

**Western Regional Service Board
Public Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Information:

Date: Friday, December 16, 2022
Time: 3:00pm – 4:52pm
Location: WRSB Boardroom, 14 Main Street

Present were:

Bernd Staeben	WRSB Chair
Gary Warren	WRSB Member – Burgeo and Area
Melvin Keeping	WRSB Member – Southwest Coast
Cynthia Downey	WRSB Member – Bay St. George
Lenny Tiller	WRSB Member – Bay St. George
Pamela Gill	WRSB Member – Corner Brook
Linda Chaisson	WRSB Member – Corner Brook
Alfred Park	WRSB Member– North/South Bay of Islands
Hal Cormier	WRSB Member – Humber Valley
Melvin Reid	WRSB Member - Long Range
Jason King	Chief Administrative Officer, WRSB
Trent Quinton	Operations Manager, WRSB
Pauline Anderson	Executive Assistant, WRSB

Missing with apologies:

Colin Davis	WRSB Member – White Bay South
Vacant Seat	WRSB Member – Western Hills

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 3:00pm by WRSB Chair Bernd Staeben with quorum reached. Introductions were made and land acknowledgement was read.

1. Additions & Deletions to the Agenda

Motion 22-1216-1.1.1: Moved by Linda Chaisson, seconded by Melvin Reid. Be it resolved the WRSB adopt the agenda for the December 16, 2022 meeting with the addition of the Hurricane Fiona Financial Update, and the MMSB Extended Producer Responsibility Session updates under the CAO Report. All 8 Board members present are in Favour, none against. Motion carried. Pamela Gill wasn't present for this motion.

2. Adoption October 20, 2022, Public meeting minutes

Motion 22-1216-2.1.1: Moved by Melvin Keeping, seconded by Pamela Gill. Be it resolved the WRSB adopt the minutes of the October 20, 2022, WRSB meeting as presented. All 9 Board members present are in Favour, none against. Motion carried.

3. Business Arising - There was nothing to present under this agenda item.

4. CAO Report

a) Negotiations Update

- i. At the October 5th Negotiations meeting in Deer Lake, there was a settlement proposal of a 50/50 split brought forward. Both were to bring this proposal back to their perspective boards to get a motion on its acceptance.

After much discussion at their October 20th WRSB meeting, the WRSB motioned to accept the proposal. At the October 27th CRSB meeting, the motion was not brought forward but was discussed. The discussion resulted in a letter from the CRSB Chair, dated November 2 (attached), which stated the CRSB did not accept the 50/50 split proposal but the "CRSB is asking for a 60/40 split, with WRSB paying the 60% which reflects a payment in the amount of \$72,727.72."

If a settlement is not agreed upon, the WRSB's lawyer will need the next few weeks to prepare documentation for the court case which is scheduled to proceed in the Central area January 11, 2023. The work our lawyer will need to complete over the next couple weeks will be the start of additional expenses for this court case if a settlement doesn't occur before then.

Motion 22-1216-4.1.2: Moved by Cynthia Downey, seconded by Pamela Gill, be it resolved the WRSB accept the Central Regional Service Board Chair's request that "CRSB is asking for a 60/40 split, with WRSB paying the 60% which reflects a payment in the amount of \$72,727.72." Cynthia Downey, Linda Chaisson, Pamela Gill, Lenny Tiller, Gary Warren are in Favour, Hal Cormier, Melvin Keeping, Alfred Park, Melvin Reid against. Motion carried.

ii. Negotiations with the CRSB began this past summer with a second meeting in the Fall. The following is the breakdown regarding the Clear Bag Tipping fee negotiations:

- Owing from 2020 – 2022.

To date, we have paid \$28.77 per tonne for all material brought to Central in 2020, 2021 and 2022. This amount was based on the 2019 audit performed by MNP, received in December 2020. All invoices sent by Central for 2021 and 2022 have the tipping fee rate of \$29.79/tonne based on Central's own internal audit they performed using MNP's formula. The WRSB has never agreed with the \$29.79 rate and has continued paying the MNP audited \$28.77 rate.

Committee Recommendation: Western pay Central the \$29.79 rate for 2020 – 2022, which would be approximately \$90K.

- Moving forward into a 5/10- year contract

In a long-term contract, the focus for Western has always been their disagreement with the Shared Costs in the MNP formula. This accounts for approximately 40% of the tipping fee rate. The WRSB negotiation committee recommends the following motion:
Committee Recommendation: Agree to pay half of the Shared Costs.

Motion 22-1216-4.1.1: Moved by Linda Chaisson, seconded by Cynthia Downey, be it resolved the WRSB pay the full \$29.79 tipping fee for 2020, 2021, 2022 (approximately \$90K) on the condition the formula for calculating the Central Tipping fee for a long-term agreement with Western contains 50% of the shared costs. All 9 Board members present are in Favour, none against. Motion carried.

b) Elections Update – Western Hills and White Bay South

Western Hills – We do have a member that was acclimated to the Board for this area; however, they cannot attend meetings at the time the meetings are currently scheduled to take place. They can attend meetings if they occur in the later part of the afternoon.

Meetings effective in January will begin at 4pm. The office will contact the Western Hills incumbent about the meeting time change.

White Bay South – A person was acclimated to the position earlier this year after holding 2 calls for nominations. The office has not been able to contact this person since their acclimation took place. There has been correspondence with the White Bay South Area office; however, there has still not been any contact from the incumbent and no further contact with the White Bay South office was obtained. Last step is to go to government for assistance in filling this position unless we can have the governance structure of the Board updated to merge this seat with another seat on the board.

c) Office Move Update

The new office is located on the 6th floor of the Herald Tower and after a few delays, renovations is scheduled to be completed by Monday, December 19th. The movers are booked for Tuesday, December 20th to move the current office into its new office. We hope to hold an open house in January, to bring awareness to our new location.

d) Stephenville Meeting

Took place November 16 regarding the non-compliant charges. The five communities shared the same hauler, who was also present about the meeting. A good discussion took place with steps being put into place to minimize the non-compliant loads and alterations that can occur which would alleviate the problems.

e) Hurricane Fiona Finances Update

Finances were discussed regarding expenses and revenue. There were only two possible rates to apply to this extra cleanup, which would be the \$164/tonne regular tipping fee or \$90/tonne house tear down. With the uncertainty of what debris would be included beyond house debris, it was decided to stay with the regular tipping fee. Currently, the records show an approximate \$300K surplus above the expenses incurred; however, not all expenses have yet been included in the calculations.

f) Continuation of a session that took place earlier this summer. It was a very informative session; however, the process that will come from these discussions would take years to bring to fruition after any plan is put into place. Currently Newfoundlanders pay on the disposal side of this material instead of the producers.

5. Standing Committee Reports

a) Finance Committee – (November 21st) Linda Chaisson

Financial Review of the following items: Budget vs Actual at a 83% variance; 2022 Tonnage and how it compares to 2021; Hurricane Fiona Financial Update; Financial repercussions of changing meeting times; and, Central Negotiation Framework & Retro Pay.

b) Technical Committee Update – (November 16th) Cynthia Downey

TC, staff and government officials attended the meeting. With this being a fairly new committee, the group needed to be brought up to date on past meetings with the Haulers Group, whom they met with that afternoon. Various possible ideas to be presented to the Haulers were discussed, as well as the concerns the Hauler's brought forward at the previous meeting between these groups.

Hauler's Meeting – November 16th

This meeting involved members of the Western Haulers, the Technical Committee, and WRSB staff. Items such as non-compliant fees, education, routes, haulers sitting on the Technical Committee, possible solutions to investigate, etc. There are some difficult issues to get through, but both are willing to work together to make the ICI Policy a success.

c) Shared Services Committee Update

No meeting of this committee since the last Board meeting. Repeated calls gone to government for assistance in determining the provincial standards/guidelines to proceed investigating a proposal for Fire Services for a community in Western. There will be a meeting in January. May need to go to through other means to find a contact person to get this moving for the Shared Services Committee.

6. New Business - There was nothing to present under this agenda item.
7. Correspondence/ Media - There was nothing to present under this agenda item.
8. Next WRSB Meeting
January 26, 2023, in the new Office Boardroom in Herald Tower, starting at 4pm.
9. Other:
Pam stated she wanted Western to look more into composting soon and be progressive in this area. This is an area in which Government has expressed an interest in pursuing, as well as interest from Grenfell Campus.

Meeting adjourned at 4:52pm.