

**Northern Coordinated Action for Recycling Enterprises
General Board Meeting
Friday, June 13th, 2008
Nisku Inn and Conference Centre – 1101-4th Street, Nisku, AB**

Attendees:

Big Jim	Big Jim's Recycling
Brenda Burridge	Town of Fox Creek
Christine Powell	Eco Metals Recycling
Dale McQueen	Woodlands County
Dennis Lang	North Peace Regional Landfill
Dennis Reid	Buffalo Lake Métis Settlement
Gary Pollock	Swan Hills
Grant Cameron	Alberta Plastics Recycling Association
Helen A. Rice	City of Grande Prairie
Hussein Elkadri	Cold Lake Recycling Centre
James Waikle	Town of High Prairie
Jane Kalyn	Northern Sunrise County/East Peace Reg Landfill
Janet Altmiks	Alberta Plastics Recycling Association
Jim Cheverie	Town of Bonnyville
Jule Asterisk	Regional Environmental Action Committee
Lauren McNutt	City of Cold Lake
Linda McDonald	Northern CARE
Lyle Hoffman	Hoffman Consulting
Melissa Judson	Global Electric Electronic Processing
Nathan Taylor	Town of Smoky Lake
Robert Smith	Athabasca Reg. Waste Management Services Comm.
Roberta Windrum	Alberta Dairy Council
Sam Wipf	Town of Valleyview
Samantha James	Albian Sands – Muskeg River Mine
Steve Madden	County of Grande Prairie
Uli Wolf	Aquatera
Victor Roth	Global Electric Electronic Processing

Regrets: Jarrod Peckford – Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo; Pat Jacobs – County of Grande Prairie #1; Owen Farnell – Town of Fox Creek; Nels Nelson – Town of Grimshaw; Mark Pickering – Town of Swan Hills; Bonnie Raho – Regional Environmental Action Committee; Roger Moore – Smoky River R.W.M. Commission

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman James Waikle called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance. He also introduced Victor Roth and Melissa Judson, of GEEP who are new Northern CARE members. Each attendee introduced themselves and the organization they represent.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Helen Rice:

That the Agenda be accepted as presented and dealt with.

...CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF JUNE 15, 2007 GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Page 10, Round table Uli Wolf – Aquatera

- first line change ‘hazardous’ to ‘horizontal’
- second line change ‘metre’ to ‘feet’

Page 8, Round Table, Jule Asterisk

- change ‘Slave Lake’ to ‘Regional Environmental Action Committee’

Moved by Uli Wolf:

That the Minutes of the April 11, 2008 General Board Meeting be adopted as amended and filed.

...CARRIED

4. SPEAKER’S CORNER

a. **Christine Powell – Eco Metals Recycling**

- company was formed in 2005
- operate out of Edmonton and would like to operate throughout Alberta
- will collect white good and mixed metals for recycling
- company pays the landfill up front, prices range from \$20 to \$40/tonne but may deduct \$5 to \$15 for transportation, depending on location
- have the ability to remove Freon
- crush on site
- equipment capacity – 100 tonnes on spot
- have 2 auto balers
- have the ability to remove all metals not just the desirable ones
- are also able to pick up baled metals, i.e. tin cans
- minimum of 40 to 100 tonnes required
- would like to set up a schedule a year in advance
- required sorts are white goods, automotive, farm equipment, wire
- will check to see if they are able to accept insulated pipe and coated wire
- looking for a 1 year agreement, to start immediately, with Northern CARE to work with municipalities for collection of metals throughout the North

b. **Grant Cameron – Alberta Plastics Recycling Association (APRA)**

- Thanked Northern CARE for their involvement with APRA activities.
- 18 year old, non-profit organization dealing with plastic waste stream in the garbage
- currently involved with issues surrounding agriculture plastics, post consumer expanded polystyrene densification and milk containers.

- Milk container recycling activity helps support other municipal plastic recycling initiatives
- Plastics are small percentage of the total oil and gas industry – 7% to 11% in North America for all plastics

Agriculture Plastics

- Plastic use is increasing; driven by low cost, equipment manufacturers and a versatile agriculture industry with no replacement in sight
- All agriculture plastics are recyclable if contamination is under control; recycled plastic can be used in the manufacture of composite railway ties by a company in Texas. Calculations indicate 9.5 to 11 million pounds are generated in Alberta annually
- Pilot program to collect and recycle agriculture plastics is underway in Mountain View County, County of Lethbridge and jointly in the County of Smoky Lake and County of St. Paul. Players at the table include Alberta Environment, Alberta Agriculture, Recycling Council of Alberta, Alberta Plastics Recycling Association, Peavey Mart, Federated Co-op, Merlin Plastics, AP Film and UFA
- Material in the Olds area is superior to the material collected independently in 2007
- Most facilities in North America use a dry line for recycling
- Currently, some of the plastics are buried while others are open burned by landowners despite legislation banning burning.
- Recycling of the plastics would be driven by markets and an increase in oil and gas prices

Plastic shopping bags

- Are the most studied piece of waste in North America; studies show less than 1% of landfill material; litter audits in major North American markets show ½ to 1% of litter
- LDPE & HDPE fastest growing plastic recycling in Alberta
- Municipal collection and take back to retail are the best methods for recycling
- In Canada, over 70 municipalities in the past 2 years have looked at bag bans, Only 2 have proceeded with bans
- Recycling of bags is not an issue; the issue is how to increase the capture rate.

Moved by Helen Rice:

That the Executive Director look into developing a policy to implement a formal recycling program for plastic bags to present to government; further that the Executive Director set-up a workshop for members to attend and provide input for the development of a program, with an outline prepared and circulated prior to the workshop. Invitees should include Alberta Environment.

...Carried.

Moved by Helen Rice:

That we enter into a facilitation agreement with Eco Metals subject to the development of a refined facilitation agreement with a final copy of the agreement electronically circulated for member approval prior to signing.

...Carried.

5. ADMINISTRATION

Monthly Financial Report

Moved by Uli Wolf:

That the May 31, 2008 Financial Statement be accepted as presented and filed.

...Carried.

Brandt Tractor Receivable

- Steve Madden was successful in collecting the outstanding receivable of \$2,000.00 from Brandt Tractor

NADC Receivable

- Steve Madden reported that he approached NADC for payment of their outstanding receivable of \$1,000.00. NADC advised that if Gary Pollock is still involved with Northern CARE they will pay the outstanding amount owing. The request for payment is now with the Executive Director of NADC who will respond next week.

GST Audit and Revenue Canada Adjustment

- \$13,000 rebate on GST received last week for errors made during the last five years.

6. OLD BUSINESS

Moved by Jule Asterisk”

That we receive for information the letter to ARMA regarding UPS backup batteries and the letter to the Minister regarding proposed advocacy funding.

...Carried.

- c. Letter/Meeting with Recycle Plus – defer until all information is received.
- d. Letter to Minister – large number of calls exchanged between Northern CARE and the Ministers office. Alberta Environment will pay for 1 additional year of funding. In moving forward, Northern CARE needs to have a self-sustaining plan outline when meeting with Northern MLAs to complete the application process to receive the additional funding of \$70,000.
- e. Northern CARE Recycling Committee – Rob Smith
 - Northern CARE is becoming a recognized collective voice in the industry
 - Transportation issues are the biggest barrier – need to address by finding opportunities and solutions
 - There is a need for dedicated collection of materials to registered facilities
 - Municipal Partnerships Committee (MPC)
 - have put together draft objectives
 - possibilities include purchasing a wood shredder, tire shredder, portable baler, granulating equipment
 - need to look at establishing regional service contracts
 - Time to look at expanding Northern CARE area farther south

Moved by Helen Rice:

That we engage the services of Lyle Hoffman with Hoffman Consulting to work with Linda McDonald in putting together an agreement for Eco Metals Recycling and a sustainability Plan. The terms of the engagement are to be negotiated by the Executive Director and President of Northern CARE.

...Carried.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Moved by Jim Young:

That we accept for information items a) – funding letter from Minister; c) letter to Peace Citizens Recycling Society; and d) letter to Alberta Environment read: fluorescent light tubes.

...Carried

b. Northern MLA luncheon – deferred

e. Northern CARE Recycling Conference

- Conference will be held September 10 to 12, 2008 in Valleyview Alberta
- Fox Creek, Town of Valleyview, MD of Greenview and the Regional Waste Commission have sponsored the conference in the amount of \$10,000.00.
- Agenda will be emailed when available

Moved by Sam Wipf:

That the above particulars regarding the upcoming Northern CARE Conference be received for information.

...Carried.

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

Moved by Helen Rice:

That the thank you letter from North Peace Regional Landfill Authority, the AGSI Recycling Facility handout and the Alberta Plastics Recycling Association Newsletter be received for information.

...Carried

9. ROUND TABLE

Roberta Windrum – Alberta Dairy Council

- Still no announcement from the Minister regarding the program

Samantha James – Albian Sands

- Had a successful Environment Week in Fort McMurray
- Ran the Milk Jug Recycling Program for the 6th year – 9 schools participated collecting 4,500 milk jugs
- Also had a number of on-site activities throughout the week

- Linda McDonald attended during the week and gave a presentation on 'Too Good To Waste' on behalf of the RM of Wood Buffalo.

Steve Madden – County of Grande Prairie

- Bob Hall from Economic Development is interested in working with Northern CARE
- Partnered with Aquatera for Earth Day activities; Canadian Tire donated 2 adult bicycles

Gary Pollock – Swan Hills

- Had a tax information meeting that turned into a tax revolt
- Good HHW round-up
- Spring clean-up just winding up
- Community is becoming more recycle conscious

Uli Wolf – Aquatera

- Started construction waste diversion
- Reduced fee for drywall, wood waste and concrete
- Process of piloting a multi-residential complex with a goal of over 50% diversion

Helen Rice – Grande Prairie

- Nothing to report

Dennis Lang – North Peace Regional Landfill

- First meeting with Northern CARE
- HHW round-up successful
- Investigating possibility of recycling corrugated cardboard
- Successful trade show in Hines Creek – N CARE provided valuable information
- Frustrated with metal contractors who are not able to remove Freon from appliances; perhaps a one day course to certify landfill operators on Freon removal could be investigated.

Dale McQueen – M.D. of Bonnyville

- Used oil collection is in place at all waste transfer stations; buildings are in place
- Finishing a \$27 million recreational complex which should be running by July 1
- Problem with getting rid of cardboard. Some hauling to landfills. Unsuitable for burial as it can't be compacted. Even if zero value for cardboard, it is still cheaper to landfill.
- A lot of small lakes had quad problems on the May long weekend. Looking at putting motor size restrictions on some water bodies which is a 2 to 3 year process because it is a federal matter. In the interim could post official speed restrictions.

Jim Cheverie – Town of Bonnyville

- Regional solid waste transfer stations are under construction
- Satellite stations are located throughout the county
- Existing landfills will be closed
- MD recommended to Bonnyville and Cold Lake that a task force be established between now and October to spearhead recycling initiatives for the new commission using existing professionals

Dennis Reid – Buffalo Lake Métis Settlement

- Nothing to report

Grant Cameron/Janet Altmiks – Alberta Plastics Recycling Association

- Nothing further to report

Jule Asterisk – Regional Environmental Action Committee

- Renewal funding for water quality testing
- Finished auntie-litter project www.missionsustainable.org. 2008 report completed; would like to change report to request deposit on plastic bags instead of a banning.

Big Jim – Big Jim’s Recycling Lac La Biche

- China is cutting off import of plastic bags
- Nov 1 to date have shipped 4 loads of baled Styrofoam and plastic (28 bales/load) which is just post consumer plastics.
- Does not accept agriculture waste plastic because too contaminated

Lyle Hoffman – Hoffman Consulting

- Currently AUOMA deals only with oil products.
- May look into the possibility of adding antifreeze & windshield washer bottles when the AUOMA regulation is reviewed next year.

Rob Smith – Athabasca Regional Waste Management Services Commission

- Successful HHW round-up held the end of May
- Collect paint year round
- Overwhelmed with garbage coming in on weekends
- Town entered into new contract for garbage collection
- Cost increase for solid waste management announced at the same time as tax increase announcement; \$23 month being charged for landfill, waste transfer site and recycling deficit
- Looking at automated pickup for residential garbage which would eliminate a lot of WCB issues

Brenda Burridge – Town of Fox Creek

- Very successful roundup for waste and white goods
- Football team did cleanup of main areas of town

Hussein Elkadri – Cold Lake Recycling Centre

- Putting up a new building for recycling
- Purchasing a mobile shredding machine and an on site shredder

Lauren McNutt – City of Cold Lake

- Annual toxic roundup being held June 14
- Curb side collection of organics is successful and continues to grow
- Charging \$22.50/month for waste

Victor Roth – Eco Metals Recycling

- Have been open for 6 months; not original people who delayed the opening for 4 years

- 800 tonne in stockpile; about 1/3 way through, should be done by end of year

Jane Kalyn – Northern Sunrise County/East Peace Regional Landfill

- Triple industrial waste pit and dry waste cell just about ready to go to bid
- Region has come together to build an eco-centre - will break ground in August or September
- June 22 to 28 County wide cleanup
- HHW roundup scheduled for this fall

Sam Wipf – Town of Valleyview

- Still busy with construction – doctors clinic being constructed – doing a project on wind power for the clinic
- Government gave houses behind shop to town; renovating and selling them
- Legion cleaned up ditches for 6 mile stretch from town limits to golf course road. In ½ mile 74 beer bottles were collected.
- Following are booked for fall conference – golf course, ATCO power station tour, WTS tour

James Waikle – Town of High Prairie

- Annual spring cleanup – have two large bins that are emptied daily. Separate collection area for white goods and tree debris
- HHW roundup last weekend
- Looking at establishing an electronics collection site in town
- Broke ground on new hospital
- Trying to get 3 miles of road built into tar sands site

Linda McDonald – Northern CARE

- Attended the Northern Alberta Regional Conference and presented the partnership between eCyle Solutions and Northern CARE for northern e-waste collection.

10. NEXT MEETING DATE AND LOCATION

Nest meeting will be held at Nisku Inn and Conference Centre on Friday, December 5 at 10:30 AM.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Waikle declared the meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.