

Item No. 11.3.1
Halifax Regional Council
January 11, 2011

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council



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SUBMITTED BY: _____
Councillor Peter Lund, Chair, Solid Waste Resource Advisory Committee

DATE: December 29, 2010

SUBJECT: **Public Consultation re: Closure of Otter Lake Landfill**

ORIGIN

The Solid Waste Resource Advisory Committee November 25, 2010 meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

The Solid Waste Resource Advisory Committee recommends that Halifax Regional Council give consideration to entering into discussions with the Community Monitor Committee (CMC), as requested in their letter dated September 9, 2010, and direct staff to provide a report outlining this process.

BACKGROUND

As per the Community Monitoring Committee's September 9, 2010 letter.

DISCUSSION

The Solid Waste Resource Advisory Committee discussed this matter during their November 25, 2010 meeting, see attached draft minute extract.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

N/A

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES/BUSINESS PLAN

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

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Solid Waste Resource Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public.

ALTERNATIVES

No alternatives were provided.

ATTACHMENTS

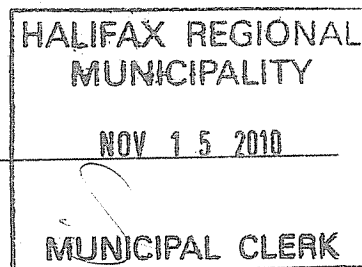
1. Letter from the Community Monitoring Committee (CMC) dated September 9, 2010.
2. Draft Minute Extract of Solid Waste Resource Advisory Committee – November 25, 2010

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September 9, 2010

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RE: Otter Lake Landfill - Site A

Dear Council:

The Community Monitoring Committee (CMC) has reviewed the issue of the planned integration of Site A with the Western Commons Wilderness Park subsequent to the closure of the landfill.

The CMC has adopted the attached resolution which is asking council to direct staff to work with the CMC to move forward with the planning to achieve the intended objective.

We look forward to commencing our discussions and will work with your staff in a collaborative process.

Respectfully yours,



Jack Mitchell
Chair CMC

cc: CAO
Councillor Walker
Councillor Lund
Councillor Rankin
Members of CMC

Whereas the Site A at Otter Lake Residual Disposal Facility (Landfill) serving the needs of the entire HRM was developed with a commitment to the community to have a maximum life span of 25 years;

Whereas the site is now part of the Western Commons Wilderness Park;

Whereas HRM council approved in the recent regional plan a commitment to hold public consultations on the closure of the landfill; and

Whereas the Halifax Waste Resource Society was created to act as an overseer on behalf of the community;

Be it resolved that HRM council instruct staff to commence negotiations with the society to determine the specific closure date and to define the consultation process with the community to examine options for the integration of the landfill lands to become an active portion of the wilderness park.

Draft Minute Extract of Solid Waste Resource Advisory Committee – November 25, 2010

6.1.1 Otter Lake Community Monitoring re: Otter Lake Landfill – Site A

A letter from Mr. Jack Mitchell, Chair, Community Monitoring Committee (CMC), dated September 9, 2010 was before the Committee for review.

Councillor Rankin provided an overview of the CMC's September 9th letter. He suggested forwarding the letter to Council and request that Council engage in discussions with CMC. He further noted that the Western Common has also requested that Council begin engagement with CMC.

MOVED by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Hum, that the Solid Waste Resource Advisory Committee forward Community Monitoring Committee's September 9, 2010 letter to Halifax Regional Council and request consideration be given to engaging discussions with the Community Monitoring Committee.

Councillor Karsten questioned why this letter was before the Committee when it is addressed to Mayor Kelly and Regional Council.

MOVED by Councillor Hum, seconded by Councillor Nicoll, that the motion be amended to include direction to staff to provide a report.

The motion now reads:

MOVED by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Hum, that the Solid Waste Resource Advisory Committee:

- 1. Forward the Community Monitoring Committee's (CMC) September 9, 2010 letter to Halifax Regional Council and request that Council give consideration to engage discussions with the CMC; and**
- 2. Request that Halifax Regional Council direct staff to provide a report outlining this process.**

Ms. Krista Tidgwell, Legislative Assistant, advised that during Council's agenda review, it was requested that this matter be forwarded to the Solid Waste Resource Advisory Committee for review. Mr. Gord Helm, Manager, Solid Waste Resources, further noted that staff was forwarded a copy of the letter via email and this matter is under review by the Executive Management Team (EMT).

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.