



Regional District of Central Kootenay

JOINT RESOURCE RECOVERY COMMITTEE MEETING

Open Meeting Minutes

A Joint Resource Recovery Committee meeting was held on Wednesday, January 15, 2025
1:00 pm PST / 2:00 pm MST through a hybrid meeting model.

ELECTED OFFICIALS	Director G. Jackman	Electoral Area A	In-person
PRESENT	Director R. Tierney	Electoral Area B	In-person
	Director K. Vandenberghe	Electoral Area C	In-person
	Director A. Watson	Electoral Area D	In-person
	Alt. Director J. Smienk	Electoral Area E	In-person
	Director T. Newell	Electoral Area F	In-person
	Director H. Cunningham	Electoral Area G	In-person
	Director W. Popoff	Electoral Area H (Chair)	In-person
	Director A. Davidoff	Electoral Area I	
	Director H. Hanegraaf	Electoral Area J	In-person
	Director T. Weatherhead	Electoral Area K	In-person
	Director M. McFaddin	City of Castlegar	In-person
	Director A. DeBoon	Town of Creston	
	Director S. Hewat	Village of Kaslo	In-person
	Director T. Zeleznik	Village of Nakusp	
	Director K. Page	City of Nelson	In-person
	Alt. Director Fyke	Village of New Denver	
	Director D. Lockwood	Village of Salmo	
	Director L. Main	Village of Silverton	In-person
	Director E. Buller	Village of Slocan	
STAFF PRESENT	S. Horn	Corporate Administrative Officer	
	U. Wolf	General Manager – Environmental Services	
	A. Wilson	Resource Recovery Manager	
	A. Hamilton	Environmental Projects Lead	
	H. Bench	Resource Recovery Projects Advisor	
	T. Johnston	Environmental Coordinator	
	M. Morrison	Organics Coordinator	
	E. Clark	Meeting Coordinator	
	N. Metz	Alt. Meeting Coordinator	

1. ZOOM REMOTE MEETING INFO

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://rdck-bc-ca.zoom.us/j/98572164791?pwd=plCY9ggLwVZtdzR2zmtuHXJOMq138L.1>

Meeting ID: 985 7216 4791

Passcode: 701014

Dial by your location

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In-Person Meeting Location for Hybrid Meeting Model

The following location was determined to hold the in-person meetings for the Joint Resource Recovery Committee:

Location Name: RDCK Board Room

Location Address: 202 Lakeside Drive, Nelson, BC

2. CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

Chair Popoff called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

2.1 Traditional Lands Acknowledgement Statement

We acknowledge and respect the indigenous peoples within whose traditional lands we are meeting today.

2.2 Adoption of the Agenda

Moved and seconded,
And resolved:

The Agenda for the January 15, 2025 Joint Resource Recovery Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried

2.3 Receipt of Minutes

The December 11, 2024 Joint Resource Recovery Committee Minutes have been received with the following revision:

Addition of “on a 5-year schedule” to Item 3, paragraph 2, of the first motion.

**DIRECTOR
PRESENT**

Director Buller joined the meeting at 1:04 pm.

3. RESOURCE RECOVERY BYLAW NO. 2961, 2025 – REPEALING RESOURCE RECOVERY BYLAW NO. 2905, 2023

[All Areas]

The January 15, 2025 Committee Report from Todd Johnston, Environmental Coordinator presenting the proposed Resource Recovery Bylaw No.2961, 2025 (the Bylaw), to REPEAL Resource Recovery Facilities Regulatory Bylaw No. 2905, 2023 (2905); and to present the proposed Resource Recovery Amendment Bylaw No. 3011, 2025 (The Amendment Bylaw), has been received.

Director Hewat called Point of Order for clarity on whether recommendations were being voted on as a block or individually.

Moved and seconded, to be moved as a block.

And resolved that it be recommended to the Board:

That the *Resource Recovery Facilities Regulatory Bylaw No. 2961, 2025*, be read a first, second and third time by content to repeal and replace *Resource Recovery Facilities Regulatory Bylaw No. 2905, 2023*.

That the *Resource Recovery Facilities Regulatory Bylaw No. 2961, 2025*, be ADOPTED and the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the same.

That the *Resource Recovery Facilities Regulatory Amendment Bylaw No. 3011, 2025*, with updated tipping fees aligned with the proposed Tipping Fee Cost Recovery Objectives on a 5-year schedule, be read a first, second and third time by content to amend *Resource Recovery Facilities Regulatory Bylaw No. 2961, 2025*.

That the *Resource Recovery Facilities Regulatory Amendment Bylaw No. 3011, 2025*, with updated tipping fees aligned with the proposed Tipping Fee Cost Recovery Objectives on a 5-year schedule, be ADOPTED and the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the same.

That the Board direct staff to present tipping fee increases in January of 2026, 2027, 2028, and 2029 aligned with the proposed Tipping Fee Cost Recovery Objectives on a 5-year schedule, identified in the RESOURCE RECOVERY BYLAW NO. 2961, 2025 – REPEALING RESOURCE RECOVERY BYLAW NO. 2905, 2023 Committee Report brought to the January 15, 2025 Joint Resource Recovery Committee with adjustments for inflation, for subsequent amendments.

Defeated

Moved and seconded, for recommendations 1 – 4 to be moved as a block

And resolved that it be recommended to the Board:

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That the *Resource Recovery Facilities Regulatory Bylaw No. 2961, 2025*, be ADOPTED and the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the same.

That the *Resource Recovery Facilities Regulatory Amendment Bylaw No. 3011, 2025*, with updated

tipping fees aligned with the proposed Tipping Fee Cost Recovery Objectives on a 3-year schedule, be read a first, second and third time by content to amend *Resource Recovery Facilities Regulatory Bylaw No. 2961, 2025*.

That the *Resource Recovery Facilities Regulatory Amendment Bylaw No. 3011, 2025*, with updated tipping fees aligned with the proposed Tipping Fee Cost Recovery Objectives on a 3-year schedule, be ADOPTED and the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the same.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And resolved that it be recommended to the Board:

That the Board direct staff to present tipping fee increases in January of 2026 and 2027, aligned with the proposed Tipping Fee Cost Recovery Objectives on a 3-year schedule, identified in the RESOURCE RECOVERY BYLAW NO. 2961, 2025 – REPEALING RESOURCE RECOVERY BYLAW NO. 2905, 2023 Committee Report brought to the January 15, 2025 Joint Resource Recovery Committee with adjustments for inflation, for subsequent amendments.

Defeated

RECESS / The meeting recessed at 2:22 pm for a break and reconvened at 2:38 pm.
RECONVENE

4. ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING PROGRAM CONTRACT AWARD

[All Areas]

The January 15, 2025 Committee Report from Heidi Bench, Projects Advisor presenting a recommendation for the Environmental Monitoring RFP Contract Award, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And resolved that it be recommended to the Board:

That the Board approve the RDCK entering into a Consulting Services Agreement with Masse Environmental Consultants for the Resource Recovery Environmental Monitoring Program for the period of January 31, 2025 to March 31, 2028, with the option for up to two (2) one (1) year extensions;

AND FURTHER, that as part of this agreement, Masse Environmental Consultants will sub-contract ALS Canada Ltd. to provide laboratory services for the duration of the Consulting Services Agreement for the Resource Recovery Environmental Monitoring Program;

AND FURTHER, that the total costs for the three-year contract period be paid from the following Services:

- S186 East Resource Recovery Waste Service, not to exceed \$139,365.50
- S187 Central Resource Recovery Waste Service, not to exceed \$212,880.71
- S188 West Resource Recovery Waste Service, not to exceed \$95,966.27
- A119 East Resource Recovery Compost Service, not to exceed \$18,009.55
- A120 Central-West Resource Recovery Compost Service, not to exceed \$44,773.81

AND FURTHER, that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents.

Carried

5. INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL AND INSTITUTIONAL ORGANICS COLLECTION PILOT PROGRAM SUPPORTS & DISPOSAL BAN INVESTIGATION

The December 3, 2024 Committee Report from Amy Wilson, Resource Recovery Manager requesting an authorization for a Municipal Finance Authority equipment financing for the 2024 Central Loader, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
MOTION ONLY

That the Board approve the proposed subsidies and supports for the Industrial, Commercial and Institutional organics diversion pilot program within the City of Nelson, including:

- a. A pilot reduction in commercial organics tipping fees from \$96.75/tonne to \$55/tonne.
- b. Provision of education and training support for participating businesses.
- c. Development of a communications program to promote and support the pilot.
- d. Rebates for up to two organic waste carts for the first 25 participating businesses.

AND FURTHER that \$8,500 be included in the draft 2025-2029 Financial Plan for Service S187 Central Subregion Resource Recovery to fund portions of the communications program materials that are specific to the City of Nelson, and the rebates for the organic waste carts;

AND FURTHER that \$4,000 be included in the draft 2025-2029 Financial Plan for Allocation Service A102 Resource Recovery to fund portions of the communications program materials that are more general and can be utilized for future pilot programs in other communities.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION

That the foregoing motion being:

That the Board approve the proposed subsidies and supports for the Industrial, Commercial and Institutional organics diversion pilot program within the City of Nelson, including:

- a. A pilot reduction in commercial organics tipping fees from \$96.75/tonne to \$55/tonne.
- b. Provision of education and training support for participating businesses.
- c. Development of a communications program to promote and support the pilot.
- d. Rebates for up to two organic waste carts for the first 25 participating businesses.

AND FURTHER that \$8,500 be included in the draft 2025-2029 Financial Plan for Service S187 Central Subregion Resource Recovery to fund portions of the communications program materials that are specific to the City of Nelson, and the rebates for the organic waste carts;

AND FURTHER that \$4,000 be included in the draft 2025-2029 Financial Plan for Allocation Service A102 Resource Recovery to fund portions of the communications program materials that are more general and can be utilized for future pilot programs in other communities.

Be amended to include “*or equipment for processing*”, thus reading:

That the Board approve the proposed subsidies and supports for the Industrial, Commercial and Institutional organics diversion pilot program within the City of Nelson, including:

- a. A pilot reduction in commercial organics tipping fees from \$96.75/tonne to \$55/tonne.*
- b. Provision of education and training support for participating businesses.*
- c. Development of a communications program to promote and support the pilot.*
- d. Rebates for up to two organic waste carts or equipment for processing for the first 25 participating businesses.*

AND FURTHER that \$8,500 be included in the draft 2025-2029 Financial Plan for Service S187 Central Subregion Resource Recovery to fund portions of the communications program materials that are specific to the City of Nelson, and the rebates for the organic waste carts;

AND FURTHER that \$4,000 be included in the draft 2025-2029 Financial Plan for Allocation Service A102 Resource Recovery to fund portions of the communications program materials that are more general and can be utilized for future pilot programs in other communities.

Defeated

DIRECTOR Director DeBoon left the meeting at 3:25 pm.
ABSENT

Moved and seconded,
MOTION ONLY

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- d. Rebates for up to two organic waste carts for the first 25 participating businesses.

AND FURTHER that \$8,500 be included in the draft 2025-2029 Financial Plan for Service S187 Central Subregion Resource Recovery to fund portions of the communications program materials that are specific to the City of Nelson, and the rebates for the organic waste carts;

AND FURTHER that \$4,000 be included in the draft 2025-2029 Financial Plan for Allocation Service A102 Resource Recovery to fund portions of the communications program materials that are more general and can be utilized for future pilot programs in other communities.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:
AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION

That the foregoing motion being:

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- a. A pilot reduction in commercial organics tipping fees from \$96.75/tonne to \$55/tonne.
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AND FURTHER that \$8,500 be included in the draft 2025-2029 Financial Plan for Service S187 Central Subregion Resource Recovery to fund portions of the communications program materials that are specific to the City of Nelson, and the rebates for the organic waste carts;

AND FURTHER that \$4,000 be included in the draft 2025-2029 Financial Plan for Allocation Service A102 Resource Recovery to fund portions of the communications program materials that are more general and can be utilized for future pilot programs in other communities.

Be amended to increase the amount of \$8,500 to \$12,500 and to remove the last paragraph, thus reading:

That the Board approve the proposed subsidies and supports for the Industrial, Commercial and Institutional organics diversion pilot program within the City of Nelson, including:

- a. A pilot reduction in commercial organics tipping fees from \$96.75/tonne to \$55/tonne.*
- b. Provision of education and training support for participating businesses.*
- c. Development of a communications program to promote and support the pilot.*
- d. Rebates for up to two organic waste carts for the first 25 participating businesses.*

AND FURTHER that \$12,500 be included in the draft 2025-2029 Financial Plan for Service S187 Central Subregion Resource Recovery to fund portions of the communications program materials that are specific to the City of Nelson, and the rebates for the organic waste carts.

Defeated

Director Davidoff called a Point of Order that the amended motion be clarified.

Moved and seconded,
And resolved that it be **recommended** to the Board:

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Carried

Moved and seconded,

And resolved that it be recommended to the Board:

That the Board direct staff to investigate the feasibility of implementing an Industrial, Commercial and Institutional organics disposal ban, and to return to the Committee in Q3 2025 with a framework for implementing a disposal ban for discussion.

Carried

6. CORRESPONDENCE FOR RECEIPT

6.1 Letter dated December 14, 2024 from the Village of Silverton regarding potential Tipping Fee Increases

6.2 Healthy Community Society of the North Slokan Valley – Organics Program Report for 2024 and 2025 Program Budget

7. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair called for questions from the public and members of the media at 3:54 pm.
No questions from the public.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved and seconded,

And resolved:

The Joint Resource Recovery Committee meeting adjourned at 3:55 pm.

Carried

CERTIFIED CORRECT

Approved by

Director W. Popoff, Chair

January 15, 2025

Joint Resource Recovery Committee Meeting

BOARD RESOLUTIONS AS ADOPTED AT THE JANUARY 15, 2025 JOINT RESOURCE RECOVERY COMMITTEE MEETING

RECOMMENDATION #1

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RECOMMENDATION #4

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