

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

SOLID WASTE RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

November 25, 2010

PRESENT: Councillors: Peter Lund, Chair
Sue Uteck, Vice Chair
Darren Fisher
Lorelei Nicoll
Bill Karsten
Debbie Hum
Reg Rankin

REGRETS: Councillor: Tim Outhit

STAFF: Mr. Gord Helm, Manager, Solid Waste Resources
Mr. Robert Orr, Collection & Processing Coordinator,
Solid Waste Resources
Ms. Laurie Lewis, Diversion Planning Coordinator, Solid Waste
Resources
Ms. Krista Tidgwell, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. in the Halifax Hall, City Hall.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – NONE

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

Additions:

- 9.1 Diversion Opportunities – Amendments to By-law S-600
- 9.2 Information Item 1- Information Report dated November 3, 2010 re: Appliances and Collection at Condominium Properties
- 9.3 Information Item 2 - Information Report dated November 4, 2010 re: Solid Waste Collection Changes – HCCC #10, Cowie Hill

MOVED by Councillor Hum, seconded by Councillor Fisher, that the Order of Business be approved, as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINTUES – NONE

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS

5.1 Resource Recovery Fund Board's Funding Mechanisms to Promote Reduction of Solid Waste to Achieve Provincially Set Targets

The following was before the Committee:

- Draft Minute Extract of Solid Waste Resource Advisory Committee – September 23, 2010.
- Draft letter to Honourable Sterling Belliveau, Department of Environment.
- A copy of the Waste Diversion Incentive Program Guidelines.
- A copy of the RRFB Nova Scotia Annual Report 2010.

Mr. Gord Helm, Manager, Solid Waste Resources, provided an update to the Committee.

Following a brief discussion, the Committee requested the following changes be made to the November 26th letter:

- delete the last sentence of the last paragraph; the sentence should end with *generation comparisons*
- add the following closing paragraph: *In recognition of your staff confirming that the 300 kg target is a Provincial target, HRM staff would welcome the opportunity*

to assist and work with your staff and RRFB in the development of a practical and fair per capita kg/pp target per region, which HRM would then incorporate into its diversion message and education programs.

MOVED by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Karsten, that the Solid Waste Resource Advisory Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council request that the Mayor sign and forward the November 26, 2010 letter, as amended, to Honourable Sterling Belliveau, Department of Environment.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

6.1 Correspondence

6.1.1 Otter Lake Community Monitoring re: Otter Lake Landfill – Site A

A letter from Mr. Jack Mitchell, Chair, Community Monitoring Committee (CMC), dated September 9, 2010 was before the Committee for review.

Councillor Rankin provided an overview of the CMC's September 9th letter. He suggested forwarding the letter to Council and request that Council engage in discussions with CMC. He further noted that the Western Common has also requested that Council begin engagement with CMC.

MOVED by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Hum, that the Solid Waste Resource Advisory Committee forward Community Monitoring Committee's September 9, 2010 letter to Halifax Regional Council and request consideration be given to engaging discussions with the Community Monitoring Committee.

Councillor Karsten questioned why this letter was before the Committee when it is addressed to Mayor Kelly and Regional Council.

MOVED by Councillor Hum, seconded by Councillor Nicoll, that the motion be amended to include direction to staff to provide a report.

The motion now reads:

MOVED by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Hum, that the Solid Waste Resource Advisory Committee:

- 1. Forward the Community Monitoring Committee's (CMC) September 9, 2010 letter to Halifax Regional Council and request that Council give consideration to engage discussions with the CMC; and**

2. Request that Halifax Regional Council direct staff to provide a report outlining this process.

Ms. Krista Tidgwell, Legislative Assistant, advised that during Council's agenda review, it was requested that this matter be forwarded to the Solid Waste Resource Advisory Committee for review. Mr. Gord Helm, Manager, Solid Waste Resources, further noted that staff was forwarded a copy of the letter via email and this matter is under review by the Executive Management Team (EMT).

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Rankin exited the meeting at 2:34 p.m.

6.2 Petitions – None

6.3 Presentations – None

7. REPORTS – NONE

8. NEW BUSINESS – NONE

9. ADDED ITEMS

9.1 Diversion Opportunities – Amendments to By-law S-600

A staff report dated November 22, 2010 was circulated to the Committee.

Mr. Gord Helm, Manager, Solid Waste Resources, provided an overview of the November 22, 2010 staff report.

The Committee entered into discussion.

In response to a question raised by Councillor Uteck respecting solid waste collection for multi unit properties, Mr. Helm advised that staff has met with multi unit property owners to ensure compliance is being met. He noted that garbage shoots have been locked off and residents are required to deposit their materials in the waste room.

Mr. Helm further noted that clear bags are an incentive and would increase compliance 15-20%.

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Hum, that Solid Waste Resource Advisory Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council initiate the process to amend By-law S-600 respecting the following:

- 1. Reduce the garbage bag limit from 6 to 4 bags/containers for residential collection services;**

2. **Specify the use of clear bags for garbage for the residential and ICI sectors(s) including one opaque or black bag; and**
3. **Specify commercial multi-unit property owners provide occupants with a kitchen counter top mini bin.**

Councillor Uteck requested the motion to be split.

In response to concerns raised by the Committee, Mr. Helm advised that education would be part of the process.

Councillor Fisher requested that *opaque* be removed from the motion, providing examples of various types of clear/white bags such as kitchen catchers, to which the Committee agreed.

The motion before the Committee read as follows:

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Hum, that Solid Waste Resource Advisory Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council initiate the process to amend By-law S-600 respecting the following:

1. **Reduce the garbage bag limit from 6 to 4 bags/containers for residential collection services;**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

2. **Specify the use of clear bags for garbage for the residential and ICI sectors(s) including one black bag; and**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. **Specify commercial multi-unit property owners provide occupants with a kitchen counter top mini bin.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

**9.2 Information Item 1- Information Report dated November 3, 2010 re:
Appliances and Collection at Condominium Properties**

Councillor Hum provided an update to the Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Nicoll, to accept the November 3, 2010 Information Report respecting Appliances and Collections at Condominium Properties. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9.3 Information Item 2 - Information Report dated November 4, 2010 re: Solid Waste Collection Changes – HCCC #10, Cowie Hill

Councillor Hum provided an update to the Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Hum, seconded by Councillor Karsten, to accept the November 4, 2010 Information Report respecting Solid Waste Collection Changes – HCCC #10, Cowie Hill. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public came forward at this time.

11. NEXT MEETING DATE – TBA

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:26 p.m.

Krista Tidgwell
Legislative Assistant

INFORMATION ITEMS
November 25, 2010

1. Information Report dated November 3, 2010 re: Appliances and Collection at Condominium Properties
2. Information Report dated November 4, 2010 re: Solid Waste Collection Changes – HCCC #10, Cowie Hill
3. Memorandum from Gord Helm, Manager, Solid Waste Resources, dated November 18, 2010 re: Corporate Compliance and Clear Bags
4. Memorandum from Gord Helm, Manager, Solid Waste Resources, dated November 18, 2010 re: Canada Games Multi-Stream Bins at Grande Parade with attached photograph of the multi-stream bin