



MINUTES

**CERTIFICATION OF CONFIRMATION OF
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

5 August 2010

I, Mr Shane Purdy, hereby certify that the following minutes pages 1 to 7 of the Meeting of **TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE** held on 5 August 2010 were confirmed at a meeting of the Committee held on 18 November 2010.



Signature

Mr Shane Purdy

Person presiding at the Committee Meeting held on 18 November 2010

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

5 August 2010

(REF: COMMITTEES-11259)

A meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee was held at the EMRC Administration Office, 1st Floor, 226 Great Eastern Highway, BELMONT WA 6104 on **Thursday, 5 August 2010**. The meeting commenced at **4.02pm**.

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1 DECLARATION OF OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Chairman opened the meeting at 4.02pm.

2 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED

Committee Members

| | | |
|---|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Mr Shane Purdy (Chairman) | Director Infrastructure Services | Shire of Mundaring |
| Mr Simon Stewart-Dawkins | Director Operational Services | Town of Bassendean |
| Mr Doug Pearson | Director Technical Services | City of Bayswater |
| Mr Ric Lutey | Director Technical Services | City of Belmont |
| Mr Mahesh Singh | Director Engineering Services | Shire of Kalamunda |
| Mr Jim Coten (Deputy Chairman) | Executive Manager Operations | City of Swan |
| Mr Peter Schneider | Chief Executive Officer | |

EMRC Officers

| | |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Mr Johan le Roux | Acting Director Waste Services |
| Ms Rhonda Hardy | Director Regional Services |
| Mr Stephen Fitzpatrick | Manager Project Development |
| Ms Bonnie Kinsman | Administration Officer (Minutes) |

EMRC Apologies

| | |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Mr Brian Jones | Director Waste Services |
| Ms Robyn O'Callaghan | Director Corporate Services |
| Mr Brian Bushby | Manager Operations |

Deputy Committee Members - Observers

| | | |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Mr Kevin Davidson | Manager Health & Ranger Services | City of Belmont |
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Observer(s)

| | |
|----------------|--------|
| Ms Bonnie Hall | Cardno |
| Mr John King | Cardno |

3 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Nil

4 ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN OR PERSON PRESIDING WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Nil



9 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

9.1 WASTE MANAGEMENT CONTINGENCY FEES AND CHARGES

REFERENCE: COMMITTEES-11275

PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of the report is to seek Council's approval for amendments to the 2010/2011 Schedule of Fees and Charges to include alternative fees and charges in the event of weighbridges being out of operation and to alter the fee structure for Class V waste disposal.

KEY ISSUES AND RECOMMENDATION(S)

- The 2010/2011 Schedule of Fees and Charges does not provide for an event where weighbridges at Red Hill Waste Management Facility are not operational.
- It is proposed that an alternative method to charge is set in place in the event of weighbridges at Red Hill Waste Management Facility not being operational.
- The current rate for the disposal of Class V waste does not cover the cost of all the available methods to remediate waste down to Class IV in order for Red Hill Waste Management Facility to dispose thereof within the approved license conditions.
- It is proposed to replace the current rate of \$600.00 per tonne (ex GST) for the disposal of Class V waste at Red Hill Waste Management Facility with an alternative fee structure.

Recommendation(s)

That:

1. In the event that the weighbridges at Red Hill Waste Management Facility are not operational, vehicles be charged according to their carrying capacity (in tonne) multiplied by the appropriate rate from the schedule of fees and charges according to the type of waste being disposed.
2. The current rate of \$600.00 per tonne (ex GST) for the disposal of Class V material at Red Hill Waste Management Facility be withdrawn from the Schedule of Fees and Charges for 2010/2011.
3. The rate for concrete encapsulated drums (drums not to exceed measurements of 1000 mm high and 600 mm in diameter) be set at \$520 (ex GST) per drum plus a handling fee of \$122.73 (ex GST) per truck for the disposal of Class V waste at Red Hill Waste Management Facility for the 2010/2011 financial year.
4. The rate for concrete encapsulated bulka bags (measuring 1.1 m x 1.1 m x 1.1 m) be set at \$900 (ex GST) per bulka bag plus a handling fee of \$122.73 (ex GST) per truck for the disposal of Class V waste at Red Hill Waste Management Facility for the 2010/2011 financial year.
5. The relevant fees and charges be advertised in accordance with Section 6.19 of the Local Government Act 1995.

SOURCE OF REPORT

Acting Director Waste Services



Item 9.1 continued

BACKGROUND

At its meeting held on 17 June 2010 Council resolved that:

- “1. The 2010/2011 draft fees and charges for waste management, including an additional \$2.00 increase to the base tipping fee and relating fees, forming the attachment to this report, be adopted and be effective as from 1 July 2010 with the base tipping fee for member councils to increase by a further \$2.00 per tonne to \$40.00 per tonne (ex GST).*
- 2. The relevant fees and charges be advertised in accordance with section 6.19 of the local government act 1995.”*

REPORT

At the Red Hill Waste Management Facility (RHWMF) disposal fees are calculated according to the “weigh in, weigh out” system. Each load (weighed in tonne) is therefore charged according to the appropriate fee on the Schedule of Fees and Charges. Waste disposal at RHWMF is therefore reliant on a fully functional weighbridge system. Although management at RHWMF is diligent and ensures that all systems are functional at all times it is possible that system failures due to lighting strikes, hardware failure, software failure, etc. can occur. The current Schedule of Fees and Charges does not make provision for such an event as the bulk of the fees and charges are based on a per tonne rate.

In the event that the weighbridges at RHWMF are not working due to power failure, system failure, maintenance or repairs etc, it is proposed that vehicles are charged according to their carrying capacity (in tonne) and the appropriate fee from the schedule of fees and charges.

This amendment is proposed to ensure continued operations when the weighbridges are not operational and will not affect cars, utes and trailers as they are not charged according to the tonne rate.

The second proposed amendment to the Schedule of Fees and Charges is to the rate of the Special Waste Class V. A recent enquiry, for the disposal of a substantial amount of Class V waste, alluded management to the problem that the current rate of \$600 per tonne would not cover actual costs due to the required method of treatment. Although RHWMF is not licensed for the disposal of Class V waste, it is acceptable for RHWMF to accept Class V waste provided it is remediated down to Class IV (or even Class III) and disposed of according to the license conditions. The most common way of remediation is to encapsulate the Class V waste in concrete in the Class IV cell. Other remediation measures that are rarely used by the EMRC differ for each case of Class V waste received by RHWMF. This makes it difficult to apply one standard rate per tonne.

It is proposed that rates be approved for the most commonly used concrete encapsulation methods. These are the concrete encapsulation of drums (rate per drum) and the concrete encapsulation of “bulka bags” (rate per bulka bag).

It is proposed that the following rates replace the current \$600 (ex GST) per tonne rate in the 2010/2011 schedule of fees and charges. The proposed rate for concrete encapsulated drums (not exceeding measurements of 1000 mm high and 600 mm diameter) is \$520 (ex GST) per drum plus a handling fee of \$122.73 (ex GST) per truck. The proposed rate for concrete encapsulated bulka bags (measuring 1.1 m x 1.1 m x 1.1 m) is \$900 (ex GST) per bulka bag plus a handling fee of \$122.73 (ex GST) per truck. The handling fee is already part of the approved schedule of fees and charges for 2010/2011.

STRATEGIC/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The amendment of the fees and charges contributes to the Key Result Area 4 – Good Governance of the EMRC’s Strategic Plan for the Future, specifically Objective 4.1:

- 4.1 To improve member Council and EMRC financial viability.



Item 9.1 continued

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The amendments to the Fees and Charges have been developed to ensure that the Red Hill Waste Management Facility operations are undertaken in a fiscally responsible manner.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

The proposed amendments to the Fees and Charges will ensure the Red Hill Waste Management Facility is operated in a socially, environmentally and financially responsible manner.

MEMBER COUNCIL IMPLICATIONS

| Member Council | Implication Details |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| Town of Bassendean | } Nil |
| City of Bayswater | |
| City of Belmont | |
| Shire of Kalamunda | |
| Shire of Mundaring | |
| City of Swan | |

ATTACHMENT(S)

Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Absolute Majority

RECOMMENDATION(S)

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Item 9.1 continued

The Acting Director Waste Services provided a summary of the report and expanded on the 2 matters discussed within the report.

TAC RECOMMENDATION(S)

MOVED MR LUTEY

SECONDED MR STEWERT-DAWKINS

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

