

**HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
SOLID WASTE/RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING
DECEMBER 14, 2000 @2:00
Council Chambers, 2750 Dutch Village Road**

Present: Councillor Reg Rankin, Chair
Councillor Gary Hines
Councillor Jim Smith
Councillor Dawn Sloane (part)
Jim Bauld, Diversion Planning Coordinator
Kurt Pyle, Planner, Planning & Development Services
Fred Wendt, Waste Resource Analyst, Solid Waste Resources
Laurie Lewis, Collection & Processing Coordinator
Barbara I. Moar, Assistant Municipal Clerk

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1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

MOVED by Councillor Smith and seconded by Councillor Hines that Councillor Rankin be appointed as Chair of the SWRAC. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED by Councillor Hines and seconded by Councillor Smith that the Agenda be approved as circulated. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**3.1 Diane Coish, Halifax C&D Recycling**

Ms. Diane Coish, Halifax C&D Recycling, spoke to the Committee on her company's views re the effective management of construction and demolition wastes in Nova Scotia, and the future of the industry.

Ms. Coish reported on some of the materials that are regularly delivered to the site and how these products are recycled by Halifax C&D Recycling. During the period May to October, 2000, Halifax C&D Recycling processed and shipped out the following tonnage to various locations:

• remediation matrix	14,590
• landfill cover	1,861
• plastic	145
• waste - Otter Lake	110
• refrigerators	29
• hazardous wastes	18 (45 gallon drums)

Ms. Coish stated that since beginning operations 5½ years ago, 110,000 tonnes of material has been processed by Halifax C&D Recycling. On site today, there is approximately 2,000 tonnes of material processed, sorted and ready to be ground, and 300 tonnes of unsorted material. All of the other material has left the site as identified above.

In closing her presentation, Ms. Coish made the following comments for consideration by the Committee:

1. There is an argument that if contractors and people in the construction industry are forced to pay a tipping fee for disposal, illegal waste dumping will increase. But, she

believes illegal dumping will continue whether or not there are tipping fees.

2. Referring to tipping fees at Halifax C&D Recycling, Ms. Coish stated that the fees can be as low as \$30.00/tonne and as high as \$110.00/tonne. The fee for \$30.00 applies to a separated load, and the \$110.00 fee applies to the degree of separation that takes place on site and the type of material that is on the load.
3. Referring to HRM's consideration of a process to regulate C&D operations, Ms. Coish suggested that HRM should consider putting a ban on certain materials to keep them out of a C&D landfill facility.
4. Ms. Coish stated there should be some process for ensuring pre-separation, either at the source of the construction site, or at the facility, to avoid such things as hazardous wastes going into a landfill.
5. Public consultation should be part of the process in developing a C&D Waste Management Strategy for HRM.
6. Ms. Coish stated that when considering the C&D landfill, it should be noted that this would have an impact on diversion rates, and on the credits HRM receives from the RRF.

The Chair thanked Ms. Coish for her presentation.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 4, 2000

MOVED by Councillor Smith and seconded by Councillor Hines that the Minutes of October 4, 2000 be approved as circulated. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. PROCESS AND ROLE OF SWRAC IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A "PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROGRAM" FOR A C&D WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

Referring to a December 6th staff report, Mr. Bauld reported that at its November 21st meeting, Regional Council approved a public participation program for the placement of a management framework for construction and demolition waste. Mr. Bauld briefly reviewed the background and discussion on this issue identified in the staff report stating that approximately 75,000 tonnes of all municipal solid waste is construction and demolition (C&D) debris. Currently there are no approved disposal sites in HRM. Under present municipal planning standards, some land use zones permit recycling facilities, but no zone permits disposal of C&D waste.

Mr. Bauld pointed out that planning regulations can control location of C&D facilities but they are not appropriate means to regulate their operation. A licensing by-law would be better able to address concerns over operation.

By the use of a flow chart, Mr. Kurt Pyle, Planner, Planning & Development Services, reviewed the public participation process that would be followed to provide an opportunity for comments from the public and C&D industry representatives on a possible C&D Management Strategy.

The process adopted by Council will involve Community Councils, local Planning Advisory Committees and the SWRAC. Staff are seeking the Committee's consent to adopt a recommended process.

Mr. Pyle stated that staff are recommending various ways to generate input from the C&D industry, including surveys, open house sessions, and other meetings as requested. Staff will make presentations at meetings of Community Councils and Planning Advisory Committees (PAC) to provide public input on the development of a C&D Waste Management Strategy. Staff will gather all the information received at these meetings, and draft amendments to Municipal Planning Strategies (MPS) and Land Use By-Laws (LUB) and prepare a draft C&D Licensing By-Law.

Mr. Pyle reported that the draft report would be sent to the PAC for their recommendations. These recommendations would then go to Community Councils for valuation, and final recommendations would be brought back to the SWRAC. These recommendations would form the final draft for the Amendments and By-Law. Further consultation with the Community Councils or additional public meetings are possible if the SWRAC determines more are needed. The final recommendations will be sent to Regional Council for comments and evaluation. If accepted by Council, the standard process for the adoption of a by-law would follow.

Mr. Pyle stated the timeframe would be a minimum of 22 meetings in approximately seven months - February to July. Mr. Pyle pointed out that this is a regional process requiring amending plans in all of HRM to recognize the issues of C&D waste, C&D recycling facilities, and possibly C&D disposal facilities. The Chair asked that it be noted that there will be no C&D site in District 22, and that there would be no need to have any public information meetings in this District.

Discussion ensued resulting in the following motion:

MOVED by Councillor Hines and seconded by Councillor Smith that the Solid Waste/Resource Advisory Committee provide a forum for comments from industry on proposed changes to Municipal Planning Strategies (MPS) and Land Use By-Laws (LUB) and on the adoption of a Construction and Demolition Materials Licensing By-Law in order to implement a C&D Waste Management Strategy. MOTION PUT AND

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. STAFF PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION

Staff had prepared a series of overheads to present and review reports that had been distributed for the meeting related to the following:

- (a) HRM Integrated Solid Waste/Resource Management Strategy
- (b) Year to Date Tonnage Report
- (c) Updated Strategy Numbers/Mass Balance
- (d) Update on 2000-01 Activities and Initiatives
- (e) Provincial Waste/Resource Management Initiatives

But, due to other commitments, members had to leave the meeting and without a quorum, it was decided to hold an informal committee meeting early in the New Year at which time staff would review these reports and other solid waste issues. Copies of the overheads would be sent to Committee members for review before the informal meeting.

Before adjourning the meeting, it was agreed that a letter of congratulations should be sent to the Province and the Resource Recovery Fund Board for their efforts in effecting a new stewardship program for the management of residential paint.

MOVED by Councillor Hines and seconded by Councillor Smith that a letter of congratulations be sent to the Province for their efforts in effecting a new stewardship program for the management of residential paint. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Jim Bauld
Diversion Planning Coordinator