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**MINUTES**  
of the  
**NELSON-TASMAN REGIONAL LANDFILL BUSINESS UNIT**  
**MEETING**  
held  
**9.30 am, Thursday, 15 June 2017**  
at  
**Tasman Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond**

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**Present:** Councillors I Barker, S G Bryant, C M Maling and S Walker

**In Attendance:** Engineering Services Manager (R Kirby), Executive Assistant (R L Scherer), Asset Engineer – Waste Management and Minimisation (D Stephenson), Project Manager (J Robinson), (Tasman District Council)

General Manager – Infrastructure Services (A Louverdis), Senior Asset Engineer (J Thiant) and Management Accountant (A Bishop), (Nelson City Council)

**Part Attendance:**

**1 OPENING, WELCOME**

Richard Kirby assumed the Chair and opened the meeting.

**2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

There were no apologies.

**3 PUBLIC FORUM**

Nil

**4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Nil

**5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

This is the first meeting of the Nelson Tasman Regional Landfill Business Unit and there were no previous minutes.

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## **6 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON AND DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON**

Mr Kirby noted that the quorum for the Nelson-Tasman Regional Landfill Business Unit was three (3) members, not two (2) as stated in today's agenda.

Mr Kirby called for nominations for the Chairperson.

**Moved Cr Maling/Cr Barker**

**RLBU17-06-01**

**That Cr Stuart Walker is appointed as the Chairperson of the Nelson-Tasman Regional Landfill Business Unit.**

**CARRIED**

Cr Walker assumed the Chair and called for nominations for Deputy Chairperson.

**Moved Cr Maling/Cr Barker**

**RLBU17-06-02**

**That Cr Stuart Bryant is appointed as the Deputy Chairperson of the Nelson-Tasman Regional Landfill Business Unit.**

**CARRIED**

## **7 REPORTS**

### **7.1 General Manager's Update**

Mr Kirby spoke to the report contained in the agenda which was taken as read.

In response to a question about the option to take contaminated soil at Eves Valley Landfill, Mr Stephenson said that the most cost-effective and best place for dumping of contaminated soil in either Tasman or Nelson will be determined by staff.

Mr Stephenson said that there is about 60,000 tonnes capacity available for landfilling at Eves Valley Landfill. He noted that Eves Valley will be the standby landfill for the region should something major happen at the York Valley landfill.

In response to a question, Mr Stephenson provided an update on the Eves Valley Landfill resource consent which had been placed on hold while the joint landfill business unit was being developed. He said that now that the governance arrangements for regional landfill activities had been confirmed staff will get the resource consent process completed.

In response to a question, Mr Stephenson explained how the joint waste management plan will be managed and noted that the councils need to decide how they wish to manage council oversight of the plan for this triennium. He suggested that the council's may decide for the Nelson-Tasman Landfill Business Unit to also be the working group.

In response to a question about the Fulton Hogan contract at Eves Valley, Mr Stephenson reported that staff had negotiated an extension of the current contract for maintenance only. Fulton Hogan staff will complete the closure of the landfill and after that they will provide a

monitoring role under the contract.

~~Mr Stephenson said that the Tasman District Council's contract with Smart Environmental for disposal of Buller District waste at landfill will be novated to the NTRLBU and this will be confirmed at the next meeting.<sup>1</sup>~~

<sup>1</sup>Note – the NTRLBU is not a legal entity and therefore the contract cannot be novated to the NTRLBU.

In response to a question about contaminated soil, Mr Louverdis said that Nelson City Council has strict criteria on what contaminated soil can be accepted at the York Valley Landfill. He noted that there are stringent consent conditions and if the customer cannot adhere to those consent conditions, the fill is not accepted.

Mr Stephenson confirmed that Tasman District Council has a similar set of criteria for contaminated soil disposal at the Eves Valley Landfill.

Mr Louverdis said that examples of unacceptable contaminated soil included soil from farming sites where chemicals, arsenic and methyl-bromide had been used. Mr Stephenson said that some material from the former Fruitgrowers Chemical plan site at Mapua had not been accepted at the Eves Valley Landfill. It was noted that there are higher levels of chrome and nickel contamination in the Nelson-Tasman region.

Mr Kirby spoke about the proposed waste to energy plant in Westport. He noted that the consortium who were looking to build the plant had asked both councils to sign a Heads of Agreement which would allow discussions to continue on the potential to divert some of the region's waste stream to their proposed plant in Westport.

Mr Kirby noted that to be economical, the proposed plant would need 300,000 of waste and this may come from other parts of the South Island as well as Nelson-Tasman.

The Committee supported both councils signing the Heads of Agreement and continuing discussions with the developer.

### **Moved Cr Bryant/Cr Barker**

#### **That the Nelson-Tasman Regional Landfill Business Unit**

- 1. receives the General Manager's Update report; and**
- 2. agrees to meet four times each year in March, June, September and December; and**
- 3. agrees to hold the remaining meetings for 2017 on 15 September and 8 December, from 9.30 am in line with the current meetings calendar for both councils; and**
- 4. recommends that both Tasman District and Nelson City Councils sign the Heads of Agreement with Waste Energy WC Ltd on the understanding that it is to progress discussions around the waste stream and not a commitment to diverting the solid waste stream out of the Nelson Tasman region.**

**CARRIED**

**7.2 Schedule of Charges - Landfill Disposal**

Mr Stephenson spoke to the report contained in the agenda which was taken as read. He noted that the report formalises and sets fees and charges for the 2017-2018 financial year, which have been adopted by both councils in their respective annual plans.

The Councillors expressed their disappointment with the Emissions Trading Scheme Levy which is driving the increase in charges for landfill disposal in our region.

**Bryant/Maling**

**That the Nelson-Tasman Regional Landfill Business Unit**

- 1. receives the Schedule of Charges - Landfill Disposal report; and**
- 2. adopts the following Schedule of Charges for the Nelson Tasman Regional Landfill Business Unit:**

All Rubbish (except as below).....	\$137.00	per tonne
Buried rubbish (e.g. documents, odourous materials).....	\$137.00	per tonne plus
all associated costs		
Asbestos .....	\$137.00	per tonne plus
all associated costs		
Light waste (e.g. polystyrene or similar) .....	\$1800.00	per tonne
<b>HAIL (Hazardous Activities and Industries List) material</b>		
0 - 17,000 tonnes .....	\$107.25	per tonne
> 17,000 tonnes .....	\$101.30	per tonne
Soil that has been tested, meets the NESCS recreation standards and can be used as construction or cover material. Residential only.....	\$71.50	per tonne

**CARRIED**

**8 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION**  
Nil

The meeting concluded at 10.10 am

Date Confirmed:

Chair: