

MINUTES
OF THE FOOTHILLS REGIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION TECHNICAL ADVISORY
GROUP

Thursday, January 11, 2018
Town of Okotoks Operations Centre

MEMBERS PRESENT	Paul Lyons, Waste Services Manager, Town of Okotoks, Chair Joe Angevine, Foothills Regional Services Commission Tom Dougall, Public Works Manage, Town of Black Diamond Andy Pfeifer, Director of Engineering & Municipal Operations, Town of Turner Valley Eugene Lund, Manager of Operational Services, Town of High River Bill Robinson, CFO, Municipal District of Foothills No. 31
STAFF PRESENT	Kim Gordon, Recording Secretary, Town of Okotoks
GUEST	Chris Radford, Infrastructure & Operations Director, Town of Okotoks

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lyons called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. TERMS OF REFERENCE

Members developed a Terms of Reference document for the Advisory Group.

3. ROUND TABLE

Town of Okotoks:

- Two studies have been done within the last 3 years investigating options for managing recyclables collected in the Region.
- A grant application for \$165,000 was signed by the Town of Okotoks CAO and submitted to the Province. A decision will take approximately 3 months. This funding will be used to complete the recommendations set out in the year 2016 Tetra Tech report.
- The Town has agreed to have Paul Lyons lead this initiative as requested by the FRSC.
- The Town is researching alternative recycling models in order to improve the quality of recyclables collected at the curb. Models could include having other agencies collect the recyclables the Town no longer can market profitably.

- The Town is considering a garbage collection model that could be four-days per week and possibly a bi-weekly collection schedule. This would bring the Town more into alignment with other towns in the region.
- The Town has a glass recycling machine that is still operational and plans are to work with the other regional municipalities to start processing glass again.
- It should be noted that organics management is also part of a waste management system.
- Agenda items should be sent to Kim Gordon.

MD of Foothills

- Any approach will have an impact on the landfill which will be constantly evaluated.
- The current lifespan of the landfill is 60 to 70 years.
- Landfill yearly tonnage 40,000 to 50,000.
- Based on 2016 numbers, Tetra-Tech believes that the Region can divert 4,250 tonnes of residential recyclables from the landfill.
- 8% to 10% diversion will extend the landfill's lifespan.
- Discussion regarding who will manage the regional collection program. The Group believes that it could be managed by the Commission. There could be cost savings if the staff worked for the M.D.
- There will need to be plans in place on how a MRF will affect the site as there could be a space issue.
- The FRSC could be approached to fund the study if the application to the Province was rejected.

Turner Valley

- Would like to research alternative models for solid waste and recycling management in Turner Valley.
- Independent of which model is chosen, a single stream recycling program is preferred.

Group

- This technical advisory group possesses the technical skills to work with a contractor to determine whether a Regional MRF is required and make a recommendation to FRSC and Councils.
- A draft letter will be developed and sent to all participating municipalities for consideration at the next Council meetings of grant application support.
- The Group would like to have the recycling proponents to make presentations.
- Discussion regarding dual stream versus single stream recycling. There may be cost savings with a dual stream model.

- The Group should have the authority to design the program as well as the ability to recommend service areas and service levels.
- Nanton stated they are not currently in a position to participate in the TAG. Paul will reach out again as they now have a new CAO.
- The suggested target date to have a regional collection program in place is March 1, 2020.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Lyons adjourned the January 11, 2018 Foothills Regional Services Commission Technical Advisory Group meeting at 11:30 A.M.