

**Waste Management Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**March 10, 2021**  
**Council Chambers**  
**10:00 a.m.**

**Present**

Councillor, D Roberts, Chair  
Mayor L. Boucher  
Deputy Mayor Andrew Murray  
Councillor Mary Farrell  
N. Haverkort, Eastern Region Solid Waste Management Co-ordinator  
K. O'Handley, Eastern Region Solid Waste Compliance Officer  
D. Halfpenny, Engineering & Planning Administrative Assistant

**Absent**

K. Proctor, P. Eng. Director of Public Works

**Call to Order**

The Chair, Councillor D. Roberts called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**Approval of Agenda**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the March 10, 2021 agenda. Motion approved.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the notes from the February 10, 2021 meeting.

**Business Arising from Minutes**

**Waste Bylaw**

Councillor D. Roberts, Chair asked committee members to provide input on the Solid Waste Resource Management Bylaw.

Mayor L. Boucher congratulate the committee on the progress made to date concerning the Solid Waste Resource Management Bylaw. She commented that under section 10.2 schedule of charges it should be taken one step further to included rooming houses and lodging houses which are five bedrooms and above, advising that every two bedrooms should be considered a ½ unit.

Discussion followed and all committee members agreed that the change should be made.

N. Haverkort will make the amendment and add the definition of a rooming house, lodging house to the definitions section. She commented that she will be removing any reference to a bag limit, as discussion with K. Proctor, Director of Public Works at the January meeting and J. Dee General Manager with Waste Management Committee had led to determination by the Waste Management Committee at the February 10<sup>th</sup> meeting that there was no need to have a bag limit.

N. Haverkort advised that clarification is required on whether GFL will pick up one bag of yard waste clippings if it is in a biodegradable bag. She stated that she has added information into the special events section and requirements for C&D separation and advised she be doing re-numbering of sections such as the fine schedule and a grammar review to clean up the

document before sending out the final draft.

Deputy Mayor A. Murray commented that he found the draft of the Waste Bylaw to be clear, concise, and handy for reference. He questioned why black bags are still being offered for sale in the Town of Antigonish.

N. Haverkort stated she had sent a letter to all merchants in the Town and fringe area that carry black bags advising that waste programs prohibit the usage of black bags. She reported that all but one store removed the black bags from their garbage display area and moved them to a display area with items for storage.

Councilor M. Farrell had concerns about garbage box style containers at the end of driveways and wanted it more clearly defined that these waste containers should be to the rear of side of property out of sight. She asked whether requiring business to lock their bins would prevent illegal dumping. She commented that perhaps once the bylaw has been completed it could be promoted on social media. She asked whether there could be a built-in requirement for landlords to inform their tenants of the requirements for waste management in the Town of Antigonish with a sign off that would act as proof that they have given the tenant the information in the event of a violation.

Discussion followed on Commercial storage corrals and their location, issues with boxes overflowing; special conditions where business is unable to locate bins to the back would need to work with the Planning Advisory Committee and EDPC to come up with a solution.

It was noted that illegal dumping will still occur even if the bins are locked with the materials being left on top or to the side of the locked bins. Only enforcement and fines will deter those who are illegally dumping.

Committee members discussed the creation of a downloadable information package for landlords to be able to provide materials to their tenant and get sign off.

D. Roberts, Chair advised that once the amendments have been completed, she would like a hard copy sent to her, and electronic copies are to be sent to Steve Scannell, Jeff Lawrence, and Ken Proctor. She noted that she will also be bring the information forward at the next Town Council Meeting.

The Chair commented that she would speak to J. Lawrence when the Bylaw has been update about letting the public know via social media. She agreed that it would be valuable to new residents, and landlords.

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor left to attend another meeting at 10:55 a.m.

### **Waste Bins**

D. Roberts, Chair noted that the litter can staff report will be reviewed and beautification committee will look at sprucing up existing containers.

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor returned to the meeting at 11:26 a.m.

### **New Committee Member**

The Chair reported that five people had submitted applications for the new positions on the

Waste Committee. She advised that Council will be ratify the new members at the next Council meeting.

### **New Business**

N. Haverkort sent an email for circulation concerning student employment position for a Waste-Resource Program Compliance Promotion Intern – 15-week internship being offered through DivertNS.

The community partner for this Summer Student Intern position through the Clean Leadership program will be Eastern Region Solid Waste-Resource Management, reporting to Nicole Haverkort, Regional Coordinator/Educator. In this position, the candidate will mainly be responsible for the review and promotion of the Organics Green Cart Collection program and Backyard Composting, with emphasis on proper sorting and food waste reduction. Other duties will involve working with community members and partners to organize clean-up events through-out the region. The successful candidate must have a valid NS drivers' permit, access to a vehicle, WHIMIS, a positive attitude towards visual green cart inspections, ability to work in various conditions such as changing weather and terrain, excellent communication skills, the ability to compile large amounts of data into a report and experience with social media platforms.

D. Halfpenny forwarded to S. Scannell and K. Gorman for circulation via social media and the Town website.

### **Education and Compliance Report**

Compliance Officer Report - K. O' Handley circulated his report of activities undertaken within the Town of Antigonish since the February 10, 2021 Waste Management Meeting.

K. O' Handley reported that he has been working closely with StFX to deal with the black bag issue which continues to be a problem. He advised he had found a needle in one of the bags. StFX has indicated that after sending two emails out to all students and the problem persisting the university has instructed K O' Handley that they want the students charged.

A motion was made and seconded that the Compliance Report be accepted. Motion Carried.

### **Next Meeting Date**

Next Waste Meeting Wednesday, April 14th at 10 a.m.

**The meeting was adjourned at 11:42 a.m.**