

Resolution

Moved by Councillor MacIntyre

That the Minutes of the Landfill Authority of February 26, 2001 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

4.0 Order of Business:

4.1 Annual Report 2000

Revenue

The revenue reported, as Sales by the Operator are different from the Operating Budget report. Needs clarification for the next meeting.

Soil cover

Add "...daily coverage year round." Required by Approval.

The M.D. noted that this is one item that contributes to the high expense, and is one reason for the M.D. looking at another landfill at La Crete. The MD wants ways to lower the cost.

George Neurohr responded that the daily coverage is required for a larger landfill. Smaller landfills do not require a daily cover.

The MD asked for a copy of the Code of Practice, which governs smaller landfills under 10,000 tonnes per annum.

Councillor Gramson said that the compactor has helped in saving space in the cells with winter compacting before the waste is frozen. This has saved on costs and soil cover.

Daily Records

Must have a "statement" based on daily records. Confirm the wording of the table where applicable.

Leachate manhole

Leachate manhole required, George Neurohr is to respond on requirements.

Other Smaller changes

Other changes noted on the draft.

Submission of Report

The Authority recommended that administration make changes and submit to Alberta Environment, then add report to the next Landfill meeting.

4.2 Well Damage

One well in Cell 4 was damaged, either removed or covered. This needs replacing and/or repairing.

The operator noted that this well is in the pit, and really should be on the edge of the pit, this makes it difficult to operate without damage.

The down gradient well is also damaged, probably by snowmobiles. Request for repairs.

George Neurohr noted that these should probably be replaced, but the UMA report requested more wells to be installed. The true wells are not within the cell footprint themselves. Any repaired wells would be integrated as part of the groundwater network when the Master Plan is updated.

Resolution

Motion by Councillor Lederer

That the repair of the damaged wells be integrated into the Master Plan update

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4.3 La Crete Landfill Site

Harvey Prockiw stated that work on the process has been started by staff.

Marco spoke to the location in La Crete. If the hauling were changed to La Crete instead of High Level this would save about 58% in hauling miles driven. This would reduce the hauling costs as much as 40%.

The construction costs and operating costs have been examined generally. Meeting with consulting companies for construction of landfill, and also meeting with the Minister of Environment for funding.

Councillor Gramson asked if we should set up another landfill authority. Or, perhaps a separate landfill in La Crete under the existing authority. Perhaps even the same contractor with equipment in La Crete. We should try to keep it regional.

The M.D. asked if the town wants to be part of a new landfill in La Crete as all would then be responsible?

George Neurohr noted that there would be one landfill authority with one central landfill, and a separate landfill outside of the authority's region, it would not be a regional landfill in La Crete. The MD would still be part of the Regional Authority as the M.D. is responsible for Rainbow Lake area and Zama area. The boundary for the MD would be changed to accommodate this.

The MD asked if the Authority could run two landfills? This would reduce some costs in High Level as well.

George Neurohr noted that the original funding agreement with the Province would not allow funding for additional landfills within the Authority area. Also the original agreement would not allow another Class 2 landfill, they would have to be Class 3 landfills that would not have residential garbage. The ICAP program would allow funding for a landfill that would not be part of the regional authority.

George noted that you have to examine the operating and long term costs, not just capital.

Councillor Gramson was concerned over the duplication of administration if there were two or more landfills in the region. To make it practical there should be another Class 2.

Loretta Jenkins said that if you take the oilfield waste from the MD's total, the majority comes from the La Crete area, about 6,000 tonnes annually.

George Neurohr asked what this implies for the Authority? The approval document allows moving towards treating oilfield waste. If you do not go to oilfield waste at all, does the authority still want the present 'Approval' operation? It would probably depend on the long-term figures. The change from approval status to a registration status should only be after the other landfill is operating. Registration process requires that all of the engineering plans would have to be completed before it is approved for registration.

4. Wasteworks proposed partnership

Wasteworks is proposing a letter of intent that would grant permission to examine the market feasibility of treating oilfield waste and give them an exclusive contract for oilfield waste for our Authority area.

Ron Pelenski contacted other potential partners for oilfield work.

Their proposal states that if we proceeded with them, we would not have the capital costs to pay directly, but they would be paid from the revenue generated. The treatment would provide more topsoil coverage for the landfill cells.

George Neurohr suggested that a full cost analysis is required; the department has a booklet that would assist in this. Ensure that we cover the costs of engineering, construction, maintenance and reclamation and future cells.

Councillor Gramson noted that this capital cost is recoverable by Wasteworks from the initial tipping fees. After the capital is paid for the Landfill keeps 75% of the tipping fees, and Wasteworks keeps 25%.

George Neurohr said that the treated soil from the oilfield would be ideal as cover material, but of no use for other things. Stockpile the material and use it as cover.

Councillor Gramson wanted the guarantee from Wasteworks that the soil remains in the landfill, as this is the reason for entering the partnership.

The MD asked if we could enter into a letter of intent without going out to tender?

Councillor MacIntyre stated that this letter of intent would lock us in for a period of time, to finalize the agreement and then to have an exclusive partnership for 5 years.

George Neurohr suggested a person with oilfield background and a lawyer examine this proposal for drawbacks.

Ron Pelenski will examine this proposal as to this company's history and their experience, prior to hiring consultants and having legal costs.

The Financing is to be clarified for joint costs. What does the landfill authority want first? Treatment first and then disposal? Or the other way around?

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Moved by Councillor Rosenberger

That the proposal by Wasteworks be tabled and brought back to the next meeting.

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Meander River Payment

The MD has been paying for Meander River since 1996. The Landfill Authority has been invoiced for the amount for a refund. The Dene Tha First Nation, responsible for Meander River, has responded that they will pay if the grant is received from the Federal Government, in the amount of approx \$24,000. If this does not happen who should be accountable for the payment. How can we prevent this in the future?

Councillor Gramson responded that the computer system has already improved the record keeping.

Rainbow Lake noted that the town is still billed for MD waste.

Loretta Jenkins stated that the contractor is often to blame in incorrectly stating where they came from, or the hauler mixes the sources of waste tonnage. It is difficult for the hauling company to separate the waste from each pickup. The manifest goes to the municipality.

Ron Pelenski was asked to correct these problems.

Councillor MacIntyre noted that the Authority cannot pay for a bill that was paid several years ago. Our internal controls need to be looked at in detail.

4.6 Budget for 2001

Councillor MacIntyre requested a 2000 Financial Statement for the Landfill. Request for line-by-line detail of the financial statement for 2000.

Resolution No.

Moved by Councillor Lederer

That the 2000 Financial Statement and details be available for the next Landfill Authority meeting.

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Administration is requested to include future landfill closure costs in the budget; the Rainbow Lake auditor suggests 10% of the capital costs. It should be separated into a specific reserve.

George Neurohr noted that there is a directive that would assist in the amount to be set aside for closure. This is included in the funding agreement with the Province.

The Contributed to Reserve should be detailed. Suggest a policy for the reserves. The Contributed to Capital amount should be allocated.

4.7 Proposed Projects

1. Improve the Run On drainage for Cell 4 to control the water that is coming off the banks of the cell.
2. Well repairs and installation.
3. The Annual Groundwater study must be included in the budget.
4. The annual report of well monitoring is about \$11,000.
5. The Master Plan update. Should this await the La Crete landfill discussion?
Councillor Gramson noted that we have to proceed due to the Approval terms that are in place. George Neurohr added that in the near future all landfills would be required to have environmental Approvals. He asked us to consider getting the details of the design for allow further development. He suggested a pyramid structure to allow better use of the site and soil management.

George Neurohr emphasized that we have to keep within the Approval requirements.

George Neurohr asked if the tipping fees were adequate for the budget?

4.8 Management Policy

The policies were adopted in principle, subject to changes and typos. But it seems the changes were not incorporated in the present draft. Rainbow Lake will look for their drafts. There were several versions in Authority member's hands.

The MD asked about funding as a requisition paid in advance, as opposed to the present practice of tonnage payments. Clarification will be given at the next meeting.

New copies of the final version to be distributed immediately, replacing all previous drafts.

The policies to be brought to the next meeting.

George Neurohr asked who is making decisions, as it is not clear. Please supply an organization chart. This is particularly helpful with the enforcement issues arising from the Approval requirements.

4.9 Next Meeting

Monday May 14, 2001 at 10 a.m. in High Level Council Chambers for the next meeting.

5.0 Adjournment

Resolution

Moved by Councilor Lederer

That the meeting be adjourned at 12:50 a.m.

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