

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND PARKS STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE
REGIONAL DISTRICT OF FRASER-FORT GEORGE, HELD ON THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2025 IN THE
BOARDROOM, 155 GEORGE STREET, PRINCE GEORGE, BC

Directors Present: Director D. Alan, Chairperson
Director J. Atkinson
Director L. Beckett
Director K. Dunphy
Director B. Empey
Director C. Ramsay (remote)
Director B. Skakun (remote)
Director O. Torgerson

Also in Attendance: Director A. Kaehn (10:09 a.m. – 10:16 a.m.)
Director G. Runtz (remote)
Director V. Mobley (remote 10:06 a.m. – 10:16 a.m.)

Staff Present: M. Connelly, General Manager of Legislative and Corporate Services
K. Jonkman, Acting Chief Administrative Officer/General Manager of
Community and Development Services
S. White, General Manager of Financial Services
L. Zapotichny, General Manager of Environmental Services
C. Chapman, Communications Coordinator

Minutes Recorded and Produced by: B. Bowes, Clerk Typist III/Reception

Media: Colin Slark, Prince George Citizen

1. Call to Order

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

The Regional District acknowledged the unceded ancestral lands of the Lheidli T'enneh, on whose land we live, work and play.

The Chairperson proceeded to do a roll call of Directors to confirm those attending remotely and those attending in person in the Boardroom.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Atkinson
Seconded by Beckett

THAT the Environment and Parks Standing Committee agenda for April 17, 2025 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1 March 20, 2025 Environment and Parks Standing Committee Meeting Minutes

Moved by Dunphy
Seconded by Empey

THAT the Minutes of the Environment and Parks Standing Committee meeting held on March 20, 2025 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Chairperson's Report

The Chairperson advised that there was no report.

5. Reports

5.1 Agricultural Plastics Recycling Pilot Project Update

Director Mobley entered the meeting at 10:06 a.m.

Moved by Ramsay
Seconded by Skakun

THAT the report dated April 1, 2025, regarding "Agricultural Plastics Recycling Pilot Project Update" be received for information.

CARRIED

Discussion ensued regarding increases in agricultural plastics collection in the spring periods in the McBride area and the need for continued advocacy for funding of the agricultural plastics recycling program.

Moved by Torgerson
Seconded by Atkinson

THAT the Committee recommends to the Board that the collection of agricultural plastics at the McBride Regional Transfer Station be discontinued as of June 30, 2025, and the remaining pilot program funding be used for collection from already established on-farm compactors in the McBride area.

CARRIED

Moved by Ramsay
Seconded by Beckett

THAT the Committee recommends to the Board that the Regional District continue to advocate for inclusion and funding of agricultural plastics recycling within the Extended Producer Responsibility Policy recycling program.

CARRIED

5.2 Compaction and Cover of Demolition Materials – Mackenzie Select Waste Landfill

Moved by Atkinson
Seconded by Torgerson

THAT the report dated April 1, 2025, regarding "Compaction and Cover of Demolition Materials - Mackenzie Select Waste Landfill" be received for information.

CARRIED

Moved by Atkinson
Seconded by Dunphy

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board that a competitive bid process be entered into for Compaction and Cover of Demolition Materials at the Mackenzie Select Waste Landfill.

CARRIED

5.3 Supply and Delivery of two Crew Cab 4x4 Pickup Trucks for Environmental Services – Solid Waste Operations

L. Zapotichny, General Manager of Environmental Services, responded to a query from a Director regarding equipment available for routine inspections, maintenance, winter snow plowing and sanding.

Moved by Dunphy
Seconded by Empey

THAT the report dated April 4, 2025, regarding "Supply and Delivery of two Crew Cab 4x4 Pickup Trucks for Environmental Services - Solid Waste Operations" be received for information.

CARRIED

Moved by Ramsay
Seconded by Skakun

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board that a competitive bid process be entered into for the supply and delivery of two crew cab 4x4 pickup trucks for Environmental Services - Solid Waste Operations and that the bid process include options for both new and lease return vehicles.

CARRIED

Director Kaehn entered the Boardroom at 10:09 a.m.

5.4 Contract ES-22-03 – Solid Waste Hauling Services – Hixon, Shelley, and Willow River Regional Transfer Stations

Moved by Torgerson
Seconded by Ramsay

THAT the report dated April 1, 2025 regarding "Contract ES-22-03 – Solid Waste Hauling Services – Hixon, Shelley and Willow River Regional Transfer Stations" be received for information.

CARRIED

Moved by Atkinson
Seconded by Dunphy

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board that Contract ES-22-03 – Solid Waste Hauling Services – Hixon, Shelley and Willow River Regional Transfer Stations be approved for a one-year contract extension to Environmental 360 Solutions Ltd. for the term of July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026.

CARRIED

5.5 Contract ES-22-04 – Solid Waste Hauling Services – Miworth and Buckhorn Regional Transfer Stations

Discussion ensued regarding the acquisition of Westbin Waste 2017 Ltd. by Environmental 360 Solutions Ltd. and the importance of addressing these circumstances in future reports.

Moved by Beckett
Seconded by Empey

THAT the report dated April 1, 2025 regarding "Contract ES-22-04 – Solid Waste Hauling Services – Miworth and Buckhorn Regional Transfer Stations" be received for information.

CARRIED

Moved by Beckett
Seconded by Atkinson

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board that Contract ES-22-04 – Solid Waste Hauling Services – Miworth and Buckhorn Regional Transfer Stations be approved for a one-year contract extension to Environmental 360 Solutions Ltd. for the term of July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026.

CARRIED

5.6 Contract ES-22-07 – Roll-off Bin Hauling Services - Foothills Boulevard Regional Landfill

Moved by Ramsay
Seconded by Skakun

THAT the report dated April 1, 2025 regarding “Contract ES-22-07 – Roll-off Bin Hauling Services - Foothills Boulevard Regional Landfill” be received for information.

CARRIED

Moved by Skakun
Seconded by Torgerson

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board that Contract ES-22-07 – Roll-off Bin Hauling Services - Foothills Boulevard Regional Landfill be approved for a one-year contract extension to Environmental 360 Solutions Ltd. for the term of July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026.

CARRIED

5.7 Leased ATCO Trailer Purchase/Buyout – Foothills Boulevard Regional Landfill

Moved by Beckett
Seconded by Ramsay

THAT the report dated April 1, 2025, regarding “Leased ATCO Trailer Purchase/Buyout - Foothills Boulevard Regional Landfill” be received for information.

CARRIED

Moved by Torgerson
Seconded by Atkinson

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board that the Regional District purchase the leased ATCO office trailer located at the Foothills Boulevard Regional Landfill (FBRL) for the amount of \$13,542.00 plus taxes.

CARRIED

5.8 Leased Bobcat T550 Skid Steer Purchase/Buyout – Valemount Regional Transfer Station

Discussion ensued regarding current lease payments for the Valemount Regional Transfer Station Bobcat T550 Skid Steer.

Moved by Torgerson
Seconded by Empey

THAT the report dated April 4, 2025, regarding the “Leased Bobcat T550 Skid Steer Purchase/Buyout – Valemount Regional Transfer Station” be received for information.

CARRIED

Moved by Torgerson
Seconded by Atkinson

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board that the Regional District purchase the leased Bobcat T550 skid steer located at the Valemount Regional Transfer Station for the amount of \$47,500.00 plus taxes.

CARRIED

6. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

7. New Business

There was no new business.

8. **Adjournment**

Moved by Empey
Seconded by Dunphy

THAT the meeting be adjourned - 10:16 a.m.

CARRIED

Chair

General Manager of Legislative and
Corporate Services

UNADOPTED