

**Waste Management Committee Meeting**  
**April 12, 2017**  
**Council Chambers**  
**9:30 a.m.**

**Present**

Councillor J. MacPherson, Chair  
Councillor Diane Roberts  
Councillor Andrew Murray  
L. McLean, Antigonish Chamber of Commerce Representative  
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 with Regrets**

Mayor L. Boucher  
M. Henderson

**Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

**Approval of Agenda**

A motion was made and seconded, "that the Agenda be approved as circulated."  
Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes**

"A motion was made and seconded, that the March 15, 2017 meeting minutes be approved as circulated." Motion carried

**Business Arising from Minutes**

**3 Slot Sorting Stations**

- Chair, Councillor J. MacPherson advised that he would be speaking to J. Lawrence following the meeting to iron out the details for placement of the 3 Slot sorting stations.
- Councillor A. Murray noted that he has been hired to repair the existing mural on the former Wongs restaurant building and that there is a 3 Slot sorting station in front of the mural.
- Discussion followed regarding temporarily removing the 3 Slot station or painting over it to blend it into the mural.
- The Chair noted he would speak to J. Lawrence to determine acceptable option.

**Bulky Waste Pick Up**

- Chair J. MacPherson reported that the Bulky Waste Pick Up event is May 15,16 & 17 depending on the regular scheduled pick up date of the street. He noted that the StFX graduation is Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> this year.

**Funding Program Payouts**

- N. Haverkort advised that the reimbursement cheque for 50% of the cost of the new 3 Slot Sorting stations had been disbursed to the Town of Antigonish and \$1200 provided through the litter program to the Antigonish Fuel Fund for three clean ups.

**River Clean Up**

- The Chair advised that he had contacted R. Delorey, MLA and asked to have something in writing concerning what if anything can be done to clean up the river near the bridge by Pipers Pub. He reiterated that the Department of Fisheries and Oceans has concerns about erosion issues and fish habitat and that therefore some activities are prohibited such as cutting trees and brush near river banks.

## **New Business**

### **Funding Programs**

N. Haverkort reported that the \$1200 funding will be available again this year for Community groups for litter clean ups. She explained the options for the various funding programs through MAP funding from Divert NS and noted the deadline is June. She stated that any funding that hasn't been allocated with the June applications will be made available for a second uptake to be determined. She asked Committee members to spread the word to non-profit groups regarding funding opportunities for Community Bins.

### **Trading Treasures**

- N. Haverkort advised that StFX have decided to use a Rotary group on the campus to do an event rather than Trading Treasures. She since learned from M. Henderson that the Rotary group is only interested in the clothing.
- Chair J. MacPherson note that the Lions are not interested in doing Trading Treasures but that potential something could be put together with another group next year.
- N. Haverkort contacted Diabetes Canada to see if they would help out this year by collecting any small appliances and other small household items. She commented that she hoped something could be figured out to ensure materials were diverted from the landfill.
- The Chair noted that perhaps next time a group such as the Knights of Columbus, the Kinsmen, or Fuel Fund Group could fill the void and in turn raise some funds for a specific community need such as welcoming newcomers or heating homes.

### **Chamber Breakfast**

- Chair, Councillor J. MacPherson advised he has spoken to D. Fougere of the Chamber of Commerce concerning having a group from Eastern Region Solid Waste Management Committee present at a Business Connect meeting at the Antigonish Library. He noted that the meetings take place once a month and that it would be ideal if the May or June meeting date could be confirmed as the Chamber breaks for the Summer season.
- N. Haverkort commented that connecting with businesses to tie in with the June Enviro week is important as it will spread the message to businesses on the importance of paying attention to what is going out and determining if they have the right bins for the job; ways to share services and potential to create a blue bag program specific to businesses. She used an example of how a green coin program had been introduced in Europe to add incentives for businesses who supported the initiatives and that bags with special logos showed how they supported the program. She reiterated that it is all about best businesses practices and sharing what works.

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### **Enforcement & Compliance**

- K. O' Handley circulated his report. He advised that N. Haverkort has meet with S. Grant at the Antigonish Market square and visited all the Mall businesses to discuss proper sorting and disposal of waste, and recyclables. He commented that he will continue to monitor the

situation to make sure the businesses remain in compliance.

- N. Haverkort noted the Antigonish Market Square businesses have the correct sorting bins in place and that they have added a stream for organic materials to their program. She stated with new owners and new businesses entering the mall it was important to meet with them to review the program.
- K. O'Handley advised he performed waste audits at the landfill and that Antigonish Town residential loads are improving. He commented he had followed up on a couple of complaints of recyclables not being picked up and noted his investigation had determined improper sorting in one case and not getting the items to curbside on time in the second incident.

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

#### **Next Meeting Date**

- J. MacPherson said the next Waste Management Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. in Council Chambers.

#### **Motion**

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:34 a.m.