

# HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

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## SOLID WASTE RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES January 19, 2006

**PRESENT:** Councillor Reg Rankin, Chair  
Councillor Debbie Hum  
Councillor Gary Meade  
Councillor Krista Snow  
Councillor Bill Karsten  
Councillor Dawn Sloane  
Councillor Harry McInroy  
Councillor Jim Smith

**STAFF:** Mr. Jim Bauld, Manager, Solid Waste Resources  
Ms. Laurie Lewis, Diversion Planning Coordinator, Solid Waste Resources  
Mr. Brad Anguish, Director, Environmental Management Services  
Ms. Sherryl Murphy, Legislative Assistant

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m.

**1A Election of Chair**

The Legislative Assistant called for nominations for the position of Chair.

**MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Snow that Councillor Rankin be nominated for the position of Chair.**

There being no further nominations, the **MOTION WAS PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Chair called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair.

**MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Snow that Councillor Hum be nominated for the position of Vice Chair.**

There being no further nominations, the **MOTION WAS PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

The Committee agreed that agenda item 10 would be considered immediately following the approval of the minutes.

**Additions:**

11.1 Otter Lake Landfill - Resident Correspondence

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOVED by Councillor Smith , seconded by Councillor Karsten that the minutes of September 8, 2005 meeting of the Solid Waste Resource Advisory Committee, as distributed, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**10. 2006 LITTER PREVENTION CAMPAIGN - DRAFT COMMUNICATIONS PLAN**

- A memorandum dated January 10, 2006 re 2006 Litter Prevention Campaign & Draft Communications Plan was before the Committee.

Expressing concern that HRM's police force would not place a high priority on issuing Summary Offence Tickets, Councillor Karsten asked how many Summary Offence Tickets for littering have been issued. Mr. Bauld indicated that eight (8) have been issued over the period of December 2004 to January 2006. Councillor Karsten requested that staff provide a breakdown of what force (HRP or RCMP) issued the tickets and what Provincial regulation was contravened in each instance for the next meeting.

Councillor McInroy noted that the Provincial Courts have no time for prosecuting Summary Offence Tickets and this only emphasizes the need for a municipal court. Mr. McInroy noting that HRM is ultimately responsible to pickup litter, suggested that HRM should hire university students to pick up garbage in the area of Dunbrack and other heavy traffic areas. He indicated that this would send a message to commuters in terms of the tax dollars being spent on the clean up.

Councillor Hum expressed concern regarding two properties in her area that have been cited for offences against the By-law on more than one occasion. The Councillor is to forward information relating to these properties to staff.

Mr. Bauld briefly reviewed the communication plan and responded to questions from the Committee.

**MOVED by Councillor Hum, seconded by Councillor McInroy that the Solid Waste Advisory Board endorse the objectives of the communication plan for the 2006 HRM Litter Prevention and Education Campaign. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

**5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**Mr. Don Mason, Executive Director, Community Monitoring Committee**

Mr. Mason addressed the Committee indicating that the Community Monitoring Committee (CMC) partnered with the Solid Waste Advisory Committee in monitoring the Solid Waste Strategy. He went on to indicate that the Directors of the Halifax Waste Society, a major component of the CMC, has been very supportive of By-law 602 over the past year. Mr. Mason advised that at a recent meeting of the Society efforts have been re-directed to a more general approach to the strategy for the coming year. In particular, the Society will be issuing a newsletter to the overall community and the neighbourhood. Mr. Mason indicated that members of the CMC have resumed site visits at Otter Lake to monitor litter and odour and have found these to be generally acceptable.

Concluding his remarks Mr. Mason indicated that CMC continues to be supportive of By-

law S-602. Mr. Mason further noted that the Committee did participate in the Solid Waste Roundtable.

**6. SOLID WASTE RESOURCES ROUND TABLE - FINDINGS/NEXT STEPS**

- An information report dated January 12, 2006 was before the Committee.

Mr. Bauld advised that this report speaks to enhancing the diversion rate. Mr. Bauld noted that staff will be assessing eight (8) key items from the findings of the Round Table. Staff will come back to this Committee with a report outlining the best opportunities for the 2007/08 budget year.

**7. 10% CHALLENGE - UPDATE**

- An information report dated January 10, 2006 was before the Committee.

This report is for the information of the Committee.

**8. TONNAGE REPORT**

- The Waste/Resource System Mass Balance report from (April 10, 2005 to November 30, 2005) was before the Committee.

The Chair noted that at an estimated 370,000 tons of solid waste per annum is equal to one ton per person in HRM. This is a greater per person tonnage than has been experienced in similar size municipalities.

**9. REQUESTS / CORRESPONDENCE**

- A memo dated January 6, 2006 from Jim Bauld, Manager, Solid Waste Resources, was before the Committee.

Mr. Bauld reviewed with Committee members the January 6, 2006 memo.

Councillor Meade requested that if a response is to be made from the Mayor or staff, the Councillor for the area be copied on that response.

The Committee directed that Mr. Bauld communicate, on behalf of Councillor Mosher, with Mr. William Geall regarding curbside collection of Household Hazardous Waste.

Councillor Meade requested that staff make details of the upcoming Compost Day available for inclusion in Councillor newsletters.

**11. ADDED ITEMS**

**11.1 OTTER LAKE LANDFILL - RESIDENT CORRESPONDENCE**

- An e-mail from Wayne N. Rogers regarding issues with the Otter Lake Landfill was distributed to the Committee.

Mr. Bauld advised that staff has done an inspection of the site and every issue raised by Mr. Rogers will receive a response. He further indicated that the site conditions are compliant with applicable regulations. A copy of the response will be forwarded to this Committee, the Mayor and the Community Monitoring Committee.

**12. NEXT MEETING DATE**

The following meeting schedule was approved with the Committee agreeing that the Chair, conferring with staff, will determine the need for a meeting and advise Committee members accordingly.

Thursday, February 23, 2006  
Thursday, March 23, 2006  
Thursday, April 27, 2006  
Thursday, May 25, 2006  
Thursday, June 22, 2006  
Thursday, July 27, 2006  
Thursday, August 24, 2006  
Thursday, September 28, 2006  
Thursday, October 26, 2006  
Thursday, November 23, 2006

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business , the meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Sherryl Murphy  
Legislative Assistant