



**HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
May 18, 2016**

PRESENT: Mayor Mike Savage
Deputy Mayor Matt Whitman
Councillors: Barry Dalrymple
David Hendsbee
Bill Karsten
Lorelei Nicoll
Gloria McCluskey
Tony Mancini
Waye Mason
Jennifer Watts
Linda Mosher
Russell Walker
Stephen Adams
Reg Rankin
Brad Johns
Steve Craig
Tim Outhit

STAFF: Mr. John Traves, Acting Chief Administrative Officer
Ms. Karen Brown, Acting Municipal Solicitor
Mr. Kevin Arjoon, Municipal Clerk
Ms. Krista Vining, Legislative Assistant

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A video recording of this meeting is available: http://archive.isiglobal.ca/vod/halifax/archive_2016-05-18_live.mp4.html

The agenda, supporting documents, and information items circulated to Council are available online: <http://www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/160518rc-agenda.php>

The special meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. and adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. MOTIONS

2.1 Councillor Watts

The following was before Council:

- Staff presentation dated May 18, 2016
- A handout package related to Nova Scotia Legislature Bill No. 176 Otter Lake Landfill Act
- Correspondence from John Cascadden, Vice Chair for the MacDonald Lake Residents Association (MLRA) Board Member of Five Bridges Wilderness Heritage Trust (FBWHT)

Councillor Watts spoke to the private member's bill submitted by MLA Iain Rankin to maintain the Otter Lake landfill's current allowable cell heights. She expressed concern with the lack of details around what was being proposed for Bill 176 and how it might affect the Municipality's Solid Waste Strategy. Further concerns were:

- possible implications to site a new landfill
- the lack of clarity on the financial implications to the Municipality for the new regulations
- whether all members of Council were aware of the implications for Bill 176

MOVED by Councillor Watts, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Halifax Regional Council send a letter to the Province that provides Regional Council's comments on the proposed legislation to limit the height and number of landfill cells at Otter Lake.

Matt Keliher, Manager Solid Waste delivered a presentation on Bill 176 Otter Lake Landfill Act, an Act to maintain the current footprint and certain requirements of the landfill; being:

- limits the height of the landfill to 113 meters above sea level
- provides an increase height for Cell 6 to 119 metres above sea level for one year pending Department of Environment approval
- limits footprint to 9 cells

Third reading of Bill 176 was passed on May 13, 2016.

Council entered into discussion with members expressing concern with: not being notified and given an opportunity to provide input on Bill 176, potential cost implications to the Municipality, the impact to Council's relationship with CMC and the Province, and the layering of regulations relative to the Otter Lake facility.

Mr. Keliher confirmed that the estimated cost to site and construct a new landfill using the same specifications as Otter Lake is around \$85-90 million.

John Traves, Acting Chief Administrative Officer advised that unfortunately staff did not have sufficient time to review the proposed legislation nor seek an opinion from Council prior to its third reading.

Councillor Rankin submitted documentation respecting the lifespan of the Otter Lake Landfill dated May 17, 2016 with attached correspondence from John Traves to John Merrick dated December 1, 2015 for the record.

During the discussion, it was noted that the letter would address the following:

- The lack of formal consultation with the main stakeholder (HRM)

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- A need to identify the financial implications
- A history of consultation relative to solid waste that was not honored by the process for Bill 176

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (15 in favour, 2 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Whitman, Councillors Dalrymple, Hendsbee, Karsten, Nicoll, McCluskey, Mancini, Mason, Watts, Mosher, Walker, Johns, Craig and Outhit

Against: Councillors Adams and Rankin

3. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

Kevin Arjoon
Municipal Clerk