

**SOLID WASTE RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

May 24, 2007

PRESENT: Councillor Karsten, Chair
Councillor Snow
Councillor Wile
Councillor Rankin
Councillor Hum
Councillor Meade

REGRETS: Councillor Martin
Councillor Hendsbee

STAFF: Mr. Jim Bauld, Manager, Solid waste Resources
Mr. Robert Orr, Collection and Processing Coordinator
Ms. Chrissy White, Legislative Assistant

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Information Item (s):

1. Mobile HHW Event- June 2, 2007- Mic Mac Mall Parking Lot
2. Otter Lake Open House- June 9th
3. Waste/Resource System Mass- Ten Percent Challenge

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m. in Halifax Hall, 2nd Floor, City Hall.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOVED by Councillor Snow, seconded by Councillor Hum, that the minutes from March 22, 2007 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Add:

9.1 Cemeteries

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

4. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

4.1 **Welcome Councillor Meade to the Committee**

The Chair welcomed Councillor Meade to the Committee as the replacement for Councillor Stretch.

5. **CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS**- None

6. **REPORTS**

6.1 **CFIA- New Regulations- Retail Outlets- Meat Cuttings**

- A memo dated May 15, 2007 was before the Committee.

Mr. Jim Bauld, Manager, Solid Waste provided an overview on the above noted:

- The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) recently announced new regulations for ruminant feed ban and their fertilizer program,
- The enhanced regulations that will provide more control over enhanced feed ban products will become effective July 12, 2007,
- In Nova Scotia, meat products received at grocery stores do not contain any of the Specified Risk Materials (SRM), as the butchering is completed at slaughter houses and meat plants,
- Meat trimmings from restaurants and residential properties are exempt from the new CFIA regulations, but grocery stores are not,

- The Canadian Council of Grocery Distributors (CCGD) has lobbied the CFIA to amend the proposed regulations to exempt meat cuttings from grocery stores,
- The CFIA are currently undergoing a risk assessment analysis to determine if grocery stores should be exempt,
- HRM Solid Waste Staff have consulted with their composting partners regarding the new regulations and the potential risk to the compost facilities,
- Record keeping procedures will be conducted on a 10 year basis under the new regulations,
- A letter informing grocers about the new regulations and the possible amendments to exclude meat cuttings will be sent to the grocery stores.

Mr. Bauld responded to questions from Committee Members, advising of the following:

- The CCGD have been in contact with the regional offices and the head office in Ottawa to inquire about exempting meat cuttings from the regulations,
- Non-residential properties have a separate container for all organic material (including meat). The container is brought to a compost facility under private contract,
- HRM's role is to receive and weigh the waste and invoice the grocery store,
- If the regulations are not amended, the meat cuttings will have to go to a meat rendering plant as it could not get to the compost facility,
- Communication issues with the CFIA and levels of government must be addressed for future announcements,
- CFIA has monies available to assist provinces in responding to the new regulations
- there may be risk assessment done at the Nova Scotia Agricultural college.

The Committee thanked Mr. Bauld for his presentation.

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - NONE

8. CORRESPONDENCE- NONE

9. ADDED ITEMS

9.1 Cemeteries

Councillor Meade advised that there are three Cemeteries in the Otter Lake area that Mr. Wayne Rogers, resident, would like to manage at his own cost. Councillor Meade further advised that Mr. Rogers has been requesting correspondence on this issue for a number of years and would like it addressed.

The Chair suggested contacting Mr. Peter Bigelow, Manager Real Property Planning and the Legal Department to create a Memorandum of Understanding regarding care of

the Cemeteries at a residents personal expense.

Councillor Rankin advised that HRM should recognize and appreciate the publics willingness to aid their communities.

MOVED by Councillor Meade, seconded by Councillor Rankin, that the Otter Lake Cemeteries issue be referred to the Western Commons Stakeholders Steering Committee for recommendation. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Information Item 3 -Waste/Resource System Mass- Ten Percent Challenge

Councillor Rankin advised that the total mass value has gone down 6%, and expressed concern regarding the tipping fees commercial businesses have to pay. He continued by questioning the state of enforcement of the export by-law and requested clarification regarding policies.

MOVED By Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Snow, that a staff report regarding the policies and procedures surrounding the enforcement of the export by-law, the change in the mass balance and the C&D be forwarded to the Solid Waste Advisory Board in-camera session. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. NEXT MEETING DATE

A tour of the Otter Lake Facility will be held on June 19, 2007 at 10:00 am. The next scheduled Committee meeting will be held on June 21, 2007 at 2:00 pm in the Media Room, 1st floor City Hall.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Chrissy White
Legislative Assistant

