

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

SOLID WASTE RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE JUNE 29, 2001 MINUTES

PRESENT: Councillor Reg Rankin, Chair
Councillor Dawn Sloane
Councillor Jim Smith
Councillor Gary Hines
Councillor Gary Meade

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Diana Whalen

STAFF: Mr. Brian Smith, Director of Solid Waste Resources
Mr. Jim Bauld, Diversion Planning Coordinator
Ms. Laurie Lewis, Collection and Processing Coordinator
Mr. Fred Wendt, Waste Resource Analyst
Ms. Julia Horncastle, Assistant Municipal Clerk

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

The following items were added to the agenda:

1. Councillor Sloane - Mr. Drake
2. Councillor Rankin
 - (i) Cover for transportation of garbage
 - (ii) Information line for information on solid waste and consistency or lack thereof
3. Councillor Smith - Scotia Recycling

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - May 9, 2001

MOVED by Councillor Sloane, seconded by Councillor Smith, that the minutes of May 9, 2001, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Stephen Taylor, Enviro Waste, stated he had recommended the setback requirements go from 100 to 60 metres on disposal.

Mr. Tim Veinot, Wallace MacDonald Lively, stated if the disposal issue is not dealt with, then the C&D issue itself is not being dealt with. The Licensing By-Law will address the processing aspect but it will not address the final destination of the material that cannot be recycled. That is still of paramount concern to them because it will do nothing for the industry this year. He suggested the licensing by-law and the rezoning issue should be kept together so that they both come into play at the same time.

4. C&D WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY - LICENSE BY-LAW AND LAND USE APPROVAL PROCESS (ORAL)

Mr. Jim Bauld advised the objectives are to maximize diversion from the landfill through recycling of construction and demolition debris, increase economic activity and value added process relative to C & D recovery, provide opportunities for disposal of C & D debris which cannot be recycled and ensure minimal environmental land use and nuisance impact on the processing and disposal operation.

He noted that HRM staff is being encouraged by Council to maintain a viable C&D recycling

industry.

In response to Councillor Sloane regarding the distances for disposal sites, Mr. Bauld noted the recommended distances can be reduced if the Department of the Environment feels it is suitable to reduce them. He noted that the By-law is an interim step in the process until the MPS and LUB amendments are in place. He advised following that there will be a public process whereby community issues will be addressed such as screening, buffering and separation distances.

Mr. Bauld advised one of the three main issues raised by the industry was that the by-law would not permit stockpiling on site for more than a year; therefore, requiring the industry to remove material off site. He advised one of the amendments being recommended is to push back the requirement for the existing stockpiling material to be removed off site.

Another issue raised was access to MIRROR for use of recycled C&D materials for landfill cover in the Otter Lake operation. The other main issue was the size limitation requirements for stock piles. He expressed concern that the environmental liability was not adequate noting, they have investigated and have determined that a \$2 million liability limit is more reflective of coverage and the comments made at the public hearing.

He stated the measurement for stockpiles is to the nearest edge or face of the stockpile. He advised that section 10 (10) is being replaced with a section which would provide the existing C&D operators and processing facilities with a longer period for the materials on site and any materials that may arrive between now and next April. He noted they still have to meet the requirements, if the by-law is successful, of recycling the percentages they say they can, tracking material in and out, material storage and rotation to a recycling or processing facility.

MOVED by Councillor Meade, seconded by Councillor Sloane, that the amendment be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Councillor Sloane, seconded by Councillor Rankin that 60 metres be considered as the separation distance. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

In response to Councillor Meade, Mr. Bauld advised there are currently no C & D disposal operations in HRM and the by-law would impact upon potential C & D development sites and the 100 metres would have the potential to impact on a the cost effectiveness of a business as they may lose some of the area they were planning to use for future storage.

Mr. Don Kelly, RDM, stated they could live with the 60 metres. They need to have a disposal site at some point in time soon or they will be out of business. Mr. Kelly confirmed that the developer of a C & D site would have to develop the roads themselves.

5. OPERATIONS REPORT, TONNAGES (VERBAL)

Ms. Laurie Lewis, with the aid of overheads, presented an update on tonnages up to March, 2001. She advised there was a separate collection for leaf and yard waste last fall and this spring.

In response to Councillor Rankin, Ms. Lewis advised compost has increased 15% over last fiscal period, noting this includes residential and commercial.

6. HRM PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT INITIATIVE: SOLID WASTE RESOURCES - MISSION STATEMENT, CLIENT BENEFITS, STRATEGIC OPTIONS

Mr. Smith advised this is an initiative of the Program and Service Review Committee and was being brought forward for the information of the Committee.

ADDED ITEMS

1. Councillor Sloane - Mr. Drake

Councillor Sloane advised Mr. Drake was fined \$50.00 for picking up other residents recyclables from the side of the road, especially in District 12. The Councillor requested staff provide a report on what the merit might be to increasing the fine.

Mr. Fred Wendt advised that there is opportunity within the by-law for a \$500.00 fine for someone placing materials on a property not their own.

It was agreed that staff from By-Law Enforcement would be requested to attend the next SWRAC meeting to respond to questions regarding enforcement of the By-Law (S-600), particularly the matter of fines.

2. Councillor Rankin

(i) Cover for transportation of garbage

Councillor Rankin advised he has been receiving complaints regarding bags falling from trucks transporting garbage along Highway #103 that do not have the loads covered. He suggested staff send a letter to the trucking company advising them they will be given three warnings but that if they arrive at the facility without the contents of the trucks being covered after they have received these warnings, they will not be allowed to dump. Mr. Smith advised he would look into this.

(ii) Information line for information on solid waste and consistency or lack thereof

Councillor Rankin suggested staff put in place a monitoring of consistency with regard to the 6600 number and the information being provided to callers.

3. Councillor Smith - Scotia Recycling

Mr. Smith advised that an information report going forward to Council in the agenda package for the meeting to be held Tuesday, July 3, 2001.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned into an In Camera session.

Julia Horncastle
Assistant Municipal Clerk