



MINUTES

Taranaki Solid Waste



Date: 3 March 2022, 10.30am
Venue: Taranaki Regional Council, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford
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Present	Councillors	A Jamieson B Roach M Chong D H McIntyre	Stratford District Council (<i>Deputy Chair</i>)* South Taranaki District Council – Late zoom New Plymouth District Council zoom Taranaki Regional Council zoom
Attending	Mrs Miss Ms Mr Mr Ms Ms Ms Mr	V McKay R Sweeney L Campbell J Cooper P McNamara J Dearden A Brash R Martin H Denton	Taranaki Regional Council Taranaki Regional Council Stratford District Council zoom Stratford District Council zoom Stratford District Council zoom New Plymouth District Council zoom New Plymouth District Council zoom South Taranaki District Council zoom South Taranaki District Council zoom
Apologies	An apology from Councillors N W Walker and R Handley and A J Matthews, Taranaki Regional Council was received and sustained. Jamieson/Chong		

**Due to the apology sustained from Councillor N W Walker, Councillor A Jamieson chaired the Taranaki Solid Waste Committee Meeting held 3 March 2022.*

Notification of Late Items There were no late items.

1. Confirmation of Minutes – 4 November 2021

Recommendations

That the Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee of the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) takes as read and confirms the minutes and resolutions of the Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee meeting held in the Taranaki Regional Council chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford on Thursday 4 November 2021 at 10.30am
- b) notes that the unconfirmed minutes of the Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee held at the Taranaki Regional Council, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford on Thursday 4 November 2021 have been circulated to the New Plymouth District Council, Stratford District Council and South Taranaki District Council for receipt and information.

Chong/McIntyre

2. Regional Waste Minimisation Officer's Activity Report

- 2.1 Ms J Dearden, New Plymouth District Council, spoke to the memorandum to inform the Committee of significant activities undertaken by the Regional Waste Minimisation Officer, in collaboration with the New Plymouth District Council, Stratford District Council and the South Taranaki District Council.
- 2.2 Ms A Brash, New Plymouth District Council, updated the Committee on the contamination audits currently taking place, including the annual recycling kerbside audit.
- 2.3 Ms R Martin, South Taranaki District Council, noted that education and higher fines for contaminated recyclables are unlikely to lead to necessary behaviour change, rather common plastics will need to be phased out or banned completely.
- 2.5 Ms A Brash, New Plymouth District Council, advised the Committee that they will be investigating measures to encourage better waste habits during the next retendering of the contract. Preparation for the retendering is beginning now, and it will be tendered later this year. Any changes and additions to rubbish removal charges would need to be handled appropriately through Council Bylaws.

Recommendations

That the Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee of the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives the memorandum *Regional Waste Minimisation officer's Activity Report*
- b) notes the activities of the Regional Waste Minimisation Officer.

Chong/McIntyre

3. Ministry for the Environment Consultation – Proposed Waste Strategy Regional Submission

- 3.1 Ms J Dearden, New Plymouth District Council, spoke to the memorandum for the Committee to receive and endorse the submission on the proposed waste strategy changes.
- 3.2 Ms J Dearden, New Plymouth District Council, spoke further to the current regional feasibility statement underway for the incineration of organic material, which focuses on food waste, wood waste and by-products from large food industries. It was noted that any plans for plastic incineration (i.e. a pyrolysis plant) would depend on Central Government requirements.
- 3.3 Ms R Martin, South Taranaki District Council, spoke further to pyrolysis plants, advising that the Ministry of Environment had expressed concerns about those plants receiving consents in New Zealand, due to emission implications. Additionally, due to the plants requiring a vast volume of waste over long periods of time in order to make them feasible, it is unlikely that there would be a large number of pyrolysis plants erected across the country.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee of the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives the memorandum *Ministry for the Environment Consultant – Proposed Waste Strategy Regional Submission*
- b) endorses the submission on the proposed waste strategy changes.
- Jamieson/Chong

Councillor B Roach joined at 10.56am

4. Update on Current Significant Projects for Taranaki

- 4.1 Ms R Martin, South Taranaki District Council, and Ms A Brash, New Plymouth District Council, spoke to the memorandum, providing the Committee with an update on a number of large projects that are currently underway in the region in relation to waste management and minimisation.
- 4.2 Ms R Martin, South Taranaki District Council, spoke further to the feasibility study for a regional organic waste facility, noting that initial stakeholder and iwi/hapū engagement has been completed, with a report due to be made available mid-late April 2022, with submissions taking place in May 2022. Once the submission process is complete, a workshop with elected members will take place.
- 4.3 Ms A Brash, New Plymouth District Council, spoke further to the Commercial Waste Sorting Facility, a tender is now open for the construction of the site and once closed, a subsequent tender will open for the operations of the site. EnviroWaste will be departing from site in April 2022, at which point New Plymouth District Council can take over. It is anticipated that the facility will be open circa July 2022.
- 4.4 Construction is underway for relocation of the New Plymouth transfer station, this will continue to be open to the public and used for any household waste.

- 4.5 The cost of using the commercial waste facility has not yet been determined, but there likely would be a charge, noting that this needs to be a cost effective operation while also ensuring that costs are in line with the market.
- 4.6 New Plymouth District Council is working closely with local markets to ensure that they are not doubling up on facilities that already exist in close proximity. The facility is being designed to be a 'one stop shop' to reduce pressure for waste services providers. The facility will separate good quality material and hand those over to local providers. Ideally, construction waste would be diverted from Cleanfills, creating a close circular economy for the materials in hope they will be put back into production.
- 4.7 Ms A Brash, New Plymouth District Council, provided an update on the Waste Collection Tender as the current contract is due to expire at the end of September 2024. The works are in the early stages but noted that a project team has been established which includes representatives from Councils across the country. A consultant is yet to be engaged to assist in the development and scope for the new contract.
- 4.8 Mr H Denton, South Taranaki District Council, noted that RFID (radio frequency identification) tags were relatively new and costly technology when the contract was last renewed. Now tags are generally standard when you purchase new bins. These tags will help to record data from bins as they are collected and can be used to correctly identify the household that may be not recycling right, or charge for landfill waste by weight (pay as you throw model). These are matters that will be considered when tendering for the new contract.
- 4.9 It was noted that extending the collection service to more rural areas was probably too costly at present, but the intent is to look at options for improving rural waste services as an action in the Council's Waste Management and Minimisation Plans.
- 4.10 Ms R Martin spoke further on the potential for electric vehicles to be used for waste collection.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee of the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives the memorandum *Update on the Current Significant Projects for Taranaki* Chong/McIntyre

There being no further business, Committee Chairperson, Councillor A Jamieson, declared the meeting of the Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee closed at 11.27am.

Confirmed

Chairperson _____

N W Walker
26 May 2022