



Mackenzie Regional Waste Management Commission

**Special Board Meeting
Stardust Motor Inn at 6 P.m.
September 29, 2006**

MINUTES

IN ATTENDANCE:

Board Members

Stuart Watson	Chairman
Jerry Chomiak	Vice Chairman
Kelly Drover	Town of Rainbow Lake
Peter Braun	MD Mackenzie
Ellis Forest	Town of High Level

Staff

Pat Sliworsky	Manager
John Crisp	Municipal Secretary
Michael Roy	Director of Corporate Services

Regrets

Loren Bojarski	Town of Rainbow Lake
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1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Stuart Watson called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution #97-06

Moved by Jerry Chomiak

THAT the Special Meeting Agenda of September 29, 2006 be adopted.

CARRIED

3. BUSINESS

3.1 Creation of Landfill Operator Position

- The Board requested criteria to match each of the suggest payroll grid steps, stating what qualifications are required.
- The Board discussed whether it is their intent to takeover the operations of the landfill at the end of the present contract. Still needs more discussion. Pat Sliworsky offered to bring a cost comparison between the present operations contract hiring employees and purchasing equipment following for 2008.
- Pat Sliworsky stated that a Cost of Living Allowance of 3% increase was built into the pay scale for 2007.

Resolution #98-06

Moved by Jerry Chomiak

THAT the position of Landfill Operator be created effective January 1, 2007, with the Human Resource Policy and Pay Grid to be drafted before hiring personnel.

CARRIED

3.2 The 2007 Budget

Operating Budget and Capital Budget (Projects)

Administration costs

High Level will charge \$25,000 for 2007. The Board asked if the costs could be broken down, or if the services could be contracted out.

Reserves

If possible reserves should be built up against specific expenditures.

Due to the tight budget administration was asked to remove the \$30,000 reserve for cell construction for 2007.

Closure Costs Liability

The issue is that today's taxpayers should not be paying for the closure over the next 10 years being the balance of the Provincial lease, when it should be expensed over the life of the landfill. How do we avoid overcharging the users of today?

The Board asked if the municipalities could put a bond or their own reserve funds in place against closure liability. Upon the lease being renewed or extended or purchased from the Province the municipalities would then be paid back. Do the municipalities have reserves that they could give to the Landfill Closure reserve? Alternatively a requisition would go to the members for the closure liability rather than be added to the tipping fees. These monies could be returned to the municipalities or held against other reserves for future costs such as a new cell.

Some noted that the landfill is a utility, and therefore the user should pay the full costs.

Recommend that we approach the MLA and Ministers (Infrastructure) concerned with the closure problem, and make the AUMA and AAMD&C aware of the situation.

It was suggested that the Commission might seek professional advice on alternatives methods to handle the closure liability.

Administration is to investigate some alternatives and bring back recommendations, together with a draft letter to AUMA/AAMD&C.

Grass Cutting

The Board asked if grass cutting should be part of keeping landfill in a reasonable condition by the contractor or whether it should be a direct cost of the landfill for 2007. At present it is a direct cost.

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Resolution#99-06

Moved by Peter Braun

THAT the Commission set the residential and commercial member tipping rate at \$46.50 per tonne, and non-member tipping rate at \$110.00 for the 2007 budget year.

CARRIED

4. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution #100-06

Moved by Peter Braun

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

CARRIED

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Chair

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Municipal Secretary