

**East Region Reduction on Waste Committee (ERROW) Meeting  
Provincial Building – 108 Wheatland Ave. Smoky Lake, Alberta  
Friday, February 27, 2004 at 10:00 a.m.**

**Attendees:**

Hussein Elkadri	Cold Lake Recycling Depot
Ken Oserchuk	Town of Smoky Lake
Big Jim	Big Jim Recycling, Lac La Biche
Terry Colosimo	Lakeland County
Dan Kotylak	Town of Smoky Lake
Vern Billey	Town of Smoky Lake
David Ponich	Town of Smoky Lake
Carole Carpenter	Mayor, Town of Smoky Lake
Pat Gratton	Town of St. Paul
Alvina Schuhmacker	Town of Elk Point
Myron Goyan	Town of Elk Point
Chuck McBurney	Beaver Regional Waste Management Services Commission
Laurie Weatherhill	Beaver Regional Waste Management Services Commission
Robert Smith	Athabasca Regional Waste Management Services Commission
Roger Hall	Village of Boyle
Ray Tannas	Village of Boyle
Lorna Storoschuk	Town of Bonnyville
Eugene Watamaniuk	Town of Smoky Lake
Ralph Whitford	Town of Lac La Biche
Linda McDonald	Northern CARE

**Greetings**

Carole Carpenter welcomed the ERROW members to the Town of Smoky Lake and presented them with a Smoky Lake pumpkin coin worth five dollars at any retail outlet in Smoky Lake.

**1. Call to Order**

Lorna Storoschuk called the meeting to order at 10: 10 a.m.

**2. Introductions**

Everyone in attendance introduced themselves and the organizations they represent.

**3. Adoption of Agenda**

**Ray Tannas moved the adoption of the Agenda.**

**CARRIED**

**4. Adoption of Minutes**

Vern Billey pointed out an error in minutes. The May minutes should read that attendees at the SWANA courses included one representative from St. Paul and three representatives from Smoky Lake.

**Rob Smith moved the adoption of the Minutes including the corrections.**

**CARRIED**

**5. Speaker's Corner**

Buffalo Lake Metis Settlement representative was absent.

**6. Business Arising from the Minutes**

a) **Update of Northern CARE Recycling Ink Program** - L. McDonald gave an update of Northern CARE Ink Recycling Program.

b) **Update of Website Data Bank Information Guidelines** - L. McDonald reported that Northern CARE has not received information from members that can be linked to or included on Northern CARE's website. The Town of Elk Point has forwarded information to Northern CARE shortly after the last ERROW meeting. She requested members send in pictures of landfill sites, equipment, recycling initiatives, and any information that could be shared with other municipalities and organizations.

c) **Membership** - Membership for Northern CARE will remain the same and not calculated per capita.

L. McDonald also noted that a verbal request had been submitted to the Department of Agriculture to provide information for recycling plastic hay wrap film. When the information is received, it will be forwarded to the members.

**7. New Business**

a) **Non-Hazardous Oilfield Waste Survey Results** - L. McDonald thanked the members, who provided input into the surveys. All the documentation received was submitted at the meetings. L. McDonald provided an update on the Non-Hazardous Oilfield Waste Survey results with the assistance of Rob Smith.

b) **E-waste Update** - L. McDonald provided an update of the E-Waste survey results and the tentative government plan of implementation.

c) **Hazardous Waste – Stakeholders Group – Action on Waste** - L. McDonald provided an update of Hazardous Waste survey and those results had been emailed to the membership. There is no further information at this time and the next meeting will take place in April, 2004.

d) **Landfill Bans** - L. McDonald reported that the Landfill Bans survey has not produced survey results at this time.

e) **Transportation Issues** - The issue of transportation was discussed and an update of the comments from the Minister of Environment's meeting as to Northern CARE's role in removing e-waste from northern municipalities was

provided to those in attendance. The Minister recommended that Northern CARE approach the TRMA and discuss further involvement. The Minister suggested funding opportunities that Northern CARE can tap into for vehicles to pick up cardboard, fluorescent light bulbs along with e-waste.

- f) **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Northern Alberta Recycling Conference** - L. McDonald reported that the Northern CARE conference will be held in the City of Grande Prairie and hosted by both the City and the County of Grande Prairie. It will take place on September 8-10, 2004. L. McDonald asked for suggestions on speakers and tours. The members requested golf, and tours to Recycle Plus, County of Grande Prairie Landfill site and Architectural Clearing House. L. McDonald reported that a Private Casino night will be held as well as a Recycling Fashion Show. It was suggested that topics such as sump pump waste, drywall and construction demolition be addressed.

There was a lengthy discussion with the members as to the problems associated with too many regional landfill sites and the financial impact on the municipalities. In conclusion it was requested that Rob Smith speak on this subject at the annual Northern CARE conference. It was also requested that Chuck McBurney speak at the conference about the new direction of the Beaver Regional Waste Commission site. Rob Smith and Chuck McBurney agreed to be speakers at the conference.

## **7. Round Table**

Hussein Elkadri reported that the Town of Bonnyville and the Cold Lake Recycling Centre have entered into a 3 year contract. The Centre will provide bins and the pickup service of recycled items for the town as well as bale and store the recycled items. Elkadri is in the process of purchasing a truck to carry out this contract. As well, he has purchased additional equipment to fulfill this contract, such as a glass crusher. He will provide 40 bins for the town..

Ray Tannis reported that Rob Smith is doing a fine job for the Village of Boyle with their recycling business. They have added blue box pickup to duplexes, four-plexes and five-plexes which has been working well.

Ralph Whitford reported that the Town of Lac La Biche has a contract with a private hauler to pick up garbage and recycling items. The cost to the town is \$2.50 per capita and it is done once a week. There is a door to door blue box pickup of recyclable items for 300 households.

Big Jim stated that he is impressed with the recycling initiatives for the Village of Boyle/Athabasca Waste Management and feels that all members should take a good look at that example of recycling. Big Jim's site and operation has been toured by 300 4H children to teach them about recycling. Big Jim suggested that Northern CARE look into oil pickup from farm sites. He also noted concern with antifreeze removal. At one time

it was economical to dispose, but now the cost associated with antifreeze is \$800/barrel. Newalta and the Redwater plants charge these fees. Big Jim would like to see a study done regarding the amount of cardboard that is in northern Alberta.

Rob Smith reported that their annual report was available. The report shows that 2800 tonnes of recycling was done. 600 Tonnes were diverted from the landfill site. The Athabasca site has a 120 year life span. It costs \$47.00/tonne for operational costs. The Blue Box program is gathering 35 kg. per household. The partnership with the Village of Boyle shares in the equipment and operational costs. Rob pointed out the cost factor associated with regional landfill sites and the amount of tonnage needed to make it financially sound. He felt that caution should be used in developing further regional sites.

Pat Gratton reported that the development and site location of their transfer site has been placed on the back burner due to objections from the public.

Myron Goyan reported that their hazardous waste roundup was completed with CIL on board. They had one time hired a company in Lloyminster to wash pails, but now have hired 3 people in town and it is much cheaper. Myron suggested Brian Stezic be a speaker at the conference. Myron has a concern with wet cell batteries. At one time you could get \$2.00 a battery and now the market has dropped out. At one time a firm in Calgary was taking batteries, but the market has had an impact on this. Myron reported that Alvine Schuhmacher is now Deputy Mayor of the Town of Elkpoint. Myron is having difficulty discussing waste matters with Canadian Waste. No one returns his calls.

Chuck McBurney reported that the Commission has purchased an additional 11 quarters of land. They have an overall bylaw approval instead of a cell by cell approval bylaw. It costs 1.3 million to build one cell. The commission takes in 125,000 tonnes a year. Residents pay 80 cents per capita for garbage disposal. Tipping fees are \$23.00. Toronto is willing to bale garbage and send the stacked bales in rail cars to the landfill. This is conducive due to the CN Rail Spur located near the landfill site. Currently, Canadian Waste is charging \$47.00/tonne. Chuck reported that Canadian Waste has had some major shake-ups internally and that is why there is no one to talk to regarding waste removal. He feels that Canadian Waste will be losing business in Alberta. They are continuing to take garbage from the West Edmonton landfill site. Chuck reported that the Commission will be developing and implementing a Bio-Digester and will need organic matter. The commission will try to convert organic waste into methane and other gases. The factor involved is the volume of garbage needed. They will be attending a Gas Symposium in Texas in March. The site currently employs 35 to 50 people and they have purchased their own trucks for hauling. Chuck suggested further talks on product needed and the transportation necessary to have it delivered to their site. Northern CARE and the Commission could discuss this matter further. Chuck McBurney requested that Northern CARE send the Commission an invoice for membership.

Carole Carpenter requested Linda McDonald assist the Town of Smoky Lake in implementing awareness and encouraging community involvement in setting up

recycling initiatives this fall. The Town of Smoky Lake is in the process of pursuing options for recycling and will be looking for direction. The community would have to buy into it. They will also meet with Rob Smith and Big Jim for further information. At this time they are transporting waste to the St. Paul landfill. The councillors of Smoky Lake stated their appreciation for the members input into the meeting and the sharing of information and were pleased to be a part of the membership.

Terry Colosimo reported that Lakeland County and the Town of Lac La Biche are looking for a regional landfill site. The cost would be shared by both municipalities. They are currently in the process with consultants of setting up an interim agreement with a land owner. Terry acknowledged the member's concern on the issue of too many regional land fill sites and would take into consideration the cost factors involved and the amount of waste required to make a site viable. He also acknowledged the example of Smoky Lake withdrawing from the St. Paul landfill site and going to the Evergreen Waste Management Commission site because of reduced transportation costs location (1/2 hour travel time). He acknowledged that Evergreen would have a problem with his site and would object. Suggestions to consider were to determine how much waste would be expected as double tonnage is required to make money.

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

The next ERROW meeting will be hosted by Buffalo Lake Metis Settlement. Time and date will be determined at the Northern CARE Board Meeting March 5, 2004.

#### **9. Adjournment**

**Ralph Whitford moved adjournment at 12:45 p.m. CARRIED**