

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES May 27, 2003

PRESENT:

Mayor Peter J. Kelly
Deputy Mayor Harry McInroy
Councillors: Gary Hines
Keith Colwell (2:50 p.m.)
Ron Cooper
Brian Warshick
Condo Sarto
Bruce Hetherington
Jim Smith
John Cunningham
Jerry Blumenthal
Dawn Sloane
Sue Uteck
Sheila Fougere (2:45 p.m.)
Russell Walker
Diana Whalen (2:45 p.m.)
Stephen Adams
Brad Johns
Len Goucher
Reg Rankin
Gary Meade

ABSENT
WITH REGRETS:

Councillors: Steve Streach
Linda Mosher
Robert Harvey

STAFF:

Mr. Dan English, Acting Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. Wayne Anstey, Municipal Solicitor
Ms. Vi Carmichael, Municipal Clerk
Ms. Julia Horncastle, Legislative Assistant

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - May 13, 2003**

MOVED by Councillor Blumenthal, seconded by Councillor Hetherington, that the minutes of May 13, 2003, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

MOVED by Councillor Hetherington, seconded by Councillor Warshick, that the Order of Business, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. **POLLUTION PREVENTION (SOURCE CONTROL) PROGRAM UPDATE**

- A report prepared for Mr. Brad Anguish, Director, Environmental Management Services, dated May 21, 2003, on the above noted, was before Council.

Mr. Brad Anguish, Director, Environmental Management Services, introduced Mr. John Sibbald, Pollution Prevention Co-ordinator who, with the aid of overheads, presented the report to Council outlining:

- Purpose and Overview,
- Objectives,
- Current Status,
- Future Direction,
- Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD) and Soluble BOD,
- Major Sources of BOD,
- BOD Issues.

In response to Councillor Hetherington, Mr. Sibbald advised they are empowered, under the By-law, to enter onto premises for the purpose of inspection. Mr. Sibbald explained sampling inspections will be done unannounced at any time of the day, noting they will announce themselves on the initial inspection but will not on subsequent visits.

Councillor Hetherington advised there is also a problem with storm water runoff that goes into lakes and waterways, noting that by the time the problem is addressed, the lakes are covered with mud. The Councillor suggested staff investigate calls being directed through the call centre.

In response to Councillor Goucher, Mr. Sibbald advised that source controls will be applied to all treatment plants within HRM, not just the three new ones.

In response to Councillor Smith, Council was advised that 600 inspections have been completed with the task consisting of approximately 5,000. The program will be completed within eighteen months of the start up of construction of the Halifax Wastewater Treatment Plant followed by approximately 12 months each for the Dartmouth and Herring Cove side.

In response to Councillor Uteck, Council was advised there are no penalties to date but legal services will structure the By-law to allow summary offence tickets.

In response to Councillor Uteck regarding case management, Council was advised that case management is the long term management of an industrial site. It starts with the initial visit and it continues through the history and relationship of HRM with a business. It includes spot checks and analytical chemical characterization of the wastewater discharge to ensure they are in compliance, namely it will be the history of all negotiations with a business.

In response to Councillor Rankin, Council was advised the source control program will address the various chemistries, heavy metals and synthetic organics that are being discharged into the sewers and pass untreated through the municipal wastewater treatment applications.

Mayor Kelly thanked staff for their presentation.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Vi Carmichael
Municipal Clerk