

Region Service Commission 8

Meeting of November 27, 2018 was cancelled by Chairperson James McCrea. Minutes of December 4, 2018, Village of Sussex Corner

A. Attendance

Director's	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Ma y	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
M. THORNE									X			X
J. MCCREA									X			X
J. BOOTH									X			X
K. CHORLEY									X			X
T. PARKHILL									X			X
K. BOYE									X			X
T. SPRAGGETT									X			
P. MacKENZIE									X			X
									X			
P. SHAY									X			X
M. COLEMAN									X			X
E. DALEY -Alternate												X
E. LAWRENCE												X

RSC8 Staff – Steve Roberts
 Planning Director – Connor Tripp
 Recording Secretary – Pam Kaye
 King County Record – Laura McGinnis
 LSD Representative – Terry Keating
 Public – 15

Opening of Meeting –

Chairperson McCrea called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and welcomed everyone.
 Any additions to agenda – two items of correspondence

**Motion to accept the agenda as amended by Director Shay, seconded by Director Chorley
 Motion carried (11-0)**

Conflict of Interest- none

The Chairman asked if anyone had a conflict of interest. None declared

**Director McKenzie made a motion to approve the September 25, 2018 minutes, seconded by
 Director Boye**

Motion carried (11-0)

Presentations: RCMP – Dale Morgan- not here at present

Business arising from the minutes: None

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Correspondence: email from LeRoy Armstrong in regard to scales – asking to speak with chair to make a committee and make recommendation within two weeks

Email from Tony Raymond – budget costs put in \$30,000 to repair scales when vote to put in new scales turned down by board. If scales are coming to an end of life should not be weighing trucks not pertaining to solid waste. Another solution is to not weigh solid waste and use average weights. Get committee and find best solution to report back to board. Come up with a solution soon.

Chair suggested wait to deal with scales when they come up on agenda.

E. Committee Reports

Finance Committee Report – overall 40k surplus in solid waste - overall planning is in good shape. Recycling revenue should be set up differently. Overall in pretty good shape.

Motion to accept financial statement made by Director Coleman, seconded by Director McKenzie
Motion carried (11-0)

Bylaw Committee report – given by Director Coleman - two versions were made
I would like to acknowledge hard work done over the past years and give ourselves a hand.
Look at compliance of bylaws – options have strong committee structure – standing and adhoc committees
finance and community planning are standing committees, we can make new standing committees by amending bylaws. Ad hoc committees are created by board to do a specific task with terms of reference. Planning and review adjustment are committees provincially legislated.
Director Coleman suggested committee report and recommendations should be tabled to a later date.
Director Shay asked how long the finance committee went with two members for how long – May till September. Only a couple months
Director Thorne is very concerned about recommendations and because of the time constraint tonight this should be done in a special meeting, Director Parkhill also voiced his concern.
ED Roberts asked if we have to have Community Planning committee. Director Coleman answered that it allows for it but we do not have one.

Executive Directors Report given by Steve Roberts

In October 2018, forty building permits were issued with a total construction value of \$2,417,000. This compares to forty-six permits issued in October 2017 for \$2,149,700. A total of sixteen electrical building permits were issued.

There was no PRAC meeting for October

There were seven document approvals issued in October and five applications for subdivisions.

Solid Waste Tonnage:

Oct/18 Residential	558.63 tonnes	Oct/18 ICI	514.99 tonnes
Oct/17 Residential	514.99 tonnes	Oct/t17	420.84 tonnes

2018 YTD Residential is	4257.08 tonnes	2018 YTD ICI	5115.50 tonnes
2017 YTD	4490.36 tonnes	2017 YTD ICI	4300.59 tonnes
Difference	-233.28 tonnes	Difference	814.91tonnes

Total YTD is 9372.58 Tonnage is currently at 89.26% of our combined goal of 10,500 tonnes. (Residential & ICI)

Recollect Waste Wizard and mobile app – In October, there were 761 addresses searched, 30 new

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reminders set up and top two searched items were Styrofoam and plastic containers.

Accomplishments in October

- We recycled .28 tonnes of batteries and 35 CFL bulbs in October.
- On October 20, we held HHW day and collected over 6 tonnes of HHW at this event.
- October 23, we hosted a bus tour with Apohaqui Elementary grades 3-5 visiting the Transfer Station and ECO 360.
- Free Day was October 27th where residents disposed of 33.14 tonnes of waste and 13 Freon units. LSD Studholm disposed of the most waste 12.08 tonnes.
- Attended solid waste Directors Meetings, and Safety Showcase as well as Green Fair in October

New Business:

CRINS Recommendation – Planning Director Connor Tripp

Canadian Radio Communications Information and Notification Service has authority through communication and industry acts. RSC8, as a land use authority has no decision making authority. We can provide recommendations on the placement of the structure CRINS works as liaison with various stakeholders. Any tower under 15 metres does not require consultation. Recently there have been issues with CRINS and Four Service Commissions have withdrawn. We have taken a template from Federation of Canadian municipalities and best practices of land use planning with regard to radio communication towers and drawn up proposed submission guidelines with several recommendations.

Recommendation: It is the opinion of staff that CRINS is no longer working effectively.

Mac asked a question saying there are several towers over 30 ft. put up and no public consultations, are they 911 towers. Did you get paid for all the towers? Connor will have to look this year -Penobsquis, Erb Settlement, Knightville, Cambridge Narrows

Director Coleman made a motion to withdraw from Canadian Radio Communications Information and revert back to processing proposed antenna system applications internally, seconded by Director McKenzie.

Motion carried (9-0) two forgo

Scales – gas tax application – was sent for \$100,000. will go to tender. Motion is required before department will look at application.

Director Thorne made a motion to support application to gas tax fund, seconded by Director McKenzie.

Director Daley still has a problem with using taxpayer's money for purchase of scales.

Chair asked if other applications for gas tax in RSC8. ED responded, a few years ago we made application for Belleisle Pool and money was granted just before election this year.

Director Thorne explained the expansion of gas tax parameters to cover more applications. He also clearly stated No scales, no transfer station

Director Coleman replied directly to Director Daley they still had time to stop the decision on scales.

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Motion carried (10-1) Director Daley against.

We have 2 emails to look at situation a little closer. Director Thorne speak to this, while we appreciate the correspondence but we already have committees to look after this. Any suggestion that we do not weigh the trucks would be illegal. Weighing trucks that are not for solid waste is a fee for service. Replace scales by using fee for service. Twenty years is average lifespan for scales and have served their life cycle. Ask board to not throw any more money at these scales. Suggest we move to have included in solid waste committee meeting and move forward.

Director Daley stated that if people have knowledge to form committee to look at it, then let's do it.

Director Parkhill is struck by how these letters are dealing with operation of transfer station, this is not our business we have to rely on staff. Send correspondence to committee. Our staff has already made a recommendation. Only thing we can do here is financial decision. Look at transfer station since we have taken it over it has done very well. Not sure what the problem is by not supporting staff.

Director Coleman made a recommendation we should deal with incoming solid waste trucks and ask staff to not accept this business deal in short time to put unnecessary strain on scale.

Director Coleman would move that period of time we resolve scale issue we not allow trucks to be weighed,

ED instructed the board of possible implications of making this recommendation. The chair asked how much the heaviest truck would be 54,000 – 60,000. Alaine Murphy said most they have weighed are 54,000.

Chair asked if we had a seconder for motion, Director Daley will second motion.

Director Shay asked how much time we are looking at, if the other company has to find someone else to weigh trucks will not come back. Maybe we should double their fee.

Vern Seeley put up his hand to ask question Chair said not now.

Director Thorne will be voting no to this motion as I will be relying on staff. Director Chorley agrees with Director Shay and Thorne, money is coming so why not use it for scales.

Director Parkhill points out irony in this, staff has made recommendation we would have had scales by now.

ED Roberts says scales are designed to weigh trucks of any size.

Director Coleman and Daley agree to withdraw motion.

Moving on to capital reserve. ED Roberts reports that solid waste has \$53,000 surplus and would like the board to make a Motion to put \$50,000 in solid waste capital reserve.

A motion was made by Director Booth to deposit \$50,000 in capital reserve, seconded by Director Shay

Motion carried (11-0)

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2019 Budget was approved for distribution for 45 days on September 25th to municipalities and LSD's

Were there any changes to budget originally passed. None

Director Coleman motion to accept budget as presented, seconded by Director Boye

Director Thorne will not be supporting budget based on a number of factors. Removal of base amount as established is not legal. I have deep concerns with tipping fees and environmental stewardship. Collaborative services not good accounting moving exact opposite direction.

Director McKenzie asked how a vote for budget would affect us individually if we get sued for breach of contract does everyone share legal costs. ED Roberts would have to check,

Director Coleman explained the budget in terms of base amount legislation requires us to collect solid waste from tonnage only we could not collect by base amount and meet legal requirements from tipping fees secondly legal obligation signed agreement in 1995 all agreed to use the transfer station – tax base amount and tipping fees. One source is no longer allowed and our contract is null and void. Meets our legal obligations.

Director McKenzie disagrees that the only thing we were not in compliance is charging. How it is paid is what is illegal. There is nothing that says we do not have a base amount and tipping fee. Cannot use tax base to charge.

Director Coleman argued that the words base amount come from tax base amount. ED replied it reads shall be an annual fee not a base amount.

Director McKenzie replied the Basic annual fee based on tonnage. Do not want to be set up to be sued and deal with legal crap.

Director Coleman says there is no difference in words ICI sector subsidizes residential.

Director Thorne said he would give the public attending the proper information. For our 1.58 m. Dollars needed of which the base amount of 381,000 is residential tipping fee. Base amount is 381,000 ICI has paid 92,000 provincial collects taxes to pay bills. 34.4 taxes come from ICI, 23.5 in lsd's comes from ICI. Sussex alone paid 82,000. ICI contributes to tipping fees and then pay 100%. 141 per ton for resident 174 for ICI paying significant portion of taxes. Have provided the board with spread sheets from stats, previously.

Director Coleman said every other jurisdiction is using this provincially.

Chair called for vote on budget.

Yes Boye, Lawrence, McCrea, Coleman and Daley

No Shay, Thorne, McKenzie, Chorley, Booth, and Parkhill

Motion failed at 43%, financial motions need 66.67% to approve. Each vote is weighed by lsd's and municipalities.

Director Parkhill asked ED to put voting process on screen. No one asked for it.

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Director Coleman suggested that we do not have to have in camera meeting as it is not about finances Keep discussion in public eye. Special meeting is unnecessary expense. Discuss at next meeting. Nobody was suggesting it go to incamera but only time constraint for tonight. Director Parkhill takes responsibility for suggestion of incamera. Need to talk about history of ED review, should not be talked about in public. Committee's discussion be added to January discussion.

Questions from public

Joanne Lucas – what is process for budget now, we are back to same as last year

ED will notify province and seek further guidance.

Brian McNicol asked that in order for informed decision have any of you on the board done due diligence to go to transfer station to look at the scales themselves.

Director Thorne said he took staff at their word, did not have to.

No one from board had gone to transfer station.

Mac of the 8-10,000 going into scales how much is going to be certified?

How much is tax bill, water & sewage at transfer station? Andrea replied around \$20,000 and it is in budget listing.

How was this HHW compared to last years, as I did not see much signage?

Webpage missing page of June meeting. ED Roberts will look into this.

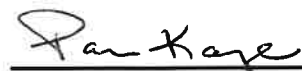
Vernon Seeley – scales have served a purpose

Chair introduced Tim Nickerson the new emergency management public safety for rsc8 and Terry Keating from Environment and Local Government.

Chair announced the next meeting is January 22, 2019

Meeting adjourned by Director McKenzie at 8:50 pm


BRENDA L. KNIGHT, TRUSTEE
~~James McCrea, Chairperson~~



Pam Kaye, Recording Secretary