

**Joint Meetings of the Peace Regional Waste Reduction Action Committee (PRWRAC)
and East Regional Reduction on Waste Committee (ERROW)
September 6, 2006
Travellers Motor Hotel, Peace River, Alberta**

Attendance:

Amy Horne	Aquatera
Trudy Hodges	Recycle Plus
Uli Wolf	Aquatera
Rob Smith	Athabasca Regional Waste Commission
Edgar Koehler	County of Athabasca
Geoff Milligan	East Peace Regional Landfill
Chris Kramer	East Peace Regional Landfill
Samantha James	Albian Sands Energy Inc.
Sam Wipf	Town of Valleyview
Evan Lavoie	East Peace Regional Landfill
MaryAnne Lehman	Woodlands County
Agnes Knudsen	Northern Sunrise County
Darlene Cardinal	Northern Sunrise County
John Croken	City of Grande Prairie
Christian Felske	Alberta Research Council
Jule Asterisk	Lesser Slave Regional Waste Management
Lorna Storoschuk	Town of Bonnyville
Pat Jacobs	County of Grande Prairie
James Waikle	Town of High Prairie
Bonnie Raho	Regional Environmental Action Committee
Linda McDonald	Northern CARE

1. Call to Order

Chair Lorna Storoschuk called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance and asked for introductions around the table.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Pat Jacobs that the Agenda be adopted.

CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Samantha James to adopt the September 9, 2005 Minutes

CARRIED

4. Round Table Discussions

- a) **County of Grande Prairie No. 1 – Pat Jacobs** reported that the Regional Landfill Commission have representation from the Towns of Sexsmith and Hythe, as members and they are closing their sites.
- b) **Town of High Prairie – James Wailke** reported that a privately owned bottle depot will be opening in October, 2005. The Town of High Prairie has a year round collection site for e-waste in the public works yard. We have received a free bin from Recycle Plus to deal with our increased recycling and overflowing bins.
- c) **Regional Environmental Action Committee – Bonnie Raho** reported that the “My Life As A Tire” video should be available by the mid October, 2005, but will keep us updated if that should change.
- d) **Town of Valleyview – Sam Wipf** reported that the challenge of off-road tires is ongoing. Haul All provided 30 bins to collect and haul away these tires. We are capping our #3 landfill before the snow flies and we are using 400 tonnes of material. We have a corporate responsibility to divert as much recycling materials from our landfills. The grand opening of our new Regional Landfill will be this coming Tuesday at noon.
- e) **East Peace Regional Landfill – Chris Kramer** reported that they are working on a new cell. They have also increased tipping fees to make people pay attention to recycling.
- f) **County of Athabasca – Edgar Koehler** reported that everything was going well in the County and with the Commission. The process of the Commission is that there is one member from the Summer Villages, the County, and the Town of Boyle.
- g) **Woodlands County – MaryAnne Lehman** reported that the one and only bottle depot has closed. Currently, the revenue from the bottles, etc collected at the landfill is donated back to the community. The landfill at the Town of Whitecourt has extended their hours. The County is spending \$10,000.00 to do cleanup on dead end roads and ditches, but it has been difficult to find labour. We have a lot of illegal dumping. Our transfer stations do not charge any fees.
- h) **City of Grande Prairie – John Croken** reported that the City has increased the garbage bag collection charge. Residents must purchase extra tags for anything over a 3 bag limit; each extra tag is a \$1.00. John would prefer a 2 bag limit as there is more teeth in it. The curb-side newspaper collection is contracted out, but the volume is very low. John reported that Ireland has an alkaline battery program and is in line with us. He reported that Europe was ahead of us in energy efficiency.
- i) **Aquatera – Uli Wolf** reported that gas lines were inserted in the old cell and that next year the BIO Reactor will have reached the necessary levels to insert gas lines as well. He is hoping the construction work at the landfill will be completed by next spring.

- j) **Alberta Research Council – Christian Felske** reported the importance of solid waste technology – Waste to Energy.
 - k) **Lesser Slave Regional Waste Commission – Jule Asterisk** reported that the Commission used an oil tank which is double walled to collect used oil. The public is not allowed to pour oil into it; the employees do the pouring resulting in an added labour cost. Jule discussed the #2 plastic mud drilling pails and reported that Edmonton was paying \$75.00 a ton. It would be necessary to wash these pails manually prior to shipping. Jule suggested and discussion followed regarding the feasibility of Northern CARE collecting these pails and keeping a \$1.00 per pail for the coordination of collection and shipping.
 - l) **Athabasca Regional Waste Commission – Rob Smith** reported that they changed to a weekly recycle pick-up, rather than the past 2 week pick- up and it has increased more material by 25%. The garbage amounts are consistent in residential areas. The ICI waste is increasing. Our residential waste is 35% and the balance is ICI. We are stock piling our recyclables until the prices increase. We have shipped a load of e-waste into eCycle Solutions.
 - m) **East Peace Regional Landfill – Geoff Milligan** thanked Northern CARE for coming to Peace River and commented on the successful Conference. He also thanked Renee Bernier for all her hard work she did to contribute to the success. He reported that the goal of the Peace Citizens Recycling Society was to have a building on site within a year. The Society has committed dollars from the Authority. Currently, the volunteer base has eroded because of the time spent baling.
 - n) **Recycle Plus – Trudy Hodges** reported that a second bottle depot will open called “Plus #2”. The City of Grande Prairie is booming and there are ongoing issues with the boom side that brings new challenges. The allocation of bottle depots is one depot per 600 people. The population increase is filling the bins at a much faster rate. The price of cardboard has dropped significantly.
 - o) **Town of Bonnyville- Lorna Storoschuk** reported they had their HW roundup and collected 19 barrels of Hazardous Waste.
 - p) **Northern CARE – Linda McDonald** reported that there has been great difficulty holding PEACE and ERROW committee meetings. These committees need volunteer chairpersons to set dates for two meetings a year. Discussion followed if it was necessary to continue with these regional meetings. In the past, the technical staff attended the committee meetings to bring issues to the table and those issues would be addressed at the general Board Meeting. The technical staff had this opportunity as many can not attend the general Board Meeting. It was decided that this would be discussed and decided upon at the next general Board Meeting. Sam Wipf suggested that if we continue to have an annual joint meeting of these regional committees, than this meeting should take place prior to the conference.
5. **Next Meeting** – No dates at this time.

6. Adjournment

**Moved by James Wailke to adjourn the PEACE and ERROW Committee Meeting
at 1:20 p.m. **CARRIED****