

**Board Meeting – NorPen Office, St. Anthony****Date and Time:** July 27, 2021, 4:10 pm**In person:** Minister Bernard Davis, Mrs. Davis, Hauna Sheppard, (Manager), Gerry Gros (Chair), Darlene Newman, & Kaylie Decker.

1. **Welcome:** Chair welcomed everyone.
2. **Business**– discussed the current condition of the landfill sites in our four sub-regions.

A. Provincial Waste Management Strategy | Inspection of Landfills

Minister Davis's feedback was overall fine. He specifically said he was pleased with the operations in Roddickton – Subregion 2. The landfill in St. Anthony – Subregion 1 was especially concerning. We need to find a solution when it comes to Subregion 1 Landfill and its end-of-life state.

[Obstacles]

Financial: Minister Davis states "this is not an easy situation". Gerry states that "shipping waste to Norris Point would be of very high costs to residents which would be a challenge".

- ⇒ Since the Covid-19 pandemic occurred NorPen has had a 50% decrease in revenue.
- ⇒ *** There are 80 communities in our area and only 14 municipalities – the remainder is LSD'S. The lack of cooperation in unincorporated communities is unacceptable.
- ⇒ If the cost of yearly waste fees were to increase the Chair feels it would be extremely hard to sell that value to residents.
- ⇒ Overburden of fill due to lack of resources.
- ⇒ Low and aging population. ~65% of population is over the age of 65.
- ⇒ Overall, lack of ample monies is the main source of issue when it comes to paying for necessary upgrades to our facilities.

- ⇒ There is an unnecessary amount of recyclables plastics at our landfills.
- ⇒ Possible carbon footprint of trucks trucking waste to transfer stations.

[Solutions]

- ⇒ Davis: "These matters need to be taken to MMSB".
- ⇒ Forming a strong relationship and understanding with the municipalities to see efficient results.
- ⇒ Satellite locations where residents can drop off their recyclables. EX: BA Carpentry, St. Barbe.
- ⇒ The Chair brought forth the benefits of there being a "universal fee" province wide.
- ⇒ ***Make the transition from current waste management strategies to new strategies as easy as possible for residents.
- ⇒ Shipping waste would require compact trucks and/or a travelling shredder.

[SUB 1-Possible Construction of New Site/Update Current Site]

- ⇒ Organized containers that would appeal to residents as they access our landfills – would be located on the front end of the landfill. EX: a proper container for electronics rather than no container.
- ⇒ Anerobic digestion methods was thought of but not a viable solution for NorPen.
- ⇒ Ideally, we want to divert waste properly so there is not unnecessary waste being dumped on a new site. This would in turn prolong the life span of the new site.

- ⇒ We understand that to properly discuss these matters it will require multiple meetings.
- ⇒ The Chair suggests that these meetings should be face to face.
- ⇒ Aiming for October 2021.
- ⇒ **TAKE AWAY:** convert what we want to pen and paper which will then be submitted to appropriate parties for solutions prior to meeting again.
- ⇒ Contact Krista and communicate this with her, also inquire about who should be in attendance.

B. Illegal Dumping/Burning of Waste

[Obstacles]

- ⇒ This is a serious ongoing issue in our area.
- ⇒ We are lacking proper assistance when it comes to monitoring these occurrences.
- ⇒ Hard to stop unless you are on site and witnessing the crime.
- ⇒ NorPen losing a high percentage of revenue due to business burning waste

[Solutions]

- ⇒ Other regions use wildlife officers and outside affiliates to assist with patrolling suspected areas.
- ⇒ Card system like Burin.

C. Waste Collection Truck

[Obstacles]

- ⇒ Manager informed NorPen only received a bank lone for three trucks, and not four which is needed, and currently as the cost to rent. During a meeting with Minister Bennet he stated that assistance would be available for NorPen to get a truck. Unfortunately, due to Covid no trucks available until 2022. We are seeking reassurance that NorPen will be still receive finance assistance with a collection truck once they are available.

[Solutions]

- ⇒ Once the standing offers are in place, sent an invoice.
- ⇒ Minister Davis agreed he will still try to honour this commitment.

