

**NORTHERN COORDINATED ACTION FOR RECYCLING ENTERPRISES
GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 3, 2006
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Attendance:

Gary Pollock	Town of Swan Hills
James Waikle	Town of High Prairie
Mary Anne Lehman	Woodlands County
Geoff Milligan	East Peace Regional Landfill Authority
Ralph Whitford	Town of Lac La Biche
Uli Wolf	Aquatera, Grande Prairie
Troy Moore	Two Hills Landfill Commission
Alvina Schuhmacher	Town of Elk Point
Myron Goyan	Town of Elk Point
Janet Altmiks	A.P.R.A.
Jule Asterisk	Lesser Slave Regional Waste Commission
Ray Tannas	Village of Boyle
Roger Hall	Village of Boyle
Robert Smith	Athabasca Regional Waste Commission
Edgar Koehler	County of Athabasca
Dennis Reid	Buffalo Lake Metis Settlement
Sam Wipf	Town of Valleyview
Jim Fay	Rural Municipality of Wood Buffalo
Lorna Storoschuk	Town of Bonnyville
E. Lavoie	East Peace Regional Landfill Commission
Christine Della Costa	Alberta Environment
Linda McDonald	Northern CARE

1. Call to Order

Chair Lorna Storoschuk called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Ralph Whitford that the Agenda be adopted

CARRIED

3. Adoption of Northern CARE General Meeting Minutes – December 2, 2005

Moved by Uli Wolf to accept the Minutes

CARRIED

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

- a) Letter to Minister of Environment – Cardboard Concern – Deferred to next meeting for further information and input.

b) Raydar Recycling – Plastic Recycling

It was suggested that we have a representative from Raydar to speak at our next meeting. Executive Director will contact and arrange for the next meeting.

5. Administration

- a) Sam Wipf reported on Northern CARE's finances and reported that the transition of our accounting and banking had been completed. Meyers, Norris and Penny will be doing our year end financial statement for the year March 31, 2006.

James Waikle moved to accept the verbal financial report

CARRIED

- b) Executive Committee – Recommendations for qualifying criteria for the annual “Tom Baldwin Environmental Excellence Award” is deferred to the next Executive Committee Meeting.
- c) The Executive Director reported that the By-laws for Northern CARE will be updated and addressed with the Executive Committee and brought forth at the AGM in September, 2006 for adoption.

6. New Business

- a) Alberta Environment Paint Stewardship meeting will held in Grande Prairie and Athabasca and will facilitate the attendance and input of northern members. Christine Della Costa reported the intent of the meetings was to have a regulated program and ARMA managing the program. The regulation of the program would go to cabinet in late April or early May. Saskatchewan and British Columbia have the same programs. Hand-outs were provided for attendance.
- b) Linda McDonald reported that the 2006-2008 Waste Education Program will consist of a partnership program between Alberta Environment and Northern CARE. Northern CARE will deliver the education programs in Northern Alberta. The education programs will consist of “Backyard Composting and Worm Composting” education. Alberta Environment will fund Northern CARE for the delivery of these programs. Our funding consists of \$35,000.00 for the first 8 months and thereafter an additional \$35,000.00 for 2007/08 to complete the designated number of presentations.
- c) Linda McDonald requested that the Board send a letter to ARMA and copy the Minister to increase the e-waste remuneration for municipalities. Municipalities are subsidizing additional dollars to the program. Edgar Koehler questioned if the levy was high enough and suggested that this issue be addressed. Northern CARE hubs used for the regional collection of northern e-waste will be an indicator of the actual costs that face municipalities. Christine Della Costa reported that ARMA will be doing a spring review, as the program is now a year old.

Moved by Sam Wipf to send a letter to ARMA and copy the Minister of Environment

CARRIED

- d) Fluorescent tubes were discussed and a possible regional partnership with Canadian Lamp Recyclers, formally Environmental Lamp Disposal, located in St. Alberta. Linda McDonald reported that she had discussed this with Jason Bos. He had indicated that he would be interested and would like to attend a general board meeting and have further discussion and input with Northern CARE members. Executive Director will arrange for Jason Bos or a representative to attend the next meeting.
- e) Northern CARE received a copy of a letter sent to the Alberta Environment from the Recycling Council of Alberta, who is requesting a stewardship program for waste reduction of fast food packaging. Northern CARE supports the RCA's interest in developing standards for fast food packaging.

Moved by Rob Smith to send a letter to Alberta Environment for the need to develop a stewardship program to address the waste of fast food packaging.

CARRIED

- f) Linda McDonald reported that Northern CARE membership had increased to 64 northern members for the year 2006. The new members are the Village of Thorhild, Town of Grimshaw, Big Jim Recycling and Albion Sands. Linda McDonald reported and reminded members of the outstanding membership fees.
- g) The 2006 Northern Alberta Recycling Conference will be held in Peace River. The East Peace Regional Landfill Authority will host this conference on September 6-8, 2006.

7. Other New Business

- a) Rob Smith reported he had concerns with the draft Waste Strategy Plan
- b) Lorna Storoschuk reported that the Town of Bonnyville will host the ERROW meeting to be held on Friday, April 28, 2006.

8. Information Items

- a) Too Good to Waste – Waste Strategy Document
- b) Waste Facts – Waste Strategy Document
- c) Letter from Jule Asterisk to the Editor of Solid Waste Recycling Magazine
- d) Edmonton Waste Mgmt Winter/Spring Workshop Series
- e) Environment Canada National Workshop
- f) Letter from RCA - Fast Food Packaging

Moved by Ralph Whitford to accept items 8.a) to 8.f) for information CARRIED

9. Round Table Discussions

a) County of Athabasca – Edgar Koehler

The County and the Town of Athabasca are discussing a total amalgamation with the Commission to process a complete waste removal and recycling package.

b) Athabasca Regional Waste Commission – Rob Smith

A new transfer site will be built to facilitate Wandering River and Grasslands. This will be cost effective rather than having 2 small landfills sites. Athabasca Waste Commission has the tools and human resources to achieve this venture. Rob reported that he was getting \$15.00 per ton for recycled cardboard.

c) Village of Boyle – Ray Tannas

Ray reported that Mr. Recycle and Rob Smith take good care of the village of Boyle. They have no complaints.

d) REAC – Jule Astrisk

Jule reported that last Sunday the winter shoot for their video was completed and they are now waiting for the spring shoot. Lesser Slave is in the process of putting a transfer site at the landfill site. Jule reported information she had received from Radio Shack for buyers of electronics. This information is for the customers to understand the reasons why there is a levy. She will forward a copy to ARMA.

e) A.P.R.A. – Janet Altmiks

Janet reported that APRA is in the process with a consultant to start a “Plastics Audit for the Province.” She will report further information when the process is in full swing. She mentioned that Northern CARE members will be contacted for input.

f) Town of Elk Point – Myron Goyan

Myron reported that they have an e-waste bin. The Evergreen Landfill is now a year old and they have a deficient of \$76,000.00.

g) Aquatera – Uli Wolf

Uli reported that he sits on the Alberta Environment Committee for Leaf and Yard Waste. The committee will complete by July a document with recommendations for disposal restrictions and various programs to divert yard waste from Alberta’s landfills. The program is expected to be fully implemented by 2010.

h) Town of Lac La Biche – Ralph Whitford

Lac La Biche is having an issue with recycling and garbage mixed together coming from construction camps. They have restricted dumping until it is sorted into garbage and recycling items. The town will have special pickup days for e-waste, furniture and tree branches for the spring cleanup. Sunrise County is operating a landfill contaminated with garbage and recycling items.

i) East Peach Regional Landfill Authority – Geoff Milligan

Geoff reported that the Peace Citizens Committee is reaching a crossroads and is looking at their own land and their own building. To keep the costs to a minimum they are exploring the grants for heating and energy, particularly the heating costs. This planning process will take the committee 6-15 months to complete.

The Peace Citizens Committee are looking forward to a program for fluorescent bulbs and looking for grant dollars for a one time roundup.

The activity on the oil patches is dramatically increased. There has been more on-site development generating more waste. They are restricted to taking any contaminated waste to the landfill.

They are excited about having the Northern CARE 2006 Conference in Peace River and having the East Peace Regional Landfill host this event. The Town and County of Peace River support this conference.

j) Woodland County – Mary Anne Lehman

Woodlands County is in the process of developing an Industrial Waste Site for the oil patch industry. The activity of the oil patches is increasing dramatically and this is definitely needed. It will take 2 years to complete this process.

k) Town of High Prairie – James Waikle

James reported that Northern CARE has applied for an additional recycling bin. They have developed a “Take it or Leave it” site. They followed the site plan from Jule Astrisk, Lesser Slave Regional Waste Commission. Our new public pool is salt water. The town is planning a Hazardous Waste roundup in first weekend in June.

l) Town of Swan Hills – Gary Pollock

Gary reported that the Town has complaint issues with Recycle Plus and their level of service. They have two trucks a month coming out and the bins are overflowing and the garbage is littered around the bins. The Town office is now a drop off site for used ink cartridges and batteries.

m) Rural Municipality of Wood Buffalo – Jim Fay

Jim reported that the municipality will be having 4 e-waste roundups. April 4-11th will be a pickup of e-waste for residents along with a hazardous waste roundup in the Complex on Airport Road. During the month of May, will be the heavy item pickup.

Planning is underway to have 4-6 new recycling depots in the year 2006 and to refurbish the depot in Fort McMurray. Suncore and Wood Buffalo share 50% of the waste and recycled items and contribute \$100,000.00 a year for 3 years for the disposal and recycling. The existing landfill will close mid-year 2008. The new landfill will be operational by December 31, 2008. This new site will include a Recycle Centre at a cost of 2.8 million dollars and a landfill complex at a cost of 20/25 million dollars. Currently, 3 million dollars have been spent to build a bridge that covers 600 acres.

In 2004, 145,000 tonnes was deposited in 2004 and increased to 300,000 tonnes in 2005. The census for 2005 indicates 61,000 people and forecasting 75,000 plus 10,000 in rural serviced areas by Fort McMurray for the year 2006. We are building for a population of 150,000 people. The residential garbage is 13,000 to 23,000 tonnes and the balance being industrial and commercial.

n) Town of Valleyview – Sam Wipf

On March 1st, we opened the landfill site and we are having a lot of growing pains. We have an issue with bears and cougars. We have hired one person and this has become a safety issue. Cell phones do not work at the landfill site. We have hired a second person until radio phones can work in the area. We opened a landfill site with no money for equipment. The cost of the landfill was 1.5 million dollars, shared with MD#16 and Valleyview. We are looking for second hand equipment. The old landfill site is open to take concrete, grass and leaf, appliances and tires.

o) Town of Bonnyville – Lorna Storoschuk

Lorna reported that “Garden Workshops” are being held in the area on April 1st in the Village of Vilna and April 8th in Bonnyville.

10. Next Meeting and Location

The next General Board Meeting will be held in Nisku at the Nisku Inn on Friday, June 2, 2006 at 10:00 a.m.

11. Adjournment

Moved by James Waikle to adjourn the General Board Meeting at 1:30 p.m.

CARRIED