

Waste Management Committee Meeting Notes
October 12, 2022
Town Council Chambers
9:30 a.m.

Present

Councillor, D Roberts, Chair
D. Campbell, StFX Representative
T. Williams, Eastern Region Solid Waste Management Co-ordinator
K. O'Handley, Eastern Region Solid Waste Compliance Officer
D. Halfpenny, Engineering & Planning Administrative Assistant

Absent with regrets:

Councillor M Farrell
Councillor A. Murray
L. Crowley, Business Owner, Landlord Association
A. Starr, Business Owner, Recircle

Call to Order

The Chair, Councillor D. Roberts called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

Approval of Agenda

It was determined that there was an insufficient number of committee members to have a quorum.

Approval of Minutes

Up able to approve due to lack of quorum.

Business Arising from Minutes

Recircle Update

D. Roberts stated that A. Starr had sent his regrets and that he had provided a quick update on his business. He had advised that Recircle is operating and has been invited to participate in two very competitive accelerators. 1) Energia Ventures and 2) Creative Destruction Lab. He advised that Recircle is in the process of hiring an equipment operator. He had also asked how could Recircle's efforts, if brought together compliment the goal of recycling plastic waste in Antigonish? In other words what resources does the town of Antigonish have to collaborate with Recircle?

Discussion followed on the difficulty of maintaining a waste stream to supply plastic for Recircle, the Town of Antigonish residential waste program, and provincial programs that are currently in place.

D. Roberts noted she would respond to A. Starr to seek clarification on the status of Recircle's plastic supply and to get a better understanding of what Recircle is requesting from the Town.

Cigarette Butts

D. Roberts advised that due to Fiona and other pressing matters the visits to local businesses to discuss options for cigarette butts clean up didn't take place. She advised that it will be taken off the agenda for now and may return to the agenda in the spring.

CACL Seacan

No updates have been received from J. Teasdale. Remove from the agenda until update is received from CACL.

Town Litter Pick Up - August

D. Roberts reported that the Town Clean Up event had seen 8 bags of garbage removed from Town streets. She noted that only 4 people had turned out to do the clean up.

New meeting time for Waste Management

D. Roberts advised that Councillor M. Farrell is working at Access NS and therefore is unable to attend the morning meeting. The Committee members present discussed changing the time to a lunch meeting. Councillor Roberts will speak to Councillor Farrell to see if this would enable her to attend.

Chair D. Roberts has confirmed with Councillor M. Farrell that the meeting time for Waste Management be moved to noon time on the second Wednesday of the month.

New Business

Report on GFL Council Presentation

D. Roberts advised that due to Fiona Hurricane and the aftermath the Town Council Meeting had to be rescheduled. GFL is now scheduled to do a presentation at the October Council Meeting. She noted she would report back to the Waste Committee at the next Waste Management meeting.

Town Litter Pick Up for October 15th.

T. Williams advised that the advertising for the Town Clean Up has been running for the past few days. She noted that with the clean up happening on Home Coming Weekend it is difficult to know how many people will be available to do the clean up.

D. Roberts reported that the event will go rain or shine and that it will be the last clean up of the year. Everything is in place for advertising on social media, radio station, etc. She reiterated that the DivertNS funding provides much needed funds for the Antigonish Fuel Fund. She noted that everyone involved will do the best they can.

GFL has organized for a bin to be placed near public works for disposal of the garbage.

D. Roberts noted that StFX is also organizing a Sunday Clean Up. She stated that it nice to see StFx doing a clean up following the Home Coming festivities.

D. Campbell commented that Professor D. Young at StFX is in charge of the event..

Discussion followed on how perhaps next year the two groups could coordinate to have a clean up the week following homecoming

D. Roberts noted that the Town Clean up for October was a success with 12 participants in total and over 20 bags of garbage picked up.

D Young, Ph.D, Professor, Faculty of Education reported, on StFX clean up.

"I wanted to let you know we had a great cleanup on Sunday, during which we collected 200 pounds of trash. We had great feedback from citizens thanking the students for the great job, so it was a real success!"

Education Compliance Report

K. O' Handley reported that he conducted 10 landfill inspections consisting of two IC&I, three StFX, two STFX organics and two residential loads. He has completed seven business visits and two residential visits and performed four curbside audits.

He advised that T. Williams and he had participated in several event such as:

1. World Ocean Day at StFX. He noted that this was a very popular event with students and that attendance was great.
- T. Williams commented that there were five giveaways at their booth.

She noted that the event occurred following a Beach Clean Up which resulted in thousands of lobster bands being collected, in addition to buoys and other litter.

K. O'Handley stated that they unfortunately had to report several dead birds to the Department of Natural Resources. He advised it was determined that the birds had died due to Avian Flu.

2. T. Williams and K. O'Handley had participated in the Town of Antigonish Litter Clean Up in August.

T. Williams reported that they are organizing a special event for Waste Reduction Week which is (October 16-23) at the Antigonish People's Place Library. The event is called "Quick Fix" and will take place on Thursday, October 20th. The event is designed to encourage people to drop off clean used clothing that may require a new button to be sewn on, a seam to be sewn, or item hemmed. A seamstress will be on site to show participants how to sew on a button or do a minor clothing repairs or alteration. Those in attendance can donate clothing or pick up clothing. She advised that the event has been advertised on the radio station, and via social media.

STFX

D. Campbell reported that some changes have been made to the location of sorting at various buildings as some areas prefer to have the bins inside and others outside.

He noted that new initiatives are working to decrease vandalism on campus. He advised that continued efforts are made to ensure students that live off campus are aware of the need to be

good neighbours. He advised that there are an increased number of Home Coming events scheduled for campus which are intended to discourage large off campus parties.

Chair D. Roberts thanked K. O'Handley and D. Campbell for their reports.

The Chair advised that the next meeting would be the Christmas meeting.

Next Meeting Date

Next Waste Meeting Wednesday, December 14, 12 noon. in Council Chambers.

The meeting was adjourned at 10: 50 a.m.