

Minutes of the Mountain View Regional Waste Management Commission Meeting held Thursday August 27, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. at Town of Sundre Council Chambers

Attendance: 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
Neil Kivell, CAO MVRWMC
Don Reid, Supervisor MVRWMC
Carol Longwell, Recording Secretary MVRWMC

Absent: Dave Whitfield Alberta Environment

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 9:05 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda:

MOTION: Moved by Rick Mousseau to approve the agenda as presented. **Carried**

3. Approval of Minutes:

Regular Meeting, June 25, 2009

MOTION: Moved by George Taylor to adopt minutes of June 25, 2009 regular board meeting as presented. **Carried**

4. Alberta Environment Report: Mr. Whitfield was absent so no report was given.

5. Directors Report/Issues/ Concerns:

The Town of Sundre, the Town of Didsbury, and Mountain View County have no waste issues at this time. The Town of Olds stated that the new recycle centre on 49th Ave should be opening in mid-September. The Town of Carstairs stated that the road construction in front of the recycle centre was impeding the tipping of the bins. The Village of Cremona is having an open house this fall and will be asking the CAO to attend and provide public information.

MOTION: Moved by George Taylor that the Directors reports be accepted as presented. **Carried**

6. Business Arising Out of the Minutes:

a) Website Setup: The Commission can have an independent website setup for an estimated charge of \$1300.00. The domain name registration is \$29.00 per year and site maintenance with ongoing updating can be done for an estimated \$32.50 per month. The website can be linked to our member municipalities with their authorization.

MOTION: Moved by George Suel that the Board of Directors authorize Administration to proceed with a private web domain, linked to our member municipalities where authorized. **Carried**

b) Alternate Waste Technologies:

Alternative waste technologies divert waste from landfills. Our business plan lays out clearly defined targets for waste diversion through 2012. We achieved 4.3% above target in 2008. There are all kinds of

multimillion dollar solutions but as a small regional landfill, there is little opportunity to establish local partnerships. Even the Plasco project supply agreement is prohibitively expensive. Our Resource Recovery Centre is now near completion and we will strongly encourage local contractors to utilize this facility. We must encourage our municipal members to ratify our proposed recycling policy.

MOTION: Moved by George Taylor that Administration send letters to member municipalities regarding the immediate recycling of asphalt shingles and vinyl siding due to the recent hail storm. **Carried**

MOTION: Moved by George Suel that a letter go to all member municipalities to adopt the proposed commission recycling policy. **Carried**

MOTION: Moved by George Taylor that the Board of Directors accept the report on Alternative Waste Technologies as information. **Carried**

c) Landfill Bird Control:

Although erroneously reported in our local paper, we are not the County nor do we have 300 ravens at the landfill and a terminator to kill them all. In conjunction with the liberal use of daily cover, we have put into place a program of scare tactics to ward off the approximately 75 birds that were frequenting the landfill. For those that didn't want to be scared, we terminated some dozen birds. We hired a control expert to advise us on bird disbursement strategy and provide some public relations with the local residents that have voiced concern with the birds. Our control expert also provided the elimination service. Presently there are not more than 6 to 12 birds around our property on any given day. The Commission will continue the program from now on with internal staff and rely on the outside consultant if we see an increase in our bird population.

MOTION: Moved by Al Molnar that the Board of Directors accept the report on the landfill bird control as information. **Carried.**

d) Landfill Litter Control:

Our landfill operation is guided by our Operations Plan that was submitted to and approved by Alberta Environment. Within that plan there is a section dedicated to controlling wind blown litter. We adhere to and indeed exceed the controls outlined in that plan. The Operations Manager presented a review of the existing and proposed litter control fencing.

MOTION: Moved by Rick Mousseau that the Board of Directors accept the report on the landfill litter control as information. **Carried.**

e) Landfill Traffic Signage:

Directional signage has been installed at the corner of Bergen Road and R.R.21. The County has also placed directional signs on RR20 at the north and south approach to Twp 314.

MOTION: Moved by Mary Jane Harper that the Board of Directors accept the report on landfill traffic signage as information. **Carried.**

f) Acceptability of Daily Cover:

We have engaged in the services of Parkland Geotechnical to provide a testing procedure for the analysis of our daily cover (the old mined waste) that can be submitted to Alberta Environment for formal approval. This is an unusual request of both Parkland and AE. It may take some time to analyze a representative sampling of this material. Our current strategy is to use this material throughout the day and to use clean cover at end of day. Our daily cover requirement in the Code of Practice for Alberta Landfills is to cover with 15 cm. of soil or alternate cover within 48 hours of the last cover operation. We have always and continue to exceed this standard.

g) For Profit Implications:

A proper analysis of the pros and cons with tax implications etc. for a for-profit corporation vs. a

commission will need to be completed by an outside consultant prior to any meaningful discussion.

MOTION: Moved by George Taylor that Administration research the cost of hiring a consultant to assist in information re: commission vs. corporation. **Carried**

h) Branding:

We have received one response to our request for branding proposal. The proposal was discussed and will be brought back for discussion during budget presentation.

MOTION: Moved by Al Molnar that the Board of Directors accept the report as information. **Carried.**

i) Rural Customer Service:

At our June meeting we briefly discussed the implications of extending County rural customer increased options for pick up and waste bin purchase. Any and all options are possible at a cost. A cost analysis review was presented to the Board.

MOTION: Moved by George Taylor that the Board of Directors accept the report as information. **Carried**

7. Review of Financial Situation:

a) Review of June/July Revenue and Expenditure:

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

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

8. Operation Supervisor's Report:

- We have dumpster divers in the milk jug and waxed milk carton bins at our recycle centres. Neil is going to talk to the bottle depot re: returnable containers collected at our sites. It was decided that due to the liability associated with dumpster diving that these bins will be removed September 30/09. A notice will be posted to this effect.
- We are a preferred customer of Capital Paper and are receiving payment for our recycled cardboard.
- The Econo-Shelter structure has been erected. We are waiting for the doors and electrical work to be completed.
- The Recovery Resource Centre consisting of 6.7 acres has been completed. We are awaiting signage for the site.
- The concrete rubble pile on the N.W. corner of our property has been properly sloped, covered with soil and seeded to native grass.
- We received daily cover from Bona Vista at no cost to either party. However, when one of their operators was tipping a load, an end dump trailer tipped into the landfill. Our loader operator was shaken but not injured. Bona Vista is conducting a full safety review of the incident.
- The Summer Student Program has now been completed. It was very successful.
- The new Labre is in the shop. There is electrical work being done under warranty.

MOTION: Moved by Rick Mousseau that the Board of Directors accept the Operation Supervisor's

Report as presented. **Carried**

9. New Business/CAO Report:

a) Resource Recovery Centre Construction & Concrete Rubble Clean.

The Resource Recovery project is nearing completion and will come in under budget by 35%. This includes the addition of the concrete rubble pile clean up and an improved from original budget, storm water containment pond that meets the latest Alberta Environment standards. The building is also under budget because we have elected to defer the spending on the concrete floor pad until next year.

MOTION: Moved by George Suel that the Board of Directors accept the report as information.

b) Carstairs Waste Committee:

The Carstairs Waste Committee has not issued any formal reports but the minutes of their meetings were distributed to the Board for review.

MOTION: Moved by George Taylor that Administration contact the Carstairs Waste Commission regarding the use of green compost bins. **Carried.**

c) Upcoming Conferences:

1. Alberta Recycling Conference—Oct 14-Oct 16/09

MOTION: Moved by Mary Jane Harper that George Taylor attend the conference along with the CAO and the Operations Supervisor. **Carried.**

2. Northern Alberta Recycling Conference—Sept 9-Sept 11/09

MOTION: Moved by George Taylor that Administration select an employee to go to this conference. **Carried.**

3. Canadian Waste & Recycling Expo—Oct 28-Oct 29/09

4. National Compost Conference—Sept 30-Oct 2/09

MOTION: Moved by Al Molnar that the Board of Directors accept this report as information. **Carried.**

10. Other Business

11. Adjournment – Date and Time of Next Meeting – Thursday, September 24, 2009; 9:00 a.m. at Cremona Gold & Silver Club.

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

Chairman Kemmere adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

Chairman

Chief Administrative Officer