

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

**SOLID WASTE RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
October 30, 2003**

PRESENT: Councillor Jim Smith, Chair
Councillor Gary Meade
Councillor Dawn Sloane

REGRETS: Councillor Linda Mosher
Councillor Reg Rankin

STAFF: Mr. Jim Bauld, Acting General Manager, Solid Waste Resources
Ms. Laurie Lewis, Coordinator, Collection and Processing
Ms. Patti Halliday, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Smith called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m. As there was no quorum, it was agreed to proceed with general discussion items until a quorum was achieved.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4.1 Disposal of Treated International Waste - Presentation by International Disposal Services Inc.

C An Information Report prepared by Jim Bauld, Acting General Manager, Solid Waste Resources, was before the Committee for its information.

Mr. Bauld noted that Dr. Ken Chew, Canadian Food Inspection Agency, was unable to attend today's meeting. Also, Mr. David Snow, Customer Relations Manager, Halifax International Airport Authority, planned on attending this meeting but was unable due to illness.

With the aid of overheads, Mr. Arthur Scott and Ms. Suzanne Brennan, International Disposal Services Inc., made a presentation to the Committee regarding the proposed hydroclave facility. In response to questions of the Committee, the following points were made:

- C Two treatments are required to complete an 8 cubic yard container of international waste. On average, three containers per week are received from the airport.
- C Many cruise ships now have their own treatment centres on board.
- C Approximately 60 percent of the weight of the waste is lost during treatment.
- C To be classified as international waste, the last port-of-call for a cruise ship has to be somewhere outside of Canada and the United States.
- C The off-loading of the waste containers takes place in a contained area.
- C As the unit is sealed, there is no escape of odour.

In response to a question of Mr. Bauld regarding the time frame for this project, Ms. Brennan stated they are still waiting for feedback from Planning and Development Services regarding the site. As a result, they cannot provide time line information at this time.

Councillor Smith thanked the representatives for their presentation.

4.2 Weekly Summer Green Cart Collection Pilot Project - Preliminary Findings

Mr. Ken Donnelly, Vice President, Lura Consulting, made a presentation to the Committee regarding the Weekly Summer Green Cart Collection Pilot Project - Preliminary findings. Following the meeting, copies of his presentation were provided to all members of the

Committee.

Mr. Donnelly noted that the final report contains a lot of commentary from the residents.

Councillor Smith inquired as to what the next steps will be. Mr. Bauld stated the final report will be generated by the consultants, and staff will also be preparing a report to attach to it.

MOVED by Councillor Sloane, seconded by Councillor Meade, that each member of the Solid Waste Resource Advisory Committee receive a copy of today's presentation by Lura Consulting for their review and questions, and, further, that the report be forwarded to Regional Council with a recommendation from staff. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

It was agreed that Committee members should be given a deadline of end of the day on Tuesday, November 4th to respond to the presentation.

As there was now a quorum, it was agreed to return to the Order of Business.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 11, 2003

MOVED by Councillor Sloane, seconded by Councillor Meade, that the minutes of September 11, 2003, be approved, as circulated. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

4.3 Solid Waste System Review - Verbal Update

Mr. Bauld advised the Committee that he made a presentation to the Community Monitoring Committee last week regarding the O'Halloran Campbell and Associates report and responded to questions. He agreed to follow up with the Community Monitoring Committee and to provide them with a deadline for comment. Once all the comments have been received and staff have reviewed them, the report will be finalized and made public. He noted that the document can also be made available on the HRM Solid Waste Resources web site. With regard to the report's recommendations, staff have reviewed them and taken them into account in the draft business plan for next year. The draft business plan has been presented to Mr. Brad Anguish, Director, Environmental Management Services.

Councillor Meade noted one issue raised by the Community Monitoring Committee was with respect to the need of a back-up generator at Otter Lake. In response, Mr. Bauld stated this issue can be examined, but he noted there is a contingency plan in place for power outages at Otter Lake. Councillor Sloane inquired about generators at the composting facilities and Mr. Bauld stated staff could follow up on this.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Operations Report

Ms. Laurie Lewis presented the Operations report - Year to date to September 2003 to the Committee and responded to questions.

Mr. Bauld suggested that future reports could show an overall total in the far right column for each of the streams to depict it on an incremental basis.

Councillor Meade inquired if a backyard compost bin sale could be held in the St. Margaret's Bay area. In response, Mr. Bauld stated staff have identified multiple sales in the proposed business plan, subject to budget approval.

Ms. Lewis recognized the various efforts of the facility operators in working with HRM following Hurricane Juan. She also expressed appreciation to the municipalities of Queens, Chester and Pictou for their assistance when the HRM facilities were without power. Ms. Lewis noted a thank you letter will be sent to all contractors, other regions and haulers that came forward to assist. In response to a suggestion of Councillor Smith, it was agreed that the Chair of the Solid Waste Resource Committee would sign the letter as well as the Mayor.

6. ADDED ITEMS

None.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting will be November 27, 2003.

In discussion of Committee vacancies, it was agreed that a memorandum be sent to the Membership Selection Committee recommending that the Councillor for District 2 be appointed to the Solid Waste Resource Advisory Committee because the Antrim site is located in that District.

Patti Halliday
Legislative Assistant