

**MINUTES  
of the  
JOINT MEETING**

**PEACE REGION WASTE REDUCTION ACTION COMMITTEE (PRWRAC) and  
EAST REGION REDUCTION ON WASTE COMMITTEE (ERROW)**

**September 9, 2005**

**Sawridge Inn and Conference Centre - Fort McMurray, Alberta**

**Attendance**

Pat Jacobs	County of Grande Prairie
Dalton Longson	County of Grande Prairie
Sam Wipf	Town of Valleyview
Gary Pollock	Town of Swan Hills
Lorna Storoschuk	Town of Bonnyville
Roger Hall	Village of Boyle
Brock Smith	County of Grande Prairie
Mary Anne Lehman	Woodlands County
Jack O'Toole	County of Grande Prairie
Ralph Whitford	Town of Lac La Biche
James Waikle	Town of High Prairie
Sam Wipi	Town of High Prairie
Jule Asterisk	Lesser Slave Regional Waste Mgmt Commission
Bonnie Raho	Regional Environmental Action Commission
Darrin Stubbs	Recycle Plus – Grande Prairie
Bonnie Paul	Weyerhaeuser Canada Grande Prairie
Amy Horne	Aquatera Utilities
Samantha James	Albian Sands Energy Inc.
Geoff Milligan	Peace Citizen's Recycle Society
Edgar Koehler	County of Athabasca
Robert Smith	Athabasca Regional Waste Management
Jim Young	Big Jim's Recycling – Lac La Biche
Linda McDonald, Exec. Director	Northern CARE
Corinne Huberdeau	Northern Alberta Development Council - Recorder

**1.& 2. Call to Order and Introductions**

Chair, Gary Pollock, called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. Everyone introduced themselves around the table.

**3. Adoption of Agenda**

**Moved Sam Wipf – the Agenda be adopted.**

**CARRIED**

**4. Adoption of Minutes**

**Moved Geoff Milligan – The Minutes of Feb 25 be adopted**

**CARRIED**

b) East Region Reduction on Waste Committee (ERROW) Minutes – January 21, 2005

**Moved Rob Smith – the Minutes of ERROW Meeting of January 21, 2005 as presented.**

**4. Round Table Discussions**

1. Roger Hall – Village of Boyle  
The ‘blue box’ in Boyle has 80% participation and is going well.
2. Mary Anne Lehman – Woodlands County  
Have a ‘new to you’ building set-up for recycling good used items. This project has gone over well with the residents in the area.
3. Jack O’Toole – County of Grande Prairie  
West County Regional Landfill Authority which covers Beaverlodge, Wembly, Grande Prairie area is tidy and well managed.
4. Ralph Whitford – Town of Lac La Biche  
Recycling in the Town is going very well. Excellent participation by the residents.
5. Darrin Stubbs – Recycle Plus  
They have purchased a used baler. Having difficulty attracting truck drivers. Difficulty experienced when municipalities move recycle bins without advising their organization. They will take shredded paper, but it must be baled.
6. Amy Horne – Aquatera  
They have shipped 60,000 feet of fluorescent tubes. They palletize 4’ tubes, but have trouble with 8’ tubes. They ship the tubes to ‘New Life’ in Aldergrove.
7. Bonnie Paul – Weyerhaeuser Canada – Grande Prairie  
They are working at educating employees to recycle.
8. Samantha James - Albian Sands Energy Inc.  
Albian Sands are also educating their employees with regards to recycling. They manage their own landfill, and are starting a compost pilot program, and collect e-waste. They lend industry support to the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo.
9. Geoff Milligan – Peace Citizen’s Recycle Society  
They’re working with Recycle Plus to provide over-flow bins. Landfill is going well. Revenue from industry is helping run the landfill. ‘E-Cycle Solutions’ is looking after e-waste.
10. Rob Smith – Athabasca Regional Waste Management  
The landfill has been operating for 4 years now. They’re looking at more efficiencies and safety programs. They shipped 24 tons of e-waste last spring. Storage units have been purchased – six ‘C’ can containers for paint cans, light bulbs, etc. They’re collecting all plastics, and looking at marketing possibilities. China is taking mixed plastics. Silage film and wrap is being accepted.
11. Edgar Koehler – County of Athabasca  
Communication and education sharing is #1
12. Jim Young – Big Jim’s Recycling – Lac La Biche

Having difficulty in finding distribution places for recycled materials. Price of tin and cardboard is down. He has several bales of plastic stockpiled for selling.

13. Jule Asterisk – Lesser Slave Regional Waste Management Commission  
They have had their first environmental audit on landfill. ‘Environmental Lamp Disposal’ takes light tubes.
14. Bonnie Raho – Regional Environmental Action Commission  
Provided an update on the summer shoot of the video “My Life as a Tire”.
15. James Waikle – Town of High Prairie  
The recycle area has been expanded. E-waste roundup is happening today and tomorrow.
16. Sam Wipf – Town of Valleyview  
They’re having problems with bins, as people set them on fire. They need steel bins. Recycle Plus stated that school bins have a stainless steel weld. Recycling has improved more than 50%. One day a week is set aside to pick-up compost. They’re partnering with Fox Creek for equipment eg. balers, etc.
17. Pat Jacobs – County of Grande Prairie  
The County is adding a couple of transfer sites as two landfills have closed. The Village of Hythe is coming on as a partner in the Regional Landfill as their site is closed down.
18. Gary Pollock – Town of Swan Hills  
The problem with plastic store bags has improved. The Town has brought in a portable crusher to remove derelict vehicles. It costs \$100 to drain fluids, but can be done in house.
19. Lorna Storoschuk – Town of Bonnyville  
Bonnyville schools are starting recycling. Hussein is doing a good education program with the students. Tire recycling tiles for the playground grant has been approved.

Amy Horne of Aquatera reported problems with the disposal of alkaline batteries. Amy Horne of Aquatera requested a motion to the Minister to deal with alkaline batteries. Amy advised that alkine batteries in ‘small’ quantities do not harm landfills.

**Moved Lorna Storoschuk that Northern CARE write a letter to the Minister of Environment to have alkaline batteries included in the Household Hazardous Waste Round-ups, as re-chargeable batteries are currently included.**

**CARRIED**

**Moved Sam Wipf that Northern CARE be more vocal in lobbying provincial government to establish a ‘Recycling Awareness Education Committee’.**

**CARRIED**

The Executive Director reported that the next Northern CARE Board Meeting will be held on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2005 at the Nisku Inn at 10:00 am.

## **5. Next Meetings: Date and Location**

The dates for the next regional meetings, PRWRAC and ERROW will be determined by the chairpersons of each committee and advise the Executive Director.

Joint Meeting of  
PRWRAC and ERROW

**6. Adjournment**

The joint meeting for the Peace Region Waste Reduction Action Committee and the East Region Reduction on Waste Committee adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

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*Chair, Gary Pollock*

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*Recorder, Corinne Huberdeau*