

**JOINT MEETING**

**CHEBUCTO COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
WESTERN REGION COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
PENINSULA COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES**

**JANUARY 28, 2002**

THOSE PRESENT:        Chebucto Community Council

Councillor Diana Whalen  
Councillor Russell Walker

Western Region Community Council

Councillor Reg Rankin  
Councillor Gary Meade

Peninsula Community Council

Councillor Sheila Fougere  
Councillor Dawn Sloane  
Councillor Sue Uteck (arrived at 6:20 p.m.)

ALSO PRESENT:        Kurt Pyle, Planner  
                             Jim Bauld, Diversion Planning Coordinator  
                             Sandra Shute, Assistant Municipal Clerk

Regrets:                Councillor Stephen D. Adams  
                             Councillor Linda Mosher  
                             Councillor Jerry Blumenthal

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 2750 Dutch Village Road, Halifax by Councillor Rankin. Councillor Rankin recognized Terry Henley, Chair of the Community Monitoring Committee and two representatives from RDM Recycling.

2. **C & D Waste Management Strategy - Proposed Amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategies and Land Use By-laws**

A report dated January 16, 2002 was before the members of the respective Community Councils. The purpose of the meeting was to obtain input from these three Community Councils before staff begins the final details of the amendment process as they do not have Planning Advisory Committees.

Kurt Pyle, Planner provided an overview of the public participation process for the C & D amendments to date which included a joint meeting with the Watershed Advisory Boards and with Planning Advisory Committees. He then provided an overview of the approach taken which included:

- C Methodology - Rezoning Option
- C Rezoning process
- C Requirements for Site Plan approval
- C Proposed policies for CD-1 and CD-2 zones covering the fact that existing operators should be permitted to continue and be recognized.
- C Proposal to provide additional rights to existing operations for transfer stations.

Mr. Pyle advised that RDM Recycling has asked to be given additional rights in terms of applying a CD-3 zone to their property. As well, there is a request for Council to consider an application by Halifax C & D to recognize their site. Any new operations, however, would have to go through the rezoning process and site plan approval. With regard to disposal, the province has to give approval even after HRM has given approval. Even so, the province could still say no.

Mr. Pyle advised that throughout this consultation phase, staff still provided information on the C & D Licensing By-law. There have been a number of comments on it in terms of modification, both from the industry and the public. As part of the process, there could be potential amendments to the Licensing By-law to ensure it is working properly.

Mr. Pyle advised that staff was looking for direction from the Community Councils in terms of the approach, the comments received to date regarding environmental, traffic, additional rights and the Licensing By-law in general. As indicated in the information provided, staff feels

that they have addressed the majority of the issues and are in the process of working on the rest.

In terms of the Waters Advisory Boards' comments, Mr. Pyle advised these have not been provided as yet. Their issues were more with environmental than land use. He listed some of the issues as follows:

- C Proposals should go through the environmental assessment process.
- C Evaluation criteria needs to be strengthened.
- C There should be grandfather management for protection of ground water, particularly in rural areas.
- C Use of berms to protect water courses.
- C In terms of the Licensing By-law, bonding and renewal of licences.
- C The definition of watercourses - use of the provincial definition rather than HRM's.
- C Issue of enforcement - the current process is not efficient and does not achieve the goal.
- C Fines in By-law S-101 are more than the C & D By-law fines. They should be similar or the C & D By-law should be higher.
- C Concern with the role of the province.
- C Would like to see new applications go to the Board for comments.

Mr. Jim Bauld, Diversion Planning Coordinator advised that staff is working with the industry to have licences issued. Each of the C & D operators have to provide, as required under the By-law, a site plan, operations plan, bonding, insurance.

Mr. Bauld advised that just last Friday three licences were issued:

- RDM Recycling for a C & D processing facility in Harrietsfield.
- Halifax C & D in Goodwood for the processing facility.
- Halifax C & D on Ross Road for a transfer station.

There is still one major private C & D operator left outstanding - Preston C & D and Recycling. Staff is working with the Preston operator and will give an update at the next Solid Waste Resource Advisory Committee on February 14, 2002.

Mr. Bauld continued that licences are in effect until December 31 of each year. If an operator wishes to make a change in the operation, amend the site plan, put up a building, for instance, they would have to advise and By-law Enforcement would have to go out periodically and make sure the site plan is consistent with what has been approved.

Mr. Pyle then asked Community Council members if there was something specific they wanted staff to look at before the next round, which would consist of meeting individually with each Community Council. At this time, staff wanted to meet to see if there was any direction.

Councillor Walker stated that bringing recommendations to Community Council would be appropriate.

Councillor Fougere asked if staff addressed or took into account all the comments from the Waters Advisory Boards and the Planning Advisory Committees. In response, Mr. Pyle agreed that staff had done so.

On a question regarding the time schedule, Mr. Pyle outlined the tentative schedule to meet with the Community Councils individually. The purpose of meeting with each Community Council was to have proposed detailed amendments before Community Council. It was hoped that MPS changes would ultimately be approved by Regional Council by July.

3. **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion from Councillor Walker, the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Sandra M. Shute  
Assistant Municipal Clerk