

B.C. Product Stewardship Council
Conference Call Minutes
Tuesday, November 3, 2009
Start Time: 9:30 am

Present:

Janine Dougall (Bulkley-Nechako)	Anke Bergner (Capital)
Nicole Ward (Central Kootenay)	Sabina Kasprzak (Fraser Valley)
Harmony Huffman (Cowichan Valley)	Don Hamilton (Okanagan-Similkameen)
Kathleen Milward (Cowichan Valley)	Cathy Kenny (Sunshine Coast)
Andrew Doi (Metro Vancouver)	Laurie Gallant (Kitimat Stikine)
Cameron Baughen (Okanagan-Similkameen)	Sharon Horsburgh (Nanaimo)
Nicole Kohnert (North Okanagan)	Shannon Anderson (Peace River)
Carmen Fennell (Columbia Shuswap)	Greg Tyson (Ministry of Environment)
Brock Macdonald (RCBC)	Jennifer Ellis (RCBC)
Jordan Best (RCBC)	

Regrets:

Brenda Fortais (Alberni Clayoquot)	Bob McDonald (Cowichan Valley)
Joy Mackay (Central Coast)	Jim Penson (East Kootenay)
Peter Rotheisler (Central Okanagan)	Greg Fletcher (Mount Waddington)
Roger Tooms (Kitimat Stikine)	Frances Ladret (Powell River)
Jesse Lee (Squamish-Lillooet)	Jarred Wright (UBCM)
Peter Hughes (Thompson-Nicola)	David Lawes (Ministry of Environment)
Scott Barry (Northern Rockies)	Jeff Rahn (Cariboo)
Darcy Mooney (Columbia Shuswap)	Drew Hadfield (Comox Valley)
Petra Wildauer (Fraser-Fort George)	Alan Stanley (Kootenay-Boundary)
Tim Des Champ (Skeena Queen Charlotte)	

1. Meeting called to order

Meeting was called to order at 9:33am by chair Brock Macdonald.

2. Adoption of agenda

- New item requested under New Business: 7.7 Recycling business signage (Andrew Doi)

091103-1PSC Moved/seconded by Anke Bergner/Shannon Anderson to adopt the agenda of the November 3, 2009 BC Product Stewardship Council meeting with amendments.

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3. Adoption of minutes from May 26, 2009 meeting (attachment #1)

Amendment – Shannon Anderson was marked as absent, but was in attendance.

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Moved/seconded by Sharon Horsburgh/Shannon Anderson to adopt the minutes of the May 26, 2009 BC Product Stewardship Council meeting with amendments.

Carried

4. Correspondence

4.1 Florida lamp recycling standards (attachment #2)

4.2 Clorox Canada – BC Recycling programs

- Note: If anyone did not receive this correspondence and would like a copy please email RCBC staff.

Action Item: RCBC Staff will post BCPSC correspondence and similar items on the website.

4.3 Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen EPR Resolutions (attachment #3)

5. Information Items

5.1 Environmental Management Act - definitions of stewardship materials (attachment #4)

- Tabled until later in the meeting as item presented by Nicole Kohnert who was not yet on the call.

5.2 Retail Council and Phase 2 electronics (Alan Stanley)

- Tabled until later in the meeting as Alan Stanley was not yet on the call.

6. Old Business

6.1 *TABLED* – Motion 090303-3 - Endorsement of EPR Management Board (attachment #5)

- Left as tabled

6.2 *IN PROCESS* – Motions 090526-5 and 6 – Waste Characterization Studies (attachment #5)

- Laurie Gallant reviewed this item.
- The Kitimat-Stikine Regional District is finishing a pilot project Waste Characterization Study. They are currently compiling data and expect to be finished near the end of November.
- Results will be distributed to the BCPSC and RCBC
- The approximate cost of the project was \$35,000, however a more realistic budget would be closer to \$50,000-\$70,000

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- Capital Regional District is also working on Waste Composition Study, which is in its third week.
- Metro Vancouver is also in the last quarter review of a Waste Characterization Study.
- There was concern that all Regional Districts are approaching stewards for funding separately and that there needs to be more communication and a unified approach so districts are not competing.
- It was announced that the Stewardship Roundtable will be held on November 26th, 2009 and the BCPSC should consider presenting this issue to them.
- Concerns were raised about how the 8 archetypal regional districts would be chosen

Action Item: RCBC Staff will put together a letter detailing the 2 motions (090526-5/090526-6) and the working group to present at Stewardship Roundtable meeting.

Action Item: It was requested that the three current Waste Composition Studies' results be circulated to the BCPSC when complete.

Action Item: RCBC Staff will send BCPSC members an invitation for a Waste Characterization Study Working Group and set up a new meeting time. They will also invite Stewards and Ministry of Environment representatives.

- Early December was suggested as meeting date.
- Jordan Best will coordinate the Terms of Reference with Laurie Gallant and finalize them before meeting.

7. New Business

7.1 BCPSC EPR Working Group (Motion 090526-8) (attachment #5)

- Jordan Best addressed the item.
- Only five members have expressed interest thus far and the group still needs a Chair.
- Additional members on the call expressed interest and were directed to email Jordan directly to participate.
- Jordan will request input from members to help create Terms of Reference for the group.
- The group was renamed the **Rural Service Level Working Group**
- There was a concern that the "framework" portion of the motion, which was intended to address definitions of Municipal Solid Waste and EPR materials, would be excluded if renamed "rural service level working group"
- It was decided to address both issues in the Working Group. How and when they are addressed can be further defined in the Terms of Reference.

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7.2 Establishing research fund - propose \$500 per member

- The issue was addressed by Laurie Gallant.
- Next three items (7.3, 7.4, 7.5) represent possible research ideas that would require extra funding.
- The discussion indicated that most Regional Districts are unlikely to have extra funding right now, but they would be more likely to approve the funding request for a specific project, rather than general "research" fund.
- It was noted that this work is something that falls under the mandate of the Ministry of Environment and that the BCPSC's role is to lobby them to do it.

Action Item: RCBC staff will re-send the letter requesting funding to the Ministry of Environment (in the names of the new chairs).

- It was recommended that both Working Groups start their work and examine possible research projects as part of their Terms of Reference and wait on funding requests.

7.3 Research project - standardized clauses for EPR to included in SWMPs

7.4 Research project - Waste comp studies - to include in SWMPs for RDs and Stewards

7.5 Research project - UBCM Env't conference preparation

- There was a suggestion that BCPSC create presentation for UBCM environmental conference in the spring.
- RCBC noted that they are already presenting the motion regarding packaging as an EPR program on behalf of the BCPSC to UBCM.

Action Item: RCBC Staff will contact to Jarred Wright about the agenda/schedule for the conference and bring it to the next BCPSC meeting for further discussion.

7.6 Website assessment and upgrades - summary of consultations etc.

- It was decided that the website should be used more as a means of sharing information and resources.

Action Item: RCBC staff will look at ways to improve the website and add appropriate information. They will also send members a link to the website.

- If members have links or documents they would like to see on the website, please forward them to RCBC Staff.

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7.7 New item – Signage for recycling businesses (Andrew Doi)

- There is some need for standard generic signage for private businesses that accept public drop-offs of materials.
- A similar program would be the BC Wineries standardized signs
- Directional signage as a way for the public to find private recyclers, consistent colours throughout province.
- Multiple levels of government would need to be involved to monitor sign placement and use.
- Andrew Doi suggested that Mairi Wellman from RCBC present this issue at the next BCPSC meeting.

8. Stewardship Issues to Resolve

8.1 BCUOMA – infrastructure for oil containers and filters

- Unsure who brought forward this issue, tabled until next meeting.

Item 5.2 – Retail Council and Phase II Electronics

- The Ministry of Environment has granted some components of the Electronics category and extension on their stewardship plan. No dates are confirmed but it is believed that Toys have been extended until 2012 and some appliances have been given a six month extension.
- The Retail Council posted a letter on their website which seemed to celebrate the extension and their successful lobbying of Ministry.
- RCBC is writing letter to the Retail Council in response.

9. Next Meeting

- The next meeting is scheduled for January 12th, 9:30am.
- There was some discussion about why item 6.1 was tabled.
- It was explained that there had been a lot of disagreement about the motion and no consensus reached.

091103-3PSC **Moved/seconded by Anke Bergner/Shannon Anderson to rescind motion 090303-3PSC.**

Carried

10. Adjournment

091103-4PSC **Moved/seconded by Nicole Kohnert/Brock Macdonald to adjourn the meeting.**

Carried