

EVERGREEN REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES COMMISSION

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

COUNTY OF ST. PAUL
THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 2025
9:00 AM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Maxine Fodness- Chairman
Nathan Taylor
Dan Gawalko
Evelynne Kobes- Virtually
Tim Smereka- Virtually
Leroy Kunyk- Virtually
Richard Warren- Virtually

ALTERNATES PRESENT:

Ron Boisvert

OTHERS PRESENT:

Paul Poulin- Manager Evergreen Regional Landfill
Ashley Cozzens- Recording Secretary
Jason Storch- County of St. Paul
Dave Franchuk- Smoky Lake County
Darrel Lessmeister- Town of Elk Point
Molly Fyten- Town of Smoky Lake
Ella Broeksma- County of St. Paul

1. CALL TO ORDER

Maxine Fodness called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

a. Additions to Agenda

Add 3.d. Alberta Care

Nathan Taylor made a motion to accept the agenda as presented.

CARRIED

2. MINUTES OF JUNE 2025

Nathan Taylor made a motion to adopt the minutes of the June 19, 2025, Meeting as presented.

CARRIED

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

a. EPR Program, Circular Materials, Product Care update

We can now access and download promotion and education assets for your community in the Alberta P&E portal.

b. Clean Farms

Clean Farms have an upcoming collection event for unwanted pesticides and old livestock medication. Collection dates for Northern Alberta will be October 6-10, 2025.

c. Thank you cards

Thank you cards that we designed are finished. Ordered fifty to be printed, these will be used in the future.

d. AB Care Conference

There is an extra hotel room available for the AB Care Conference in Westlock (September 10-12) if someone from the Commission would like to purchase it.

4. CLOSED SESSION

No closed meeting session.

5. FINANCIALS

a. Treasurer's Report

Ashley Cozzens presented the treasurer's report to July 31, 2025.

Nathan Taylor made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as information.

CARRIED

b. GIC 52

GIC 52 has matured:

Original investment \$110,000
Interest earned \$4,675
Total to reinvest \$114,675

Nathan Taylor made a motion to reinvest GIC 52 into a 2-year nonredeemable GIC at a rate of \$2.85%

CARRIED

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Regional Site Report

Paul Poulin presented the site report for the Evergreen Regional Landfill for August 2025:

- June 17 and 24 site inspections were done of all County of St. Paul transfer stations. Overall, the sites look good, some items that need to be looked into like what to do with fire extinguishers
- County of St. Paul will be removing one of our access roads on the MSW cells. We will then be able to fill this area with MSW waste.
- Metal recycling, we will need to meet with municipalities to see what service provider we want to go with this year

Richard Warren made a motion to accept the regional site reports as information.

CARRIED

b. Ambipar

Meetings with Ambipar will be held in September. Presentation to be held at the September Meeting.

c. Omni McCann Site Tours

Site tours done at the Ashmont transfer station regarding the slurry pit and St. Paul transfer station for possible compost facility.

d. AB Care Zoom Meeting

June 20 meeting region 2 & 3; discussion on break ins, Leduc Landfill fire, call to recycle- battery recycling.

e. Fog Dog

Friday, August 15, 2025 Nathan Taylor, Ross Krekoski, Molly Fyten and Paul Poulin went to Crossfield Alberta, home base of the Fog Dog waste recovery machine or the system called pyrolysis.

Fog Dog was founded in 2018 and they label their concept idea as waste recovery and not waste to energy. Pyrolysis is a process where extreme heat is applied to a chosen, shredded waste stream such as plastic, tire and MSW to separate the waste composition into diesel fuel, bio-char or graphite.

Markets exist for the final product in the pyrolysis. Diesel can be used immediately as a fuel source, graphite does have a current value of approx. \$700/MT a crucial component in lithium-ion batteries, and bio-char can also be sold, used in improving soil health, fertilizer and environmental applications.

f. 11:00 a.m. Presentation from Sonnevera International Inc. RE: Regional Services Delivery- Waste Management Study

July 22 & 23 site tours were conducted in the Smoky Lake County and County of St. Paul

Next steps:

- continued compilation of data for background research
- review existing shared waste management services, funding agreements, and intermunicipal collaborations
- review of comparative shared service models
- identify inefficiencies, challenges and opportunities for shared service delivery
- interview with Member Municipalities and Commission

7. OTHER BUSINESS/ CORRESPONDENCE

No other business/correspondence

8. NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting is to be scheduled for Monday, September 29, 2025 at 10:00 am at the Metis Crossing, Smoky Lake County.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Maxine Fodness adjourned the meeting at 11:19 a.m.

September 29, 2025
Date

Maxine Fodness
Commission Chairman