

**Minutes of the Mountain View Regional Waste Management Commission Meeting held  
Thursday June 25, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. at Town of Olds Council Chambers**

<b>Attendance:</b>	Al Kemmere—Chairman	Mountain View Country
	George Taylor Vice-Chairman	Town of Sundre
	Al Molnar	Town of Carstairs
	Mary Jane Harper	Town of Olds
	Rick Mousseau	Town of Didsbury
	George Suel	Village of Cremona
	Dave Whitfield	Alberta Environment
	Neil Kivell, CAO	MVRWMC
	Don Reid, Supervisor	MVRWMC
	Carol Longwell, Recording Secretary	MVRWMC

No members of the public were in attendance.

**1. Call to Order** –Chairman Al Kemmere called the meeting of the Mountain View Regional Waste Management Commission to order at 9:02 a.m.

**2. Approval of Agenda:**

**MOTION:** Moved by George Taylor to approve the agenda. **Carried**

**3. Approval of Minutes:**

**Regular Meeting, May 28, 2009**

**MOTION:** Moved by George Suel to adopt minutes of May 28, 2009 regular board meeting as presented. **Carried**

**4. Alberta Environment Report:** Mr. Whitfield stated that his topics were being addressed later in the meeting and that he will wait until then.

**5. Directors Report/Issues/ Concerns:**

The Town of Sundre, the Town of Didsbury, the Town of Carstairs, the Village of Cremona and Mountain View County have no waste issues at this time. The Town of Olds stated that work was beginning on the new recycle centre on 49<sup>th</sup> Ave.

**MOTION:** Moved by Al Molnar that the Directors reports be accepted as presented.

**Carried**

**6. Business Arising Out of the Minutes:**

**a) CWMC Meeting Update:**

George Taylor and the CAO attended the May 29, 2009 meeting of the Central Waste Management Commission. The main points of the meeting were:

- That the Plasco project is proceeding and ground breaking is scheduled for this summer
- Project financing appears to be okay.
- The facility is scheduled to start operations by the fall of 2011.
- Alberta Environment licensing application is being prepared by Plasco.
- A single page supply contract for this Commission is being prepared and should be ready by the end of June.

**MOTION:** Moved by George Taylor that Administration research other technology for waste disposal. **Carried**

**b) C & D Waste Consultation Meeting:**

George Taylor and the CAO attended a construction and demolition consultation meeting in Red Deer on June 12, 2009. The meeting was sponsored by Alberta Environment and was one of many meetings held across Alberta to gain feedback on the coming C & D waste recycling legislation. The plan is to have draft legislation for government approval/revision etc. by the fall sitting. All going well, the program would roll out in 2010.

The provincial program is very similar to our own version and will tie very nicely with our plans. The governments' initial presentation will roll out the program in stages. The first stage will deal with new construction waste only. Demolition waste will be added at time yet to be determined. The program will be administered by a Delegated Administrative Organization (DAO) that will monitor the program and collect all required fees. When municipalities issue development and building permits they will be asked to disseminate DAO contact information.

**MOTION:** Moved by George Taylor that the Board of Directors accept the report on the C & D Waste Consultation Meeting as information. **Carried**

**7. Review of Financial Situation:**

**a) Review of May Revenue and Expenditure:**

Statements of revenue and expenditures for May were presented. The CAO presented the current state of cash flow.

**MOTION:** Moved by George Suel that the Board of Directors receive the financial report as presented. **Carried.**

**b) Review of Cheque Registers**

Cheque registers are reviewed by the board via e-mail throughout the month. There were no further comments regarding the cheque registers.

**MOTION:** Moved by Rick Mousseau that the Board of Directors receive the review of cheque registers as presented. **Carried**

**c) Leasing Limit:**

Our current leasing limit with RBC is \$350,000.00. The acquisition of a new truck at \$238,000 will exceed this limit and requires Board Approval to increase the borrowing limit. The suggested borrowing limit should be raised to \$500,000.00.

**MOTION:** Moved by George Taylor that the Board of Directors approve a lease borrowing limit of \$500,000.00. **Carried**

**8. Operation Supervisor's Report:**

- The equipment maintenance program is working well
- The new Labrie has been delivered to Calgary. We should receive possession of the truck after July 8, 2009. The truck will be a show truck for Labrie with the addition of chrome and extra options at no cost to MVRWMC.
- We need to purchase more 3y<sup>3</sup> bins. This has already been allocated for in the budget.
- There are now 4 summer students in our employ. Two were in Carstairs to help with the opening of the new recycle centre.
- There were about 50 spruce trees and 50-60 willow/poplar trees planted at the landfill.
- Dust control has been done at the landfill.

- Al. Kemmere enquired about the possibility of residents purchasing their own bin or there be other options to rural pickup—a 12 and 16 week pick up.
- Mary Jane Harper asked what the amount of recycling is being brought in from the Carstairs Recycle Centre. Those numbers will be available at the end of the month.
- George Taylor suggested the planting of Manchurian Elm trees at the landfill. There are rapidly growing trees and make a good windrow.
- George Suel asked what to do with residents who put recyclables in their black bins. It was suggested that they be told what the cost could be if recycling is not done voluntarily and the waste required assisted sorting at the landfill.

**MOTION:** Moved by George Taylor that the Board of Directors accept the Operation Supervisor's Report as presented. **Carried**

## 9. New Business/CAO Report:

### a) Landfill License Application:

The landfill public meeting generated a lively discussion centred primarily on three topics: bird control, litter control and communication. There were no suggestions as to how residents wanted the Commission to deal with the issues other than to "fix it".

- **Bird Control:** Administration has contacted Robert McDonald with Wild Life Control Services. Mr. McDonald says that the only sure method of raven control is steel shot. He can provide a control program for us and can be available to initiate this program within two weeks. All current efforts such as increased cover, food waste reduction and sonic repellents have shown only a modest reduction in bird activity.

**MOTION:** Moved by Mary Jane Harper that Administration contact to Mr. McDonald to assess our side as well as the neighbour's property, with their permission, at our cost regarding bird control. **Carried.**

- **Litter Control:** The CAO is very proud of our operations staff and the way in which this landfill is operated. It is, in the CAO's opinion, second to none in the Province.  
The use of the old waste mixed with clay is very effective as daily cover and does not contribute to blowing litter. However it does not look good when residents trespass after hours and take pictures. We have instituted a strategy of skimming the daily cover with clean clay at days end. Further, a suggestion by Dave Whitfield to screen the clay from the old waste prior to use as cover is being investigated. Our primary litter problem occurs in the spring of each year. Cover is not required by Code of Practice in winter months. However, we utilize wood chips as cover during this period. When spring breaks we have a litter problem until the open cell is properly covered. This procedure is done as quickly as possible each spring. This coming winter we will increase the volume of wood chip cover and actively advertise for alternative cover materials from the construction trades.  
Our litter fencing is nine feet tall. We often hear that it needs to be higher. How high is enough? We are planning to erect more fencing along the ridge of the south east topsoil pile and have discussed the use of page wire on the north boundary property line.

**MOTION:** Moved by George Suel that the Board of Directors receive the report on litter control. **Carried.**

**MOTION:** Moved by Al Molnar that Administration bring back a strategy for litter control policy from the operations plan to deal with fencing and daily cover. **Carried.**

- **Communication:** The Commission will need outside support to generate and maintain good communication. To communicate more effectively, we need a web page or be incorporated into our members pages. We need a continuing presence in local papers such as in the weekly County pages of the Gazette.
- **Other Concerns/Items for Board Discussion:**
  1. Landscaping/ C&D recover project
  2. Service water and monitoring well test results—to be posted on web sites.
  3. North rubble dump site
  4. Traffic Control
  5. Illegal dumping
  6. Code of Practice
  7. June 17 Meeting Notes

**MOTION:** Moved by George Taylor to direct Administration to approach Mountain View County regarding traffic control signage for the truck route. **Carried**

**MOTION:** Moved by Mary Jane Harper the illegal dumping problems be forwarded to the Mountain View County by-law officer. **Carried**

**MOTION:** Moved by Rick Mousseau to direct Administration to check with Alberta Environment to affirm that the use of the mined old landfill material is an acceptable daily cover. **Carried**

**MOTION:** Moved by Al Molnar to receive the notes from the June 17 meeting as received. **Carried**

#### 10. Other Business

a) **Board of Directors Financial Deposits.** George Taylor asked if the pay stubs could be emailed to them instead of mailed. Mr. Kemmere stated that it is a legal requirement and that the pay stubs must be mailed.

b) Profit/Non-Profit Status.

**MOTION:** Moved by George Taylor that Administration research the implications of becoming a for profit organization. **Carried**

**11. Adjournment** – Date and Time of Next Meeting – Thursday, August 27, 2009; 9:00 a.m. at the Town of Sundre office.

**MOTION:** Moved by George Taylor that the meeting be adjourned. **Carried**

Chairman Kemmere adjourned the meeting at 12:06 p.m.

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Chairman

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Chief Administrative Officer