

Summary of Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee meeting May 2020

The Taranaki Solid Waste Committee met on 21 May 2020. Items of business were:

- The impact of COVID-19 on recycling and rubbish services.
- A report on the activities of the Regional Waste Minimisation Officer.
- District Council and Taranaki Regional Council submissions on proposed new National Environmental Standards for Outdoor Storage of Tyres.

This document includes the unconfirmed minutes of this meeting. They should be read in conjunction with the [Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee meeting agenda](#).

Appended: Document #2505166 (minutes)



MINUTES

Taranaki Solid Waste

Date: 21 May 2020, 10.30am
Venue: Via audio-visual link (Zoom)
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Members	Councillors	N W Walker R Handley B Roach A Jamieson	Taranaki Regional Council New Plymouth District Council South Taranaki District Council Stratford District Council
Attending	Councillors	D McIntyre M Chong M Bellringer	(Taranaki Regional Council) (New Plymouth District Council) (South Taranaki District Council)
	Mr	G Bedford	(Taranaki Regional Council)
	Mrs	H Gerrard	(Taranaki Regional Council)
	Miss	L Davidson	(Taranaki Regional Council)
	Mr	P Ledingham	(Taranaki Regional Council)
	Mrs	K Hope	(New Plymouth District Council)
	Mrs	V Araba	(Stratford District Council)
	Ms	J Dearden	(New Plymouth District Council)
	Mr	H Denton	(South Taranaki District Council)
	Ms	M Cashmore	(Taranaki District Health Board)

Apologies Apologies were received from Miss V Moyle and Mr D Miller, South Taranaki District Council, Mr M Downer, EnviroWaste and Mr D Langford, New Plymouth District Council.
Roach/Handley

Notification of Late items There were no late items.

1. Confirmation of Minutes – 20 February 2020

Resolves

That the Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee:

- a) takes as read and confirms the minutes and resolutions of the Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee meeting held at the Taranaki Regional Council chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford on Thursday 20 February 2020 at 10.30am
- b) notes that the unconfirmed minutes of the Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee meeting held in the Taranaki Regional Council chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford, on Thursday 20 February 2020 at 10.30am, have been circulated to the New Plymouth District Council, Stratford District Council and the South Taranaki District Council for their information and receipt.

Jamieson/Roach

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

2. Impact of Covid-19 on Taranaki Solid Waste Services Preliminary Assessment

- 2.1 Ms K Hope, New Plymouth District Council, spoke to the memorandum providing a preliminary assessment of the impact of Covid-19 on solid waste services in Taranaki and the changes to solid waste kerbside, transfer station and MRF Services during the Covid-19 Alert levels 2, 3 and 4.
- 2.2 It was clarified that in the event of a civil defence emergency, such as an extreme flooding event, where the landfill waste could not go South to Bonny Glenn, Taranaki would work with Bonny Glenn to send the refuse elsewhere. Taranaki has two closed landfills that are consented to reopen in emergency situations and Colson Road landfill is still consented to take refuse. It was noted that Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management also have a contingency plan in place for Civil Defence emergency refuse.
- 2.3 Household recycling bin collection has started up again however, there is a high level of contamination. This is currently not being policed but monitoring and stickering will be starting up again in the next two weeks.
- 2.4 The Chairman, Mr N W Walker expressed his thanks to the District Councils for their work in this space through the Covid-19 situation.

Resolves

That the Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee:

- a) receives the memorandum Impact of Covid-19 on Taranaki Solid Waste Services Preliminary Assessment.

Walker/Roach

3. Regional Waste Minimisation Officer's Report

- 3.1 Jessica Dearden, New Plymouth District Council, spoke to the report providing an update on activities undertaken by the Regional Waste Minimisation Officer (RWMO), in collaboration with the New Plymouth, Stratford and South Taranaki District Councils and providing information on activities in the wider community and matters of interest to the Committee from March - May 2020.
- 3.2 It was noted that September is not great timing for AGrecovery One-stop events for farmers and these dates are not confirmed at this stage.
- 3.3 The Taranaki District Health Board is working on waste minimisation and management plans and sustainable procurement policies to align with the District Councils.

Resolves

That the Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee:

- a) receives the memorandum and notes the activities of the Regional Waste Minimisation Officer
- b) endorses the four councils supporting the AGrecovery One-Stop events proposed for late this year.

Walker/Jamieson

4. District Council Submissions on National Environmental Standards for Outdoor Storage of Tyres

- 4.1 Ms K Hope, New Plymouth District Council, spoke to the memorandum presenting for Members information, the joint New Plymouth, Stratford and South Taranaki District Councils' submission sent to the Ministry for the Environment on the Proposed National Environmental Standards for the Outdoor Storage of Tyres (NES-OST).

Resolves

That the Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee:

- a) receives the memorandum entitled Ministry for the Environment Consultation (MfE) - Proposed National Environmental Standard for the Outdoor Storage of Tyres.

Roach/Handley

5. Taranaki Regional Council Submission on the National Environmental Standard for the Outdoor Storage of Tyres

- 5.1 Mr G K Bedford, Taranaki Regional Council, spoke to the memorandum presenting for Members information the Taranaki Regional Council submission sent to the Ministry for the Environment on the Proposed National Environmental Standards for the Outdoor Storage of Tyres (NES-OST). The submission was received and endorsed by the TRC at the Ordinary meeting on Tuesday 7 April 2020.

Resolves

That the Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee:

- a) receives the memorandum entitled Submission on National Environmental Standards for Outdoor Storage of Tyres.

Jamieson/Roach

6. General Business

6.1 Mixed plastic recycling

A discussion was held around recycling of mixed plastics. It was noted that for mixed bales of plastics to be sent overseas there would be need for a permit under the Basle Convention, and that would involve needing to know where it is going. However if plastic is baled as only one type of plastic a permit would not be required. For Taranaki types one and two are separated but types 3-7 are baled together. There is also currently no market for plastics overseas.

6.2 Plastic in road surfacing

A trial is still being evaluated. The first section was laid but was very difficult to use, they are now working on getting the formula right. Once they have the technical aspects of this sorted they will then need to look at the financial impact to determine if it is both a viable and cost effective process.

There being no further business, Committee Chairperson, Councillor N W Walker declared the meeting of the Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee closed at 11.39am.

Confirmed

Chairperson _____

N W Walker

20 August 2020