

## Solid Waste Committee Meeting Minutes 05-24-21

Present: Tom, Jon, Harvey, Paul, Matt (EcoMaine)

Discussion on 1451 on producer responsibility, this is the stronger of the two bills. Matt indicated the session was nearing its end, and if either bill advanced, it would be 1451.

- Relators' reactions to Bin pricing  
Jon received correspondence from Susan Hill (Maritime Realty) expressing displeasure at not giving to realtors for their clients, Paul reported that all three realtors were not happy not being able to pick up "free" bins on behalf of their clients. Susan Hill reported she would pay for the 24 they would buy. We will give 200 away on the 26th.
- Status of Relator information distribution
- Planning for the 26 June Event - Jon is concerned about traffic at the event. This is not a drive-through event, so there should be space for parking. Jon will ask Mike to get a traffic sign a few days before. Lisa and Vanessa, and the intern are coming from Ecomaine. We will need a signup for that day. Table and money box if we sell bins. Jon will bring a cash box. Jon will ask Mike to bring orange cones. Flyers will come today when the bins are picked up. Matt has a letter to the editor for Jon to submit. Matt will put out a press release. Paul reported Growth Planning would have a table, Tom suggested we invite Heritage Housing, and Jon had invited Climate Initiative.

Volunteers —Dave will do 9-11, Jon all-day

- Comments for ecomaine re: K'port Contamination — All good so far, Paul suggested we inform the public that we have not had contamination charges so far. Matt offered to do a letter /press release on this.

Matt reported the markets have picked up for recycling in the past seven months, now receiving \$25 per ton for paper (instead of paying \$25), cardboard is up, and plastics are good too. #2 plastics used for plastic lumber; playground equipment; 3-7s used for car bumpers. Paul suggested we do a press release on this, too, because of all the negative press over the past few years, and describe what it's being sold for— what use. Matt will share a Bloomberg article from over the weekend about recycling not being dead.

Goose Rocks Deposit Returns Followup: Mike will check with Laurie on having CLINK drop off at GRBA with the town truck being used to take over.

Name of Committee— we will refer to ourselves as the Solid Waste/Recycling Committee, so Jon will speak to Nicole to amend the website.

Meeting Adjourned.

Submitted by Jon Dykstra