



**SWDC Waste Management and Minimisation Focus Group Meeting**  
**Held on Wednesday 28 August at 1:00pm in the Ruamahunga Room at the South Wairarapa District Council**

**Agenda:**

**Attendees:** Cr. Margaret Craig (chairperson) Crs. Solitaire Robertson & Brian Jephson, Mark Allingham, Jean-Paul Irwin

**1. Apologies:** Cr. Mike Gray

**2. Minutes of Last Meeting:**

As there was no quorum for the last meeting called, a general discussion included:

- Appointment of a Wairarapa Waste Minimisation Officer
- E-waste

**3. General Business**

- **Tuturumuri recycling centre re-location.** JP Irwin presented a photo of the Hinakura facility and an aerial map showing the location of the proposed new facility at Tuturumuri. It will be sited on council land with the openings and signage not visible from the road, to try and avoid illegal dumping. Oldfields have been asked to quote a price for installation. It is hoped to have it completed by Labour weekend.
- **E-waste & TV Take-back collection.** Collection started last week. So far 130 TVs. SWDC quota for free collection is 429. After that it will cost \$25 per TV. The e-waste collection prices are published on the Council website. Our Facebook page regularly updates the % of the TV Takeback quota already collected.
- **Earthcare's Contract:** Mike Jones put in a proposal to David Hopman (Contract Engineer) to have early confirmation of the extra 2yrs to the current 5-year contract (5+2). First 5 years expires in June 2015. Mike has also proposed additional benefits such as collecting and processing food waste if the contract can be extended another 5 years. The Focus Group has no problem confirming the request of an additional 2 years to the original 5 yr contract, provided the contract is running well in 2015, however to agree to an additional 5 years is beyond the scope of this forum. The Focus Group recommended that:
  - Mark talk to Paul & Adrienne and request that Officers make a presentation to the Governance/ Shared Services Working party about potential contract initiatives and the potential to extend the Waste Management Contract for another 5 years rather than putting out a new tender.
- **Food Waste Collection** initiative by Earthcare. Mark will talk further with Mike about this regarding the feasibility of only the SWDC taking this up. This is another initiative that should be taken to the Governance/ Shared Services Working party

- **A Wastemin Officer** has not been appointed, although the position has been advertised. The Councils' Requirements, location and reporting lines for the Wastemin officer could also be discussed by the Governance/ Shared Services Working party.
- **Rubbish collection service for rural ratepayers.** Margaret Cole's submission to the AP for a skip to be available at the recycling stations where rural ratepayers can deposit their household rubbish in council bags was discussed. This would be no problem if all ratepayers paid a targeted rate for solid waste disposal. Mark will talk to the contractor about the feasibility of rural ratepayers purchasing a **RURAL sticker** to put on the yellow bags. This would cover the cost of the collection.

Cr. Robertson suggested setting a **targeted solid waste disposal rate from the 2014/ 15 AP for all rural ratepayers living along the route taken by the contractor.** That way those ratepayers could have their rubbish collected if they choose. It was noted that not all urban ratepayers who currently pay the targeted rate choose to have their rubbish collected in yellow bags. The focus group agreed to follow this up.

Meeting closed at 2:15 pm