



MINUTES

Taranaki Solid Waste

Date: 26 May 2022, 10.30am
Venue: Taranaki Regional Council, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford
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Present	Councillors	N W Walker A Jamieson B Roach M Chong D H McIntyre R Handley	Taranaki Regional Council (<i>Chairperson</i>) Stratford District Council (<i>Deputy Chair</i>) South Taranaki District Council New Plymouth District Council Taranaki Regional Council New Plymouth District Council <i>zoom</i>
Attending	Ms Mrs Miss Ms Ms Mr Mr Ms Ms Mr Ms Councillor	A Matthews V McKay R Sweeney L Jones L Campbell P McNamara J Cooper J Dearden R Martin J Beeslar T Hunt C L Littlewood	Taranaki Regional Council Taranaki Regional Council Taranaki Regional Council Taranaki Regional Council <i>zoom</i> Stratford District Council <i>zoom</i> Stratford District Council Stratford District Council New Plymouth District Council <i>zoom</i> South Taranaki District Council <i>zoom</i> South Taranaki District Council South Taranaki District Council <i>zoom</i> Taranaki Regional Council <i>zoom</i>

Apologies An apology from A Brash, New Plymouth District Council was received
Jamieson/Roach

Notification of Late Items There were no late items.

1. Confirmation of Minutes – 3 March 2022

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 3 March 2022 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 3 March 2022 have been circulated to the New Plymouth District Council, Stratford District Council and South Taranaki District Council for receipt and information.

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Matters Arising

- 1.1 Ms J Dearden, New Plymouth District Council, provided an update on the kerbside recycling audit. She advised that the audit was now complete and data being analysed, and that information would then be circulated to the Committee once available, noting that it would be prior to the next meeting.
- 1.2 Ms J Dearden shared a slide showing the Material Recycling Facilities (MRF) result for April was 19%, a reduction from 25% in previous months. It was noted that the aim is to further reduce this to 8%. It was also noted that the reduction was not believed to be related to COVID.
- 1.3 Ms J Dearden advised that the Strength, Weakness, Opportunity and Threat (SWOT) report will provide further information in order to inform further actions to improve compliance with kerbside recycling requirements.
- 1.4 A discussion was had surrounding how other districts are progressing with contamination rates. It was noted that the Hawkes Bay District Council has a 2% community contamination rates. The Committee requested that an invitation be extended to Hawkes Bay District Council to attend the next meeting to share any learnings with the Committee.

2. Regional Submission for Ministry for the Environment Consultation – Transforming your Recycling

- 2.1 Ms J Dearden, New Plymouth District Council, spoke to advise Members that the Ministry for the Environment (MfE) has released a consultation document 'Transforming Your Recycling'. Submissions were open up until 22 May 2022. A draft submission was circulated to the Members of this Committee on 18 May 2022.
- 2.2 Ms R Martin, South Taranaki District Council, provided further details on how a container return scheme could work for the region after concern was expressed by the Committee on how practical it would be for rural towns to manage a return scheme. As works are still being done, there have been no formal decisions made however, consideration is being given to ensuring accessibility across the region. The proposal includes stores over 60 sqm which would encompass Four Square Supermarkets located in many small rural towns.

- 2.3 Ms R Martin spoke further to the diversion of organic waste from landfill, noting that the feasibility assessment of required infrastructure has now been completed and that a workshop will take place with all Councils.
- 2.4 Ms J Dearden gave a further update on the engagement survey, information is being compiled for a gap analysis which will identify the barriers and assist in setting new processes. An overview of the survey results will be presented to the Committee at the next meeting. As there are three rounds of engagement, it allows ample time for consultation and feedback from the community.
- 2.5 A discussion was had surrounding collection impacts for glass recycling due to contractor staffing impacts as a result of COVID.

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/Roach

3. Regional Annual Education Plan 2022/2023

- 3.1 Ms R Martin, South Taranaki District Council, spoke to the memorandum Regional Annual Education Plan 2022/2023.
- 3.2 Ms R Martin advised the Committee that education is funded by the waste levy as opposed to rates directly. Currently the Litter Act and the Waste Minimisation Act are under review, that review will look at giving more power to Councils which then provides an opportunity to reassess programme funding.
- 3.3 Ms J Dearden, New Plymouth District Council, provided an update on the Agrecovery 'One stop shop events' advised that there was regional funding to hold more events in future however, an alternative provider would be involved due to unforeseen circumstance when it came to the disposal of the materials (i.e. offshore) and some materials offering no end use.
- 3.4 Ms R Martin responded to a suggestion of Farmsource being an alternative provider, noting that a number of suppliers offer chemical and silage wrap collection services. Agrecovery was primarily funded through MfE. Investigations are underway to potentially subsidise the service.

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*
Walker/Jamieson

4. General Business

- 4.1 Chairman N W Walker, requested for an EnviroWaste representative to be invited along to the next Committee meeting.
- 4.2 Next Committee meeting to be held at the Junction with Sustainable Taranaki.

There being no further business, Committee Chairperson, N W Walker, declared the meeting of the Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee closed at 11.52am.

Confirmed

Chairperson _____

N W Walker
18 August 2022