

**MINUTES OF THE**  
**NORTHERN COORDINATED ACTION FOR RECYCLING ENTERPRISES**  
**GENERAL BOARD MEETING – APRIL 7, 2005**  
**RAMADA INN – RIDGEWOOD ROOM**  
**EDMONTON, ALBERTA**

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Attendance:

Barton Coady	Smoky Lake County
Vern Billey	Smoky Lake County
Alvina Schuhmacher	Town of Elk Point
Ron Fraess	Town of Elk Point
Eugene Watamaniuk	Town of Smoky Lake
Dareld Cholak	Smoky Lake County
Maxine Fodness	St. Paul County
Roger Hall	Village of Boyle
Ray Tannis	Village of Boyle
Jim Fay	Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo
Ralph Whitford	Town of Lac La Biche
Michael Savard	Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo
Janet Altmiks	Alberta Plastics Recycling Association
Mary Anne Lehman	Woodlands County
James Waikle	Town of High Prairie
Myler Savill	M.D. of Big Lakes
Ed Rondeau	M.D. of Bonnyville
Rob Smith	Athabasca Regional Waste Management
Robert Windrum	Alberta Dairy Council
Jule Asterisk	Lesser Slave Regional Waste Mgmt Commission
Bonnie Raho	Regional Environmental Action Commission
Christine Della Costa	Alberta Environment
Uli Wolf	Aquatera & City of Grande Prairie
Gordon Mach	County of Grande Prairie
Sam Wipf	Town of Valleyview
Darren Lobeck	North Peace Regional Landfill Commission
Fran Jordan	City of Cold Lake
Chris Kramer	Northern Sunrise County
Dan Bojarski	Town of St. Paul
Hussein Elkadri	Cold Lake Recycling Centre
Lorna Storoschuk	Town of Bonnyville
Pat Jacobs	County of Grande Prairie
Richard Twach	Woodlands County
Geoff Milligan	Peace Citizens Recycling Committee
Gary Pollock, Chair	Town of Swan Hills
Linda McDonald, Exec. Director	Northern CARE
Corinne Huberdeau	Northern Alberta Development Council

1. **Call to Order**

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

Sam Wipf, Town of Valleyview asked for a minute of silence in honour of Tom Baldwin, who passed away suddenly on March 13, 2005.

The Chair introduced Ed Rondeau and welcomed the M.D. of Bonnyville as new members to Northern CARE. Members in attendance introduced themselves.

2. **Adoption of Agenda**

- two additions:
  - i. 7-b)iii – Household Toxic Roundup
  - ii. 7-b)iv – Chemical Container Sites

**Moved Ralph Whitford – the Agenda be adopted as amended. CARRIED**

3. **Adoption of Minutes**

**Moved Ray Tannis – the Minutes of the Northern CARE General Board Meeting held on December 3, 2004 be adopted as presented. CARRIED**

4. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

5. **Administration**

a) Financial Report

Lorna Storoschuk provided a verbal report. Balance in bank \$91,800.21  
GIC's - \$35,000 Met with Northern MLA's on March 3, 2005 and a grant from the Provincial Government was approved for Northern CARE in the amount of \$70,000. The provincial grant will be reviewed annually.

**Moved Jim Fay – The Financial Report be approved as presented. CARRIED**

b) Draft Business Plan – (Handed out at the beginning of the meeting)

**Moved Ralph Whitford – defer the Business Plan until next meeting in June, to provide the members time to review it. CARRIED**

c) Membership List

Changes:

- Maxine Fodness represents Town of St. Paul as well as St. Paul County
- Jim Fay is Technical and Political representative for the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo

**Moved James Waikle – to accept the Membership List for information. CARRIED**

d) Donation – Thomas Baldwin Memorial Scholarship Fund

Pat Jacobs led discussion regarding a donation from Northern CARE to the Tom Baldwin Memorial Scholarship Fund.

**Moved Fran Jordan – to discuss agenda item # 7-a)-vi at this time. CARRIED**

**7.a)-vi – New Business – Tom Baldwin – Northern CARE Recycling Scholarship**

**Moved Sam Wipf – defer discussion until next meeting, to get more information with regards to the Scholarship Fund set up by John Simpson. CARRIED**

**6. Business Arising**

a) Alberta Environment Education Brochure

Linda McDonald reported that the brochures are going to print and municipalities can order as many as they want to put their own information on it for Toxic Round-ups, etc. She asked that all municipalities place their order with her via e-mail prior to mid April.

**7. New Business**

a) Executive Director's Report

i) Northern CARE Recycling Collection Program

Linda McDonald advised that four semi's of e-waste were sent to Rimbey with 90 – 120 days turn around for revenue.

Jule Asterisk wants to include private commercial collectors as part of the four hubs to collect e-waste.

ii) Northern Alberta Recycling Conference

The Northern CARE Recycling Conference will be held in Fort McMurray at the Sawridge Hotel and Conference Centre on September 7, 8 & 9, 2005.

iii) Alberta Environment Waste Management Stakeholder Group

Jule Asterisk reported on the meeting she attended and presented a binder of meeting notes with replies to the Discussion Paper from Alberta Environment Waste Management Stakeholders Group. The number of people in the Stakeholders Group was reduced as industry reps were asked to have one person represent them instead of a number of people.

“Waste Sheds”, similar to ‘water sheds’ was determined to not be practical or beneficial. ‘Monitoring’ was the main topic of the one day meeting. The meeting was very positive.

Linda McDonald advised that Northern CARE's responses were not included.

iv) Municipal Partnerships Initiative (MPI) Northern Workshops

Roberta Windrum reported on the Alberta Dairy Program's initiative for further recovery of milk containers. Suggestions were made to have workshops around the province. A partial schedule includes Athabasca on June 23, and Valleyview on June 24<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 4 pm. Workshops will also be held in Lethbridge – June 15, Cochrane – June 16, Leduc – June 22. Alberta Dairy Council will host lunch.

Discussion ensued as to whether it would be practical to combine the Alberta Dairy Council Workshop with the Peace Region Waste Reduction Action Committee meeting and the Northeast Region meeting. It was determined that not enough time would be available in one day, however the regions may want to consider having their meetings the day before or after the Alberta Dairy Council's Workshops.

- v) Canadian Council for Human Resources – Environment Industry

Linda requested deferral until the next meeting.

- vi) Tom Baldwin – Northern CARE Recycling Scholarship

Discussed earlier with 5d) - Deferred until the next meeting.

**Moved Pat Jacobs – the Executive Committee draft a policy regarding donations for memorials. CARRIED**

**Moved Pat Jacobs – Linda McDonald, Sam Wipf and Geoff Milligan investigate how many Memorial / Education Awards have been initiated in memory of Tom Baldwin. Also to inquire whether they are one-time donations, annual contributions, or whether the award will be a memorial in perpetuity using interest only from the original donations. CARRIED**

- b) Regional Environmental Action Committee (REAC)

- i) Video Presentation of “Life as a Plastic Bottle”

Jule Asterisk, on behalf of REAC, presented the video “My Life as a Plastic Bottle”. Target audience is school children in Grade 4 Science class. Access T.V. is interested in series. The video explains where the resource comes from, how it’s used, and how the product can be recycled.

- ii) Request Letter of Support and Funding for “Life as a Tire Project”

Jule advised that a second video in the series is being planned “My life as a Tire”. The new video is geared towards Grade 6 Social Studies students. The estimated cost for doing the video is \$70,000 and she asked if Northern CARE would be interested in contributing towards the cost? She also advised that they were looking for municipalities that are planning to use shredded tires for playgrounds or sidewalks to feature in the video.

**Moved Lorna Storoschuk – Northern CARE to provide a letter of support and donate \$5000 to the REAC project “My Life as a Tire”. CARRIED**

- iii) Household Toxic Round-up

Lorna Storoschuk asked for information from the group for names of organizations that will look after household toxic roundups, as Enviro Sort and DBS are booked and not available. Jim Fay suggested contacting Tex Cam of Nualta in Airdrie at 1-800-999-9441

- iv) Chemical Container Sites

Pat Jacobs advised that pesticide containers are a problem in landfill sites. Three or four unmanned sites have been set up around the province, however she suggested that Northern CARE should contact the Crop Protection Institute for funding to either man landfill sites or pay a contractor to pick-up pesticide containers.

**Moved Pat Jacobs – that Northern CARE write a letter to the Minister of Environment to ask that pesticide companies be responsible for their own garbage and pay for removal of empty pesticide containers. CARRIED**

**Moved Uli Wolf – to send a second letter to the Minister of Environment regarding the disposal of used needles. CARRIED**

Eugene Watamaniuk asked the group how they dispose of farm fuel tanks. Linda McDonald will send information she has from Mohawk. Eugene was advised that farm fuel tanks need to be flushed clean, and then cut up for scrap.

#### **8. Information Items**

- a) Red Deer Advocate Article – Recycling Electronics
- b) “Why a Membership” document
- c) Electronic Recycling Association of Alberta’s Expansion Plan
- d) Recycle Plus Letter and Collection Schedule
- e) News Release: Northern CARE meets with Northern MLA’s
- f) Mackenzie Report Article – Tom Baldwin
- g) Draft Peace Region Reduction on Waste Committee Minutes
- h) Draft East Region Reduction of Waste Committee Minutes

**Moved Ralph Whitford – acceptance of information items. CARRIED**

#### **9. Round Table Discussion**

Ralph Whitford reported that the Town of Lac La Biche is participating in E-waste collection through one site at Big Jim’s Recycling Depot. The Town will be extending recycling to commercial businesses and industry by year end. Preliminary discussions have taken place with regards to a regional site. Toxic Roundup will be done in cooperation with the schools, Portage College, Town, and County in July.

Woodlands County has three sites for E-waste, and needs to know how to dispose of it, now that they’re collecting.

Ed Rondeau reported that the M.D. of Bonnyville has 10 landfill sites, and wants to downsize to 5 transfer sites, which would include two E-waste sites.

Peace River is now recycling cardboard. 80 tons of cardboard has been shipped out. Next phase is to concentrate on smaller cardboard producers to get their stuff.

Household Hazardous Waste Toxic Roundup will be held in May in the County and Town of Athabasca. The Athabasca Regional Waste Management Commission is giving warning cards to users of the sites for untarped loads, advising that the next time they don’t tarp their load they will receive a \$20 fine.

Roberta Windrum advised that if anyone is having trouble with disposing of milk cartons, to get in touch with her.

The County of Grande Prairie has their E-waste site established. They are closing two landfills and putting in transfer stations instead. There is a charge of \$10 for untarped loads.

Uli Wolf reported that the City of Grande Prairie is starting curb side pick-up for composting. They have completed hauling tire shreds. They have shipped 55 tons or 5 loads of E-waste by the end of April.

Christine Della Costa reminded everyone of the Environment Conference coming up in May.

Jule Asterisk advised that REAC is not doing a Household Hazardous Waste Round-up. They have a year round facility for paint exchange program that works well.

Buffalo Lake Metis Settlement is still working on their landfill. A bio-hazard container will be added. Recycling has saved 50% of their landfill space.

Sam Wipf reported that used oil is being picked up in Valleyview

Hussein Elkadri asked if it was a problem to have garbage only left after good parts are taken off E-waste? He was advised that yes it is okay to remove all good parts before sending E-waste out.

Fran Jordan advised that the City of Cold Lake does an ongoing clean-up through-out the summer from April to October. City staff help with the initial clean-up in the spring.

Chris Kramer advised that Northern Sunrise County has an E-waste site.

Habitat Enterprises is the recycling company in Town of St. Paul.

The Town of Elk Point is holding their Hazardous Waste Round-up in May. Every 1 out of 2 municipalities are not in milk container recycling.

The Evergreen Regional Landfill site in Smoky Lake is working well. E-waste is moving along.

The Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo is having a Household Hazardous Waste Round-up on June 11 at the Fort McMurray landfill. A new recycling site will be operational in late 2006. An education and awareness program is being developed in cooperation between the Regional Municipality and Suncor. Each organization has committed \$100,000 for 3 years for a total of \$600,000 for the program.

Gary Pollock stated that Swan Hills has declared war on derelict vehicles. There are probably 100 around the community. E-waste collection has started.

Lorna Storoschuk reported that the Beaver River Regional Waste Management Commission is still going around in circles. They have had a problem with theft of good parts of E-waste.

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

The Board members voiced their displeasure with the rooms at the Ramada Inn, and asked the Executive Director to choose a different location. Linda McDonald will look into the costs of the Garden Hilton on Stony Plain Road and 180 Street, the Mayfield Hotel and the Royal Executive Hotel and will advise which place is picked.

**The next meeting will take place on June 3, 2005 at 10:00 a.m., location to be announced.**

**11. Adjournment**

**Moved James Waikle – to adjourn the Northern CARE General Board Meeting at 1:40 p.m.  
CARRIED.**

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*Chair, Gary Pollock*

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*Recording Secretary, Corinne Huberdeau*