

SOLID WASTE RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
January 22, 2009

PRESENT: Councillor Bill Karsten, Chair
Councillor Tim Outhit
Councillor Debbie Hum
Councillor Lorelei Nicoll
Councillor Peter Lund
Councillor Andrew Younger
Councillor Reg Rankin
Councillor Sue Uteck

REGRETS: Mayor Peter Kelly

STAFF: Mr. Jim Bauld, Manager, Solid Waste Resources
Mr. Mike Labrecque, Director, Transportation and Public Works
Ms. Julia Horncastle, Acting Municipal Clerk

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. in the Media Room, 1st Floor, City Hall.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - July 7, December 10 and 16, 2008**

MOVED by Councillor Younger, seconded by Councillor Rankin, that the minutes of July 7, December 10 and 16, 2008 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Councillor Rankin noted for the record that the meeting has been regularly scheduled in Halifax Hall and was at the request of the Mayor's office, moved to the Media Room.

Members of the committee noted that they did not feel the room was an appropriate size in which to hold the meetings of this committee.

MOVED by Councillor Younger, seconded by Councillor Rankin, that the Solid Waste Resource Advisory Committee requested that it be noted for the record that the committee unanimously disagreed with the decision to move the Committee meeting from Halifax Hall to the Media Room. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Additions

- 9.1 Memorandum from Jim Bauld, Manager, Solid Waste Resources, dated January 20, 2009 entitled "Solid Waste Resources - Update on Priorities for FY 2009-09"
- 9.2 Removal of Recyclables from Curb (Referred from January 20, 2009 Regional Council)

Councillor Rankin requested public participation be moved up on the agenda to be addressed prior to item 6.1.

MOVED by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Nicoll, that the Order of Business, as amended, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

7. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

At this time an opportunity was provided to members of the industry to come forward and address the committee. No speakers came forward.

MOVED by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Outhit, that all elements of the ICI Cardboard presentation, with the exception of the proposed contract, be in the open session.

Upon consultation with the solicitor, Councillor Karsten ruled that the Committee take no potential risk on this issue and that the matter be addressed In Camera.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - NONE

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS

6. REPORTS

6.1 2009 Meeting Schedule

- A copy of the proposed meeting schedule was before the Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Rankin, that the 2009 meetings be schedule on a bi-monthly basis. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

6.2 NS Environment Consultation Paper - Renewal of NS Solid Waste Resource Management Strategy - Workshops January 29th and February 3rd

Mr. Bauld advised this was for the information of the committee and noted solid waste staff will be attending the workshops.

Councillor Younger noted that the committee had approved a bi-monthly meeting schedule and requested staff provide any information that may come forward between meetings to the committee by e-mail.

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

This item was addressed earlier in the meeting. (See page 3)

8. CORRESPONDENCE - NONE

9. ADDED ITEMS

9.1 Memorandum from Jim Bauld, Manager, Solid Waste Resources, dated January 20, 2009 entitled "Solid Waste Resources - Update on Priorities for FY 2008-09"

Mr. Bauld advised the memorandum identified significant projects and priorities for Solid Waste Resources and the progress on each of those. He noted all projects are on track, on schedule and on budget.

Councillor Uteck noted a number of venues that do not source separate and stated that the emphasis should be on education and requested that consideration be given to using the 490-4000 number as an active resource.

9.2 Removal of Recyclables from Curb (Referred from January 20, 2009 Regional Council)

MOVED by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Nicoll, that staff provide a report to the Committee.

Mr. Bauld advised that as there is an enforcement component he would engage Sgt. Robin McNeil in the development of the report.

Councillor Uteck requested that the report include what HRM's position will be with regard to constant illegal dumping, how will the dumping be monitored, how much is one homeowner responsible for, how many times is a homeowner expected to comply and have it become their responsibility.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 26, 2009.

11. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Councillor Karsten vacated the chair and the Acting Municipal Clerk called for nominations for the position of Chair.

MOVED by Councillor Lund, seconded by Councillor Uteck, that Councillor Rankin be nominated.

MOVED by Councillor Younger, seconded by Councillor Hum, that Councillor Karsten be nominated.

MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Younger, that nominations cease. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The nominees were provided an opportunity to address the Committee.

Following a vote, Councillor Karsten was declared Chair.

Councillor Karsten assumed the Chair and called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair.

MOVED by Councillor Hum, seconded by Councillor Outhit, that Councillor Rankin be Vice-Chair. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The meeting adjourned into the In Camera session at 1:40 p.m.

The meeting reconvened into open session at 1: 50 p.m. to address ICI Cardboard.

ICI CARDBOARD

Councillor Uteck stated there are many businesses that will not be able to handle four stream recycling which means another bin. She stated that she would have preferred that this had come before full Council.

Mr. Bauld advised the collectors have been telling HRM that this can be achieved by April 1st and some locations may require an additional bin but not all.

Councillor Uteck requested minutes from the meetings be provided to Council when the report comes forward to Council.

Councillor Rankin stated that information from the industry had not yet been received regarding their opinion of the contingency case and has HRM explored a longer term plan if the By-law does not go through.

Mr. Bauld advised that the recommendation was to amend the By-law with the contingency that Otter Lake would be utilized.

Councillor Younger stated he did not want to see HRM taking over this service/business.

MOVED by Councillor Younger, seconded by Councillor Uteck, that:

- 1. Staff prepare a By-Law amendment requiring the separation of cardboard at ICI properties for September 1, 2009, ongoing HRM education/information campaign for ICI sector**
- 2. If local markets don't accept mixed ICI fibre after March 31, 2009, enact Contingency Plan.**
- 3. Possibly small % of ICI collectors can't separate cardboard by April 1, 2009, then:
HRM provide receipt baling, sorting ICI fibre at Otter Lake for local markets
By Mirror, 30 days automatic renewal (if necessary) until all ICI collectors have achieved separation of cardboard.**
- 4. Issue EOI for receipt, baling, sorting and marketing of ICI fibre by May 15, 2009.**

The Committee agreed that the date in the Contingency Plan be changed from April 1, 2009 to September 1, 2009 and that the minutes from the January 15 meeting with industry be included with the report to Council.

Councillor Rankin recommended that the presentation go to the industry.

Councillor Uteck noted that if the minutes of the meetings with industry was included with the report, Council could see that staff have consulted with the industry and it would then be with Council to recommend further consultation with industry.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Julia Horncastle
Acting Municipal Clerk

