

B.C. Product Stewardship Council
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 26, 2009
Fairmont Chateau Whistler Resort

Present:

Janine Dougall (Bulkley-Nechako)	Anke Bergner (Capital)
Carmen Fennell (Columbia Shuswap)	Mike Hofer (Fraser Valley)
Sabina Kasprzak (Fraser Valley)	Jamie Vieira (Thompson-Nicola)
Tim Des Champ (Skeena Queen Charlotte)	Martin Dickson (Thompson-Nicola)
Drew Hadfield (Comox Valley)	Nicole Kohnert (North Okanagan)
Bob McDonald (Cowichan Valley)	Petra Wildauer (Fraser-Fort George)
Laurie Gallant (Kitimat Stikine)	Alan Stanley (Kootenay-Boundary)
Andrew Doi (Metro Vancouver)	Sharon Horsburgh (Nanaimo)
Cathy Kenny (Sunshine Coast)	David Lawes (Ministry of Environment)
Don Hamilton (Okanagan-Similkameen)	Kris Ord (Ministry of Environment)
Ron Dridger (BCUOMA)	Teresa Conner (Ministry of Environment)
Jeff Rahn (Cariboo)	Shannon Anderson (Peace River)

Regrets:

Peter Rotheisler (Central Okanagan)	Dion Whyte (Sunshine Coast)
Janice Hill (Alberni Clayoquot)	Darcy Mooney (Columbia Shuswap)
Joy Mackay (Central Coast)	Eric Sharpe (East Kootenay)
Nicole Ward (Central Kootenay)	Greg Fletcher (Mount Waddington)
Roger Tooms (Kitimat Stikine)	Frances Ladret (Powell River)
Jerry Cheshuk (Squamish-Lillooet)	Jarred Wright (UBCM)
Peter Hughes (Thompson-Nicola)	Jack Bowers (Northern Rockies)
Jan Meadows (Capital)	Monique Booth (Capital)
Cameron Baughen (Okanagan-Similkameen)	Greg Tyson (Ministry of Environment)

RCBC Staff:

Brock Macdonald	Jordan Best	Jennifer Ellis
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1. Meeting called to order

- Meeting was called to order at 5:13pm.

2. Adoption of agenda

090526 – 1PSC Moved/seconded/approved to adopt the May 26, 2009 agenda as circulated.

3. Adoption of minutes from March 3, 2009 meeting (attachment #1)

090526 – 2PSC Moved/seconded/approved to adopt the March 3, 2009 BCPSC meeting minutes as circulated.

Roll Call

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4. Presentation – CWTA Stewardship Plan for the Recycling of Cellular Phones

- Emmanuel Morin made a presentation about the **Canadian Wireless Telecommunications Association (CWTA) Stewardship group**. (5:15-5:29pm)

Keypoints:

- CWTA has 160 members and represents most major cell phone manufacturers
- The "Recycle My Cell" stewardship program leverages existing recycling programs through retailers such as Bell, Telus, Rogers.
- Manitoba, PEI, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia officially recognize the program
- The program is return to retail with 3500 locations Canada-wide
- If drop-off is not possible mailing labels can be printed for free from the program website
- In BC 400 retail locations are involved
- The program covers anything designed to connect to a network – chargers, blue tooth sets, memory sticks, etc.

Ron Driedger – BCUOMA

- Ron Driedger spoke about the BC Bottle Depot Association's recommendation for a management board for stewardship programs
- Stewards had expressed concern that a management board would add too many unnecessary costs, citing Stewardship Ontario as an example.
- The current programs are very cost effective
- The point was raised that the BCBDA letter to the Ministry of Environment contained inaccuracies about facts such as Encorp's handling of funds
- Stewards would rather work with the BCPSC and local governments to respond to concerns

090526 – 3PSC Moved/seconded/approved to table motion 090303-3PSC (BCPSC endorsement of EPR Management Board) until the next BCPSC meeting.

5. Correspondence

- a) Letter to MoE Re: Recycling Regulation (*attachment #2*)
- b) Letter to MoE Re: Packaging Policy (*attachment #3*)
- c) Letter from MoE Re: Packaging and recycling regulation (*attachment #4*)
- d) Letter to MoE Re: Funding (*attachment #5*)

090526 – 4PSC Moved/seconded/approved to accept correspondence for information.

- There was a comment that the response letter from the Ministry of Environment (5.c) was too vague and did not address the BCPSC letter regarding the "Framework Principles for Product Stewardship Policy" (5.a)
- Ministry representatives said they will review the letter and encouraged the BCPSC to meet with Ministry staff to discuss issues rather than writing letters.

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6. Old Business

- a) *IN PROCESS* – Update on BCPSC communication to MoE regarding the standardization of waste characterization studies (Laurie Gallant)
- Attachments #9 and 10 were added to the meeting package and distributed via email for information
 - It was recommended that a standardized methodology be developed for waste characterization studies and that the updated methodology include EPR materials as a separate evaluation category.
 - Once standardized, waste characterization studies could be used as a performance measure for ERP programs – what stewardship materials are ending up in landfills?
 - It was also recommended that a common funding formula be developed to determine stewards' contribution to waste characterization studies.
 - The BCPSC would like the Ministry of Environment to help fund the development of a standard methodology.
 - Two motions were brought forward to the BCPSC
 - An amendment was proposed for the second motion - that a funding formula be worked out after the new methodology has been developed.
 - It was recommended that the amendment be accepted with the timeline that the methodology be developed by May 2010.

090526 – 5PSC Moved/seconded/approved that a qualified consultant be retained to update the existing "official" waste characterization methodology and that this procedure be considered by the Ministry of Environment and Stewards as an essential part of performance evaluation.

090526 – 6PSC Moved/seconded/approved that the BC Product Stewardship Council consider an acceptable funding formula for waste characterization studies after the waste characterization methodology has been updated.

Representatives from the Ministry of Environment left the meeting at 6:01pm.

- b) *IN PROCESS* – CCME request for comment on a Canadian EPR program for packaging (Jordan Best)
- At the March 3rd BCPSC meeting it was requested that PSC members send comments to RCBC, none were received.
 - RCBC staff offered to compile any comments received at meeting (none received).

Action Item: RCBC staff will email the BCPSC comments that were received from RCBC members.

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- c) *IN PROCESS* – Update on motion 090303-3PSC: Management Board for EPR programs
Tabled earlier in meeting (090526 – 3PSC)

7. Task List Review (*attachment #6*)

- It was noted that the item relating to waste characterization studies needs to be updated.

8. BCPSC Survey of Packaging EPR

- a) Survey results (*attachment #7*)
- b) Service level definitions/standards
- c) Regulatory Framework – clarification of definitions of MSW and stewardship materials

9. New Business

- a) BCPSC Terms of Reference update(*attachment #8*)
- Nicole Kohnert put forward possible changes to BCPSC Terms of Reference in regards to electing co-chairs.

090526 – 7PSC **Moved/seconded/approved to adopt the changes to the BCPSC Terms of Reference.**

- b) Nomination for new BCPSC co-chair

- Nicole Kohnert stepped down as BCPSC co-chair.

First Call for nominations:

- Nominate/Second Alan Stanley – declined
- Nominate/Second Anke Bergner – declined
- Nominate/Second Laurie Gallant – accepted

Second Call for nominations: none received

Third Call for nominations: none received

- Laurie Gallant was appointed as co-chair of the BCPSC.

10. Stewardship Issues to Resolve

- The stewards are looking to become more involved with waste audits. This item was added to the agenda for the luncheon tomorrow.
- Janine Dougall brought up the issue of the stewards' definition and use of "remote areas." This item was also added to the agenda for tomorrow's meeting.

Items 8.b and 8.c were previously missed so they will be addressed now.

8.b) Service level definitions/standards

- There was a discussion about the need for stricter regulations around service levels and the lack of incentives for private partnerships in rural areas. Spreading costs/profits across urban-rural areas and providing a strong business plan could help to attract depot owners to rural areas.

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- There is also a need for capital assistance programs to help develop infrastructure in existing depots.
- It was recommended that the BCPSC develop specific recommendations to bring to the Ministry of Environment and the Stewards, presenting solutions for on-going issues and a means to provide for under-serviced areas.

8. c) Regulatory Framework

- RCBC is currently developing framework principles in their EPR working group and will provide information about their progress at the next BCPSC meeting.
- Local governments would like to clarify the legal jurisdiction they have over stewardship materials in the municipal solid waste stream.
- It was noted that the Recycling Regulation does not change the definition of stewardship materials – they are currently classified as municipal solid waste.
- It was recommended that the BCPSC form a working group to examine the issues raised in items 8.b and 8.c.

090526 – 8PSC Moved/seconded/approved to form a working group to examine service level definitions and standards and the regulatory framework for stewardship materials and develop recommendations to bring to the Ministry of Environment.

Action Item: RCBC Staff will send out a call for members to participate in the working group.

11. Next Meeting

- It was requested that infrastructure issues with oil containers and filters be added to the agenda for the next meeting.
- Janine Dougall requested feedback from other Regional Districts that have had one-time collection events – the pros and cons, what to expect, what to look out for, etc.
- The next meeting will be held in September; a specific date will be set before the end of June.

12. Adjournment

090526 – 8PSC Moved/seconded/approved to adjourn the May 26, 2009 BCPSC meeting at 6:48pm.