

Waste Management Committee Meeting
April 12, 2016
Council Chambers
9:30 a.m.

Present

Councillor J. MacPherson, Chair
Mayor C. Chisholm
Deputy Mayor L. Boucher
Councillor L. Chisholm

N. Haverkort, Eastern Region Solid Waste Management Co-ordinator
L. McLean, Antigonish Chamber of Commerce Representative
K. O'Handley, Eastern Region Solid Waste Compliance Officer
K. Proctor, Director of Public Works
D. Halfpenny, Engineering & Planning Administrative Assistant

Absent with Regrets

S. Feist CAO
E. Maltby, StFx Environmental Representative
Michael Dube, STFX
Mikaela Henderson, STFX

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:25 am.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made and seconded, "That the Agenda be approved."
Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded, "That the Minutes from the March 8, 2016 be approved."

Correspondence

No correspondence.

Business Arising from Minutes

Waste Management Program Update:

- K. Proctor reported that the Waste Management program has plans to replace 50 Green Carts every two years. He said that the current Green Carts have served the Town well. He said that an order for 50 carts has been placed for this year. The Carts will come with a serial number but will require a Town logo be added. The Carts are expected to arrive soon. Weather in Central Canada has delayed shipping. There are currently five to six households waiting for a green bin. The homeowner is responsible for his/her Green Cart. The new Green Carts will be approximately \$90. The new carts will be stored at the Public Works Department and assembled as needed.
- K. Proctor said that the Town has several types of litter cans, sorting stations in place. He said a survey will be underway shortly to inventory location, type of can and determine amount of materials that are being placed in bin, and if the sorting stations are being used

properly. He said that the 3 Slot Sorting stations at a glance are not being used properly. He the survey will provide the data to determine the 3 slot sorting stations effectiveness.

- J. MacPherson said that Council had passed a motion to purchase an additional two of the three slot sorting stations to provide people with the option to sort properly and are meant to replace the existing litter cans.
- K. Proctor said that it is important to educate people on proper usage of the 3 slot sorting stations, and the first step is to determine if they are being used properly. He said if additional three slot sorting stations are purchased it would be important to determine the locations. He said a concrete pad is required and an anchoring kit to place these units.
- Councillor J. MacPherson, Chair said that his intention was to have the Beautification Committee determine the best locations.
- K. Proctor said perhaps the Recreation Department should be consulted to determine if these units could be placed at Columbus Field, Regional Fields, or Gazebo where the sorting stations may be of an increased benefit. He said the Recreation staff would have to be consulted to have their staff take care of the emptying of the materials from the sorting stations, but with the large concentrations of people using the fields for sporting events it may prove to be the best locations for this type of a litter can. He said that there are concrete cans at various location, metal cans, and the sorting stations in use. He said there are current Easy Sorting Stations for special events but they don't seem to be being used, plus the large sorting stations that had been used for Highland Games Week.
- N. Haverkort said that the Large Sorting Stations are not popular because it is difficult to find the correct size garbage bags to fit. She said the Easy Sorts are designed to be used for Special Events and that perhaps more education should be put in place to let people know that they are available.
- K. Proctor said that the concrete garbage cans are very sturdy and have held up well. He said there has been some vandalism and graffiti. He noted that the concrete cans may require painting this year.
- K. Proctor reminded the Waste Management Committee that the 5 year contract for Waste Collection is up this year and the a review of the services should be undertaken. He said the curbside tipping fees are a set fee, any other upcoming changes in programs would need to be indicated otherwise the only changes would be a cost of living increase.
- D. Halfpenny will circulate a copy of the 2011 RWC tender package for the Waste Management Committee to review.
- K. Proctor said the current contractor has provided a great level of service but until the tenders are received it shouldn't be presumed that they will always be the contractor provider.

Large Bulky Waste Pick Up

Set for May 2,3,& 4. Ad will be purchased in the Casket, and information on the Town of Antigonish Website.

Textile Recycling

- N. Haverkort advised that Colchester is looking at doing a pilot project where textiles would be placed in the plastics blue bag. She asked if this would be something the Town of Antigonish would consider incorporating into the Residential Waste Collection Program.

Discussion followed.

Committee Members said that currently The Opportunity Shop and the Community Bins divert a large amount of textiles from the landfill and that they would prefer to leave the program as is for now and reevaluate later.

N. Haverkort will find out more about the program and advise the committee.

NS Recycles Contest

- N. Haverkort said that she was very pleased to see the large number of winners from the Antigonish Area. She said there were winners from the Highschool and Junior High Levels. She said the awards banquet will be held at the Wellness Center in New Glasgow on April 25 from 6 to 8 p.m.
- Councillor J. MacPherson, Chair said unfortunately he would be unable to attend and asked the Deputy Mayor L. Boucher if she could attend and present some of the awards. Deputy Mayor, L. Boucher said she would be happy to attend.

Mercury Collection Program

- N. Haverkort provided a brochure outlining the new Mercury Collection program. She advised that currently the closest location to drop off mercury-containing products is Beech Hill. However she said that work is taking place within the industry to have businesses that sell mercury-containing products have a drop off box at their site. She said a complete list of sites is located at mercurysns.ca and the list will be updated as new locations are identified. N. Haverkort said the program is being funded by NS. Power and Administered by Efficiency Nova Scotia.

Enforcement Funding

- N. Haverkort said that after initially receiving word that funding would not be changed for this year it was followed up by word that the funding would be reduced by \$5000. N. Haverkort said that this matter is being challenged. She said she will advise when the issue is resolved.

Blue Bags

- N. Haverkort said that Blue Bags remain a challenge in commercial dumpsters. Education continues.

New Business

HHW

- N. Haverkort reported that the Household Hazardous Waste Event cost the Town of Antigonish \$1341.00 for 2015 event. She said costs are expected to increase for 2016 as the RRFB will not be funding the advertising portion and determination of the location of the event for 2016.

Plastic Bag Grab Challenge

- N. Haverkort said that Walmart is sponsoring an event where elementary students gather as many plastic bags as possible for their school, count them, and then drop off the bags at the local Walmart. The school with the largest amount of bags gathered win a prize for the school.

RRFB Funding Updates

N. Haverkort said the advertising budget has been cut, She said this is being challenged. She said the MAP innovation fund has also be illuminated.

Other Business.

Enforcement & Compliance

- K. O' Handley said that a large number of flyers had been deposited in the landfill. He said a flyer number on the band had determined that a flyer delivery person had dumped all the flyers in the garbage. He followed up with the local paper who was able to identify the person. He said they indicated that the person will no longer be delivery flyers for the newspaper.
- K. O'Handley reported that the educational presentation at the Dr John Hugh Gillis High School had been well received. He said N. Haverkort had put together a great presentation which included a video. He said that they had remained at the school during the lunch hour to answer any questions and assist with sorting. He said the sorting area is not set up well and that more has to be done to fix the bin situation.
- K. O'Handley said he continues to monitor commercial dumpsters and has had some success in identifying individuals who are illegally dumping. He said he had three complaints and found two names. He said he sent two letters and received a response back from one individual. He said he will continue to monitor these three areas.

It was moved and seconded, "that the compliance officer's report be accepted." Motion Carried.

Town Clean Up

J. MacPherson advised that the Town Clean Up will be happening on Saturday morning from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. He encouraged everyone to come out and assist the Antigonish Fuel Fund Group with the clean up. He said gloves, bags and water will be provided.

Next Meeting Date

- J. MacPherson said the next Waste Management Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. in Council Chambers

Motion

It was moved and seconded, "That the meeting be adjourned."

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.