

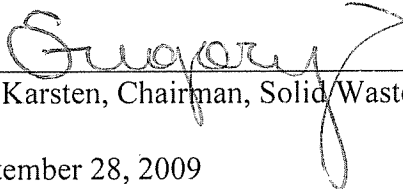


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Item No. 14
Halifax Regional Council
October 20, 2009

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:

for 
Bill Karsten, Chairman, Solid Waste Resource Advisory Committee

DATE: September 28, 2009

SUBJECT: Resource Recovery Fund Board - Balanced Representation

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

- July 22, 2009 meeting of the Municipality of the District of Yarmouth Council;
- September 9, 2009 meeting of Regional Chairs Solid Waste Committee;
- September 24, 2009 meeting of Solid Waste Resource Advisory Committee.

BACKGROUND

On July 22, 2009, the Municipality of the District of Yarmouth passed a resolution calling upon the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities at the UNSM Annual Conference on November 4, 2009, to lobby the Provincial government to change the structure of the Board of the Resource Recovery Fund (RRFB) to achieve a balance of municipal and non municipal representation.

Attachment # 1 is the letter with the attached resolution passed by the Municipality of the District of Yarmouth.

At the September 9, 2009 meeting of Regional Chairs, the resolution was endorsed.

Council Report

DISCUSSION

At the September 24, 2009 meeting of the Solid Waste Resource Advisory Committee, it was agreed that the members of Regional Council be apprised of the resolution, and those Council members who are UNSM members, support the resolution at the UNSM Annual Conference.

A balanced representation of municipal and non municipal members on the RRFB will be even more vital in the future, as the Province proceeds with the development and implementation of a revised solid waste strategy, designed to achieve the 300 kg/per capita waste disposed target by 2015 (as contained the Bill 146, the Environmental Goals and Sustainable Prosperity Act).

Currently, of the twelve RRFB Board members, only two have municipal interests. Revenue from the RRFB for municipal waste diversion programs, funds only 10% of municipal waste diversion programs.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

None

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES/BUSINESS PLAN

This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Capital and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Capital and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

ATTACHMENTS

July 20, 2009 letter with attached resolution from the District of the Municipality of Yarmouth.

A copy of this report can be obtained online at <http://www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/cagenda.html> then choose the appropriate meeting date, or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.

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SWRAC Sept 24/09
Attachment #1

2009-08-10-005



July 20, 2009

Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities
Suite 1106, 1809 Barrington Street
Halifax, NS B3J 3K8

Dear President Hines:

RE: 2009 CONFERENCE RESOLUTION - RRFB Resolution

Please find enclosed a resolution approved by the Municipality of Yarmouth at the July 22, Municipal Council Meeting that they wish to forward for submission as a resolution at the 2009 Annual UNSM Conference.

Yours truly,

Ken Moses
Chief Administrative Officer
KRM/las
Enclosure
cc - Nova Scotia Municipal units via e-mail

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RRFB RESOLUTION

Despite the importance of RRFB funding to Municipalities, we have very little representation on the RRFB Board of Directors. Currently, the Board is comprised of twelve members only two of which should be considered "Municipal" representatives, one chosen from the Regional Chairs Committee and one from the UNSM. The remaining members are appointed by the Minister of Environment. It is our belief that Nova Scotia's Municipalities who are bearing the financialburden for the management of Solid Waste deserve greater representation on this important board.

WHEREAS: Council of the Municipality of the District of Yarmouth, hereinafter called the Council, is the governing body of the Municipality;

AND WHEREAS: Council has serious concerns about the increasing financial implications arising from the Provincially mandated waste disposal target of 300 kg / per person / per year by 2015;

AND WHEREAS: Council has serious concerns about the level of Municipal representation on the Board of RRFB as well as concerns about the funding decisions being made by this Board;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that Council calls upon the UNSM to actively lobby the Provincial government to change the structure of the Board of the RRFB to balance Municipal and non municipal representation.