

**SOLID WASTE RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

September 24, 2009

- PRESENT:** Councillor Bill Karsten, Chair
Councillor Reg Rankin, Vice Chair
Councillor Tim Outhit
Councillor Debbie Hum
Councillor Lorelei Nicoll
Councillor Peter Lund
- REGRETS:** Mayor Peter Kelly
Councillor Sue Uteck
- STAFF:** Mr. Jim Bauld, Manager, Solid Waste Resources
Mr. Gord Helm, Solid Waste Resources Manager
Designate
Mr. Robert Orr, Collection and Processing Coordinator, Solid
Waste Resources
Ms. Laurie Lewis, Division Planning Coordinator, Solid
Waste Resources
Mr. Mike Labrecque, Director of Transportation and Public
Works
Ms. Shawnee Gregory, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. in the Media Room, City Hall.

2. Introduction - Mr. Gord Helm, Solid Waste Resources Manager Designate

Mr. Mike Labrecque, Director of Transportation and Public Works, introduced Mr. Gord Helm, Solid Waste Resources Manager Designate, to the Committee. He advised that Mr. Helm would not begin his position until January, 2010 which allowed for an extensive handover period.

The Chair welcomed Mr. Helm on behalf of the Committee.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - June 18, 2009

MOVED BY Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Lund, that the minutes of June 18, 2009 be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions:

- 9.1 Information Report 2: Sept 15,2009 Memorandum Solid Waste Resources - Update
- 9.2 Public Participation

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

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - NONE

6. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS - NONE

7. REPORTS

7.1 Cell 4 B- Gas Collection System and Partial Permanent Cap Installation

- A report dated August 31, 2009 was before the Committee.

Mr. Jim Bauld, Manager of Solid Waste Resources, provided the presentation on Cell 4 B- Gas Collection System and Partial Permanent Cap Installation. He stated that Mirror had advised that it would be prudent to put a partial closure of cell 4B in place; noting that there would be no net expenditure.

MOVED BY Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Lund, that the Solid Waste Resource Advisory Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council approve spending \$204,341.92 (including net HST) for the Landfill Gas Collection System and \$523,486.13 (including net HST) for the Partial Permanent Cap Installation, a total project cost of \$727,828.05 from Capital Account CWI00966. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

7.2 Replacement of Roof - Waste Stabilization Facility (WSF)

- A report dated September 14, 2009 was before the Committee.
- Correspondence dated September 21, 2009 from Mr. Jack Mitchell, Chair of the Community Monitoring Committee, was submitted.
- A Power Point presentation was submitted.

Mr. Bauld provided the presentation on the Replacement of Roof - Waste Stabilization Facility (WSF). He advised that the structure at the Otter Lake facility was corroded and the roof also required work; noting that this had not been included in the Capital Budget as the cost was unknown at the time it was tabled.

Mr. Bauld indicated that staff was recommending a three phased approach for renovations, however, the alternative approach, which was preferred by Mirror, would be to shut the facility down for five to six months and bypass the site by disposing directly into the landfill. Mr. Bauld noted that Stantec had reviewed the project and reported back that the alternative approach would have a cost savings of approximately \$315,000. He stated, however, that HRM staff was still recommending the three phased approach which did not require a lengthy closure of the facility. He advised that the roof could be fixed in the fall of 2009 during phase one which needed to be completed by winter as it was the most important part of the project.

Mr. Bauld advised that time was of the essence, as the total project had to be completed by March 31, 2011 in order to qualify for Federal infrastructure funding. In closing, he indicated that a meeting would be taking place on October 8, 2009 between the Community Monitoring Committee (CMC), HRM Solid Waste staff, Mirror and Stantec.

MOVED BY Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Lund, that the Solid Waste Resource Advisory Committee, pending signing of the Federal/Provincial funding agreement, recommend that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Approve a gross budget increase to Capital Project No. CWU01062 Structural Assessment WSF Otter Lake, Phase I "Reinforcement" in the amount of \$754,310.30 (including net HST). Two-thirds of the funding,**

\$502,873.53, will come from Federal and Provincial governments as part of the Infrastructure Stimulus funds program. One third, in the amount of \$251,436.76, will be withdrawn from Q137, Regional Capital Cost Contribution Reserve. There will be no net increase to the Capital Budget.

- 2. Approve an unscheduled reserve withdrawal from Q137, Regional Capital Cost Contribution, in the amount of \$251,436.76.**

A discussion ensued with staff responding to questions. It was noted that Mirror had indicated that they could manage the odor issue when the plant had to be shut down for repairs.

Mr. Bauld also advised that Mirror had indicated that the staff recommendation was acceptable subject to a detailed work plan approved by and vetted through the Department of Labour with the understanding that parts of the plant may need to be shut down during certain phases of repair.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

7.3 RRFB Diversion Credit Formula- Presentation

- A Power Point presentation was submitted.

Ms. Laurie Lewis, Division Planning Coordinator, provided the presentation on RRFB Diversion Credit Formula. She stated that an incentive plan was in place which penalized regions over the diversion benchmark and rewarded those who were under. Ms. Lewis advised that the value of point rewards was actually the penalty which was redistributed amongst other regions on a per capita basis. She indicated that 480 was the benchmark baselined provincial average and that number would be ratcheted down to move towards 300.

MOVED BY Councillor Lund, seconded by Councillor Outhit, that the Solid Waste Resource Advisory Committee approve staff's continued action by participating in the following:

- 1. Review the Regional Chair's Diversion Committee of no negative impact option;**
- 2. Attending meetings with RRFB, NSE, Chairs and Regional Coordinator representatives to re-focus on collaborative approach, and**

3. **Continued involvement in the Construction & Demolition Committee towards development of Provincial C&D strategy.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

8. **CORRESPONDENCE - NONE**

9. **ADDED ITEMS**

9.1 **Information Report 2: Sept 15,2009 Memorandum Solid Waste Resources-Update - Various**

- An information report dated September 15, 2009 was before the Committee.

MOVED BY Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Nicoll, that the Solid Waste Resource Advisory Committee request that staff write a letter to the Provincial Government requiring that every municipality, and every community within every municipality, provides the separate collection of residential organics, specifically meat, fish, bread, fats/grease etc, for composting at a composting facility,- as opposed to backyard composting, prior to the Province implementing the 2006 Composting Facility Guidelines. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9.2 **Public Presentation**

There was no one wishing to speak at this time.

The Chair noted, for the record, that Mr. Jeff Traver, General Manager of Miller Waste, was in attendance.

10. **NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, November 26, 2009.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:21 p.m.

Shawnee Gregory
Legislative Assistant

The following items were added as information:

1. Waste Resources Mass Balance
2. Sept 15,2009 Memorandum Solid Waste Resources- Update - Various