

**Northern Coordinated Action for Recycling Enterprises  
General Board Meeting  
10:00 a.m. Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007  
Nisku Inn and Conference Centre – 1101-4<sup>th</sup> Street, Nisku, AB**

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**Attendees:**

**Owen Farnel  
Lyndon Lay  
Andy Wakaruk  
Dareld Cholak  
Barton Coady  
Brent McIntosh  
April Leng  
Mary Anne Lehman  
Chris Alm  
Sid Hinton  
Brad Schultz  
Dwayne Yaremkevich  
Jim Fay  
Michel Savard  
Jarrod Peckford  
Christine Della Costa  
Tracey Boutilier  
Samantha James  
Alvin Billings  
Myler Savill  
Uli Wolf  
Roberta Windrum  
Geoff Milligan  
Sam Wipf  
Edgar Koehler  
Rob Smith  
Roger Hall  
James Waikle  
Dennis Ried  
Linda McDonald**

**Town of Fox Creek  
Town of Bonnyville  
MD of Bonnyville  
Smoky Lake County  
Smoky Lake County  
Allied Paper Savers  
Allied Paper Savers  
Woodlands County  
East Peace River Landfill Authority  
Alberta Recycling Management Authority  
Alberta Recycling Management Authority  
Town of Elk Point  
R.M. of Wood Buffalo  
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Alberta Environment  
Albian Sands  
Albian Sands  
MD of Big Lakes  
MD of Big Lakes  
Aquatera Utilities  
Alberta Dairy Council  
East Peace River Landfill Authority  
Town of Valleyview  
County of Athabasca  
Athabasca Regional Waste Commission  
Village of Boyle  
Town of High Prairie  
Buffalo Lakes Metis Settlement  
Northern CARE**

**Regrets:**

**Lorna Storoschuk  
Pat Jacobs  
Gary Pollock  
Janet Altmiks  
Corinne Haberdeau**

**Town of Bonnyville  
County of Grande Prairie  
Town of Swan Hills  
Alberta Plastics Recycling Association  
NADC**

## **1. Call to Order**

James Waikle, acting Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance. He asked each attendee to introduce themselves and the organization they were representing.

## **2. Adoption of Agenda**

Michel Savard requested to be added to the agenda to speak on behalf of the R. M of Wood Buffalo. Myler Savill asked to add carcass disposal to the agenda.

**Moved by Sam Wipf that they be added to the Agenda**

**CARRIED**

## **3. Adoption of the March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007 Minutes of the General Board Meeting**

**Moved by Geoff Milligan that the Minutes be adopted**

**CARRIED**

## **4. Speakers Corner:**

- a) Michel Savard reported that the R. M. of Wood Buffalo has passed a by-law to ban plastic bags in their municipality. The RM of Wood Buffalo will have information coming from retail outlets to the residents that this by-law will be in effect as of January 1, 2008. We will have information to the residents regarding the use of cloth bags as the alternative. Education and communication to the public is so important and will be the priority. A huge part of our environmental technical report discourages the use of paper bags. Michel Savard, Jim Fay and Jarrod Peckford thanked Northern CARE for their support for sending promotional cloth bags to the Eco Events held in R.M. of Wood Buffalo. He asked that the Board Members of Northern CARE pass a motion to support the R.M. of Wood Buffalo in this endeavour.

Myler Savill commented that environmental studies have shown that there is a huge net cost to having paper bags as the alternative, such as transportation costs from paper mills, etc.

Uli Wolf commented that plastic bags incur legal environmental challenges such as, damage to storm sewers, animal stomachs, diseases and water drainage to name a few.

Roberta Windrum commented that EPIC and CIP has information that there is a low density bag, which is bio-degradable and will be available in 2008'. This might be an alternative rather than a ban on plastic.

Edgar Koehler commented that this was a very progressive initiative and a tough by-law, but he was in full support and agreement with their ban of plastic bags.

Geoff Milligan agreed that this was a progressive initiative for eco reasons and suggested that Northern CARE support this action by Board motion.

Linda McDonald reported that the Mayor of Leaf Rapids, Manitoba will be speaking at the Northern Alberta Recycling Conference in Athabasca this fall. The Mayor of Leaf Rapids banned plastic bags six months ago.

**Moved by Geoff Milligan that Northern CARE send a letter of support to the RM of Wood Buffalo and a copy to the Minister of Environment CARRIED**

- b) Brad Schultz, Director of Recycling for ARMA presented a slide presentation of the e-waste program that has been in existence for the last two and half years. He mentioned that Grande Prairie is the top collector per capita in Alberta. Residential e-waste is 55% and the balance is C& D e-waste. Overall the electronics program is generally going well.

- **CD of the presentation is available to the members and Northern CARE.**

Sid Hinton, Board Director of ARMA reported that 4 million tires have been recycled in Alberta. A new pilot project is being done for off road tires in Ponoka by a Ponoka Recycler. Sid Hinton reported that ARMA will be managing the Paint Recycling Program in the coming year. It was also mentioned that some new products may be added to the electronics program such as scanners, photo copiers, and fax machines.

Uli Wolf stated that there should be landfill bans on fluorescent lights and to phase out incandescent bulbs and the program be managed by ARMA. Alberta Environment needs to recognize and address these issues and have structured regulations to back it up. There is very little initiative from the province for landfill bans.

Christine Della Costa stated that the province recognizes this issue. The Federal Government has been working on this issue.

Linda McDonald reported that a representative from the Federal Government will be a speaker at the upcoming conference and provide information on this issue.

## **5. Business Arising from the Minutes**

- a) Letter to Hon. Rob Renner in support of Milk Container Recycling Program

**Moved by James Waikle to file for information CARRIED**

- b) Letter to Judy Morris – Paint and C&D Stewardship Program

Christine Della Costa reported the response for a Paint Recycling Program from the public was outstanding. Eight hundred Albertans were surveyed by telephone and it was overwhelmingly positive. The regulation is written and set to go, just waiting for the regulation to be passed by cabinet. The political side is moving forward on this matter.

**Moved by James Waikle to file the letter for information CARRIED**

- c) PRWRAC Regional Committee Meeting – Uli Wolf reported that the meeting was well attended. They have decided to have two meetings a year. Uli Wolf is the chairman.
- d) PRWRAC Regional Committee. Discussion topics were C& D waste, improve services for metals, address metal recycling feasibility, regional joint tenders as an option, and enhance recycling, in particularly, in the Peace River area. Minutes attached.

**Moved by James Waikle to accept and file the minutes for information CARRIED**

## **6. Administration**

- a) James Waikle reported that the bank balance was \$41,573.80 .

**Moved by Jarrod Peckford to accept Treasurer’s Report CARRIED**

- b) Linda McDonald reported that it’s been busy, planning and organizing the annual conference. The brochures will be sent out at the end of June. Some of the topics/sessions are C& D Waste/Zero Tolerance, Plastics, Sustainability, Fluorescent tubes, a Youth Corner and Agricultural Waste. It has been very difficult to book a block of rooms due to the limited amount of rooms with the oil workers and construction crews in the Athabasca area. We have managed to book 97 rooms in different motels. Linda anticipates that over 100 delegates will attend. The brochures have not been sent out and we have 47 rooms that are already booked. Anyone attending the conference must book early to secure a room.

Promotional cloth bags depicting “Plastic Free” and Northern CARE name and logo on them were sent out to R.M. of Wood Buffalo for their promotional environment events.

Northern Alberta elementary schools have received faxed requests forms for worm composting presentations to start in the fall. This year, Northern CARE will be doing 25 worm composting presentations according to our Business Plan.

The City of Cold Lake has booked their annual Community Backyard Composting Event.

**Moved by James Waikle to accept the Executive Director’s Report CARRIED**

## **7. New Business**

- a) James Waikle reported that the meeting with the Minister of Environment went well. The members of the Executive Committee and the Minister discussed topics of e-waste, paint recycling, C& D waste, fluorescent tubing, and funding for Northern CARE. The Minister was in agreement that the funding should be presented over a 3 year period rather than a request once a year. The Milk Container Recycling Program was discussed and the Minister felt that the milk containers should be recycled at the bottle depots.
- b) Linda McDonald reported that Northern CARE had partnered with Vancouver Hemp to produce and promote hemp bags. Northern CARE has the availability of a printing press and the labour to produce the cloth bags at no cost to Northern CARE.

- c) Letter from Gray's Paper Recycling discussed.

**Moved by Uli Wolf to be filed for information**

**CARRIED**

- d) Animal carcass disposal was discussed by Myler Savill. Issues of concern were disease, emergency disposal, formal transportation station, Bovine, not enough public education, who should be responsible, disposal of road kill, and should the MD be doing the disposals. Sam Wipf suggested a task committee be formed. Linda McDonald will attempt to find a speaker about this issue at the upcoming conference.

## **8. Information Items**

- a) PRWRAC Regional Committee Minutes
- b) Northern Alberta Job Posting – Aquatera/Grande Prairie, AB
- c) Alberta Environment Waste Management Working Group (WMSG)
- d) Letter received from Rajan Ahluwalia – Gray's Paper Recycling
- e) Thank you letter sent to the Minister of Environment

**Moved by Myler Savill to accept all items for information**

**CARRIED**

## **9. Round Table**

Owen Farnel reported that the Town of Fox Creek had their annual toxic round-up. They have been doing it for five years, but it is becoming a bulky waste collection and it is getting out of hand, so much so, that they will have to expand. The Town of Fox Creek and the Town of Valleyview shipped a 53 foot semi of cardboard.

Brent McIntosh from Allied Paper Savers reported that paper was \$60.00 a bale and \$35-\$40.00 a bale for cardboard.

Mary Anne Lehman reported that they had a cell on fire and to date the cost has been \$75,000.00. They have had a series of break-ins at their transfer sites, but other than that, all things are going well.

Chris Kramer reported that the Spring Round-up is slated for June 18-23<sup>rd</sup>. They will have bins for construction/demo, miscellaneous metals, paint cans and wood.

Roberta Windrum thanked the Northern CARE Board members for their letter of support for the ADC milk container recycling program. ADC is working on a pilot program with coffee shops to recycle milk containers.

Dwayne Yaremkevich reported that the Town of Elk Point will be having their toxic round-up. They have a new shed for paint cans and will be starting a recycling program.

Jerrod Peckford reported that the RM of Wood Buffalo has had an increase in recycling from 2005/06 by 91%. They have put out a tender for their merf. They are looking at purchasing a baler next year. They have put out a tender for the cell construction for the new landfill. The C&D program is going well, and they are stockpiling concrete and rebar, etc. Currently, they have 310,000 tons of C& D waste. They are currently having a landfill gas study done. The hazardous waste round-up has also increased.

Samantha James reported her success as “Mrs. Farmer Bob” working with the schools in The R.M. of Wood Buffalo to collect and recycle milk jugs. The results were most impressive and 6770 milk jugs were collected and recycled. Samantha James was featured in the news media as “Mrs. Farmer Bob”.

Uli Wolf reported that they had 3 break-ins at the Eco Centre in Grande Prairie, stealing e-waste and LCD monitors.

Geoff Milligan reported that the Peace Citizens have a piece of land, but it is not a good site. They will continue to try and find another. They will not be breaking ground this year. The Town of Peace River had its Spring Clean-up, which went smoothly with a lot of public education.

Sam Wipf reported the Town of Valleyview had its hazardous round-up and it went well. Our paper hauling was much more economical to partner with the Town of Fox Creek. Everything is going well. In July, we will be celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Edgar Koehler would like to remind the members to book their rooms early for the conference.

Rob Smith reported that the Athabasca Regional Waste Commission has completed its cell expansion, extending it another 2 years. Cells 3 and 4 are combined. They are looking at placing one bin per block for garbage pick-up.

Roger Hall reported that the Village of Boyle is well looked after by Rob Smith and the Waste Commission.

James Waikle reported that things are going well in the Town of High Prairie. The committee for Communities in Bloom are providing a cleanup certificates for volunteers, who pick up the litter in town. We have increased our pick-ups from Recycle Plus to every 10 days rather than the two weeks schedule. We have an oilfield supplier in town, which can recycle 1000 lbs of waste. It shows that the oilfields are starting to think recycling. Our e-waste bin is full and the education is working.

**10. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held at the Nisku Inn on the first Friday in December, 2007.

**11. Adjournment**

**Moved by Jerrod Peckford to adjourn the Northern CARE General Board Meeting  
at 2:00 p.m. CARRIED**

