

**SOLID WASTE RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MINUTES**

**July 07, 2008**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Bill Karsten, Chair  
Councillor David Hendsbee  
Councillor Debbie Hum  
Councillor Reg Rankin  
Councillor Gary Meade  
Councillor Mary Wile  
Councillor Tim Outhit

**REGRETS:** Councillor Krista Snow

**STAFF:** Mr. Jim Bauld, Manager, Solid Waste Resources  
Ms. Laurie Lewis, Diversion Planning Coordinator, Solid Waste Resources  
Ms. Sandra T. Riley, Legislative Assistant

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair, Councillor Karsten, called the meeting to order at 1:33 pm in Halifax Hall, City Hall.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** -None

3. **APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

Additions:

9.1 Off-road Dumping Reports - Councillor Hendsbee.

**MOVED BY Councillor Meade, seconded by Councillor Wile, that the Order of Business as amended, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED**

4. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES** - None

5. **CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS** - None

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

6.1 **Information Report - Regional Chairs' meeting of May 28, 2008 [Jim Bauld]**

There was an Information Report dated June 30, 2008 re: Regional Chairs Committee - SWR Management Regions - May 28, 2008 Special Meeting, along with Attachment #1 (letter to Premier MacDonald, dated April 4, 2008) and a letter of response from Minister Mark Parent, dated May 2008 to Councillor Karsten (Attachment #2) before the Committee.

Mr. Jim Bauld, Manager, Solid Waste Resources gave a brief overview of the Information Report and advised the Committee that semi-annually, the Executive of the Regional Chairs Committee meet with the Minister of Environment, to discuss matters of concerns in each municipality and region, to try to make improvements on Waste and Composting Programs; looking for a more industry-lead stewardship agreement - mandatory or otherwise.

Mr. Bauld advised the Committee that at the June 25, 2008 meeting of the Regional Chairs, it was agreed that:

*"The four point motion of the May 28, 2008 Special Regional Chairs meeting be communicated to Minister Parent, and that each Region seek opportunities to present*

*the position of the Regional Chairs to their respective Member of the Legislative Assembly.”*

He advised that the purpose of bringing this report to this Committee is to have SWRAC assess the next step in respect to how to communicate with the Members of the Legislative Assembly and, depending on the response, to the Members of the Opposition Party.

Councillor Karsten clarified that the Regional Chairs is a Provincial wide Committee of other Chairs. A discussion ensued with clarification on the following issues and concerns:

- It is time that the Province recognizes that the municipalities are doing more than their fair share; a beverage container handling fee increase has been approved by both the Regional Chairs and the Resource Recovery Fund Board (RRFB)
- It is important to contact all 17 Members of the Legislative Assembly that serve this province; all municipalities must be treated equitably and fairly
- A 60% diversion cannot be accepted without a more balanced program; need to see a business case
- SWRAC would like to see more support for the municipalities for their recycling programs
- Discussed options to address the disposable cups issue [levy/refund/return packaging to where bought from]
- an Executive Summary should be an attachment to the letter to the MLA's
- Committee needs more transparency and better dialogue on these programs; put on the table for modification or expansion.

Councillor Hum retired from the meeting at 2:11 pm.

**MOVED BY Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Outhit, that the Chair of the Solid Waste Resource Advisory Committee write to all the Provincial Cabinet Ministers that serve the HRM, Premier Rodney MacDonald, Minister of Environment Mark Parent, Mayor Peter Kelly, and CAO Dan English, so that they are advised of the positions of HRM over the concerns of RRFB contributions to the Provincial coffers; and the need to address disposable cups, and means to encourage industry stewardship programs.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED**

Councillor Hendsbee also advised that this letter would be submitted to the six Cabinet Ministers that serve the HRM first, and then to the MLAs for further action.

**7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None**

**8. CORRESPONDENCE - None**

**9. ADDED ITEMS**

**9.1 Off-road Dumping Reports - Councillor Hendsbee**

Councillor Hendsbee thanked Ms. Lewis and Mr. Bauld for their assistance to the residents of Leslie Road regarding power outages.

Councillor Hendsbee pointed out that it is renovation season, and as a result, there has been a lot of illegal off road dumping of construction demolition. He stated that he would like to have a bin to deposit the refuse in. Mr. Bauld inquired as to whom the property belongs to and Councillor Hendsbee responded that he would have to take photos and GTS coordinates. Mr. Bauld advised that he has no ability or authority to order a bin to be put in private community facilities, but could provide information on how to keep materials separate for community clean ups. Councillor Hendsbee advised that he would send Mr. Bauld the details and photographs.

**10. NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next Solid Waste Resource Advisory Committee meeting will be announced.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

Sandra T. Riley  
Legislative Assistant