

Extract of Draft Minutes – Environment and Sustainability Standing
Committee July 7, 2011 Meeting

**9.4 Information Item 2 – Information Report dated June 20, 2011 re: Requests
for Presentation**

Information Report dated June 20, 2011 re: Requests for Presentation was before the Standing Committee.

The Standing Committee requested that Mr. Stephen King of King's Gardens – Park and Enviro Planning provide additional background information respecting Elmsdale Landscaping's presentation before making a decision.

Email Extract from Stephen King of King's Gardens – Park and Enviro Planning dated July 8, 2011 re: Elmsdale Landscaping Ltd.'s Request to Present

We simply wanted to provide a strategic snapshot to the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee on potential private sector plans regarding much of the source separated organics and related materials produced annually in Nova Scotia. To put the scale into perspective at the moment Elmsdale trucks all of the primary processed source separated organics -green cart material from New Era and Miller for further curing, stabilization and screening along with large quantities of similar material from other sources. In essence providing a sustainable end use for this material. However there are some issues/concerns to overcome that we have been discussing with the Department's of Environment and of Agriculture, the NSAC CFIA, HRM's operations staff at SWR and HRWC, major producers and end users, RRFB, and others. It's a big deal as it could impact much of the presently produced {over 100,000 tonnes and growing} source separated organics – green cart material presently coming out each year around the Province. If the quality and cost to finish curing and stabilizing the material becomes too prohibitive, it could become a liability for major growers and agricultural end-use and then where does it go...the Province will not allow incineration or landfilling of the material. HRM is by far the greatest producer of this material in NS, probably processing somewhere around 40-50,000 metric tonnes with much more to come as more of the ICI sectors are diverted from landfill to composting.

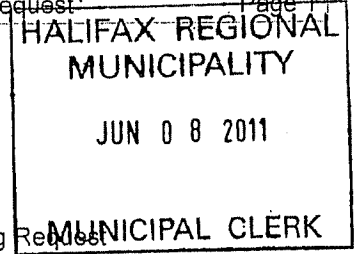
In the private sector we envisage potential business opportunities towards the sustainable end-use of these materials. However among other efforts we will also need to see parallel Provincial and Municipal strategic leadership and consumption of compost products as part of their construction and maintenance activities and directly related and effective public education and awareness programs. Our goal was to briefly present the, "big picture" to the ESS Committee as they represent the executive level strategic oversight for HRM. Many environmentally sustainable activities are interconnected to this, and we see an opportunity to stay out in front of the curve and have measures and programs well in place before issues arise, simply a strategic approach.

Not to cloud things, but similar issues are out there as well regarding the sustainable end-use of Class A biosolids. The anti biosolid lobby has gained considerable traction and with no substantial rebuttal from regulators or producers of the material, many questions/doubts have been left with the consuming public .It creates a major risk for markets and market share.

Hopefully this additional information is helpful. We would plan to have some aerials/photos as part of a very brief presentation simply for perspective.

Thanks again,
Stephen King

Original request presented to
ESSC July 7, 2011.



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Hello ,on behalf of one of my clients , Elmsdale Landscaping Ltd. we are requesting an opportunity to provide a brief presentation/overview to the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee at their July 7 , 2011 meeting .

The focus {Green Carts to Green Yards -Sustainability in Action }is around the issues , challenges and potential opportunities regarding the sustainable end-use of HRM 's source separated organics{sso} .To put the scale into perspective Elmsdale Landscaping presently takes all{ 20-30,000 tonnes annually} of the primary treated sso compost from HRM's privately operated compost facilities for further curing and stabilization along with organic material from several other sources. It's the largest operation of its kind in Atlantic Canada

Although there are issues and challenges ,we also see strategic business opportunities that could help keep Nova Scotia and HRM well ahead of the curve,financially and environmentally regarding organic waste diversion , now and well into the future .

We would appreciate an opportunity to share a brief overview of potential plans for added value compost products,etc. with the Standing Committee because it is strategic and far reaching and could be a very positive major game changer. There is no money ask of HRM .

Thank -you for consideration of the request ,

Regards ,
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