Alberta Environment's goal of diverting leaf and yard waste from landfill disposal to a beneficial use. The draft should be completed by August, 2006.

The M.D. of Bonnyville is looking at building two transfer stations, as well as looking at a recycling centre for the County. They will be closing one landfill.

- **Athabasca Regional Waste Commission – Rob Smith** reported that tonnages have increased. New cells are costing double what they did four years ago. Dumping fees have increased from \$47/ton to \$52/ton. The Town of Athabasca is doing a weekly pick-up of recyclables. There has been an increase of 2 tons of recyclables, approximately 30-35% increase for their population of 2300. There is also a three bag limit for garbage pick-up with a charge of \$1/bag for over 3 bags.
- **Alberta Plastics Recycling Association – Janet Altmiks** advised that the plastic waste audit is being completed.

- **Alberta Dairy Council – Roberta Windrum** reported that a thirty (30) minute documentary style video has been produced to run on Global T.V. regarding milk container recycling.
- **Town of Elk Point – Myron Goyan** reported that the St. Paul Abilities Network is looking after Elk Point’s bottle depot and recycling of milk cartons. The household hazardous waste round-up is complete. They are monitoring grass cutting, garden clippings and may eliminate pick-up of grass clippings and other bio-degradable products.
- **Woodlands County – Rick Twach** advised that they had 3 days of collection of recyclables, wood and metals in Blue Ridge/Assinaboine area. Bins were provided by Alberta Rubber at \$250/bin/month. They have been taken away now.
- **Albian Sands – Samantha James** advised that they are recycling on site. There will be a household hazardous waste round-up on June 10<sup>th</sup>.
- **Big Jim’s Recycling – Lac La Biche – Jim Young** reported that he is baling 40 bales/month of newsprint. Recycling of milk jugs has increased and he now has 680 bales of cardboard on site.
- **Town of Smoky Lake – Pat Palechuk** advised that Evergreen Regional Waste Management is doing well, and that the Town of Smoky Lake wants to build a recycling centre. A regional water system study is to be started as well.
- **Town of High Prairie - James Waikle** reported that the Town of High Prairie will be building a second ice surface utilizing metal waste, and that a new bottle depot is being built in the community.
- **Town of Bonnyville – Lorna Storoschuk** advised that the Town of Bonnyville will be holding their household hazardous waste round-up on June 10<sup>th</sup>.

**9. Next Meeting Date and Location**

The next meeting will be held at the Annual General Meeting, September 6 – 8, 2006 in Peace River.

**10. Adjournment**

**Moved by James Waikle - to adjourn the Northern CARE General Board Meeting at 1:45 p.m.  
CARRIED**

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*Chair, Lorna Storoschuk*

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*Recorder, Corinne Huberdeau*