

Waste Management Committee Meeting
May 8, 2017
Council Chambers
9:30 a.m.

Present

Councillor J. MacPherson, Chair
Councillor Diane Roberts
Councillor Andrew Murray
N. Haverkort, Eastern Region Solid Waste Management Co-ordinator
D. Halfpenny, Engineering & Planning Administrative Assistant

Absent with Regrets

L. McLean, Antigonish Chamber of Commerce Representative
K. O'Handley, Eastern Region Solid Waste Compliance Officer

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:31 am.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made and seconded, "That the Agenda be approved with the addition of Business Tips".
Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded, "That the May 8, 2017 meeting minutes be approved as circulated." Motion carried

Correspondence

A letter was received from the Honorable Randy Delorey, MLA concerning the Brierly Brook clean up.

It was noted that C. MacInnis and N. MacInnis had coordinated the removal of several bags of trash from the river. Minister Delorey reiterated that the trees which have fallen into the river are an important part of the fish habitat and he encouraged the introduction of information kiosks which would share and highlight characteristics of the river.

A motion was made and seconded, "To accept the letter from the Honorable Randy Delorey as correspondence and to share the information with council." Motion carried,

Business Arising from Minutes

ERSWM Truck

- Chair J. MacPherson announced that the Compliance vehicle has been purchased.
- N. Haverkort showed a photo of the new truck complete with cap, detailed with logos of the five municipalities and Compliance identification. She commented that there may be a few more adjustments to get the logos fixed to ensure all municipalities have equal size logos on the vehicle. She advised that the insurance has been purchased from a local broker and the vehicle is now actively being used.
- Chair J. MacPherson stated that the new vehicle is a great investment for the region, and that he will be speaking to the local media to ask for their help to create awareness of the Compliance vehicle and the role of the compliance officer in dealing with waste

management issues.

Efficiency Study

- N. Haverkort reported that the Efficiency Study parameters are being put in place. She noted that with a budget of \$150,000 allocated to the study the focus is being driven by the municipal recycling programs. She advised the consultants had spoken to regional coordinators, DivertNS staff, and other stake holders and determined that the major focus of the study would be the municipal programs. She commented that there is concerns from a chair who is upset that DivertNS does not have a bigger piece of the study proposed. She advised that the written document is currently being edited before the request for proposal is released. She stressed that the Chairs do not want to create a shelf document and that they will not move forward unless they get value out of the study and therefore the terms must be accepted before moving forward.

Placement of Sorting Stations

- The Chair advised that he will be speaking to J. Lawrence to get a timeframe for when the Sorting station will be installed at the John Hugh Gillis Regional sports field and the Town Hall.
- Councillor A. Murray , Chair of the Beautification Committee noted that the old cement waste cans although very functional in specific areas are very unattractive. He noted that if someone could paint a primer and base coat he would volunteer his time to add some lilies to beautify the containers. Councillor A. Murray asked for the Waste Management Committee's support to bring the matter forward at the next Beautification Committee meeting. The Waste Management Committee agreed that it was good idea.

Business Tips

- N. Haverkort emailed the Waste Management Committee a document entitled business tips to be review prior to the Waste Management Meeting.
- Discussion followed with Committee members agreeing that the Business Tips should be sent to L. McLean, Chamber Representative for circulation in an e-blast to chamber members..
- N. Haverkort advised that the Chamber members are asked to contact if there are any questions or to request a presentation and that depending on the response by the membership it will determine if a larger meeting is required at the People's Place, Antigonish Library

New Business

DivertNS AGM

- N. Haverkort reported that the DivertNS AGM provided very positive news. She advised that the diversion credits for this year have risen considerably from 2.3 last year to 4.6 million and are expected to be maintained in the following year. She remarked that the increase is largely due to the tire program handling fees which were raised and now cover the costs of recycling the tires. She commented that the tire fees are based on a three year cycle. She stated that the 4.6 million in diversion credits gets shared among the municipalities based on \$1 per ton amount.
- N. Haverkort stated that the second highlight would be the addition of two new members to the DivertNS Board. She advised that T. Taggart, Councillor from the Municipality of Colchester and L,. Schut, Co-director of FOUND Forgotten Food are the newest board members.
- Councillor J. MacPherson noted that this is very positive news that he will share with Antigonish Town Council.

Mercury Program

- N. Haverkort advised that the Mercury Program has been extended for another year. She reported that there currently are two approved drop off sites: Guysborough Landfill and the other the Beech Hill Landfill facility. She reminded committee members that the HHW event also accepts mercury products during the 2 day September event at the Antigonish Mall. She noted that an additional Antigonish area site is being explored.

No Plastic in the Green Bins

- N. Haverkort circulated a copy of an ad that ran in the Chronicle Herald newspaper focused on the proper use of the Green Bins. She noted that with a few minor changes to the ad she would like to use some of the newspaper credits to run the ad in the local Casket newspaper.
- Discussion followed on ½ page run twice on Green Carts in the local paper. Committee members agreed that the ad should run twice once in the summer and another in the fall.

STFX Report

The Chair reported that the STFX representative has graduated and that he is waiting to hear who the new representative will be.

Enforcement and Educational Compliance Report

- N. Haverkort reported that K. O Handley had completed 9 landfill inspections within the Town of Antigonish since the last meeting and that he continues to monitor dumpsters for local businesses.
- His reported noted two complaints from a resident regarding garbage being ripped open by wildlife, and advised that the matter has been resolved. His investigation found that the residents had cleaned out their apartment and the bags had contained large amounts of organics.
- N. Haverkort stated that she had been invited to the Highland Housing Cooperative to do a sorting presentation, she had reviewed compliance requirements and had provided a sorting guide for all residents even those that couldn't attend the event.
- N. Haverkort reported that she had also provided an educational presentation at StFx World Ocean Day and that her booth was very popular with young children. She noted that the focus was on Marine waste and that in preparation for the event she had visit a local beach to collect waste which was everything from an old sock to a shot gun shell.
- Councillor A. Murray suggested that a treasure chest would be an interesting addition to her booth and to have it filled with plastic bottles.

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

Chamber of Commerce Report

- L. McLean was unable to attend the meeting due to a work commitment.
- N. Haverkort will email L. McLean the Business Tips for review and then distribute through a Chamber of Commerce E-blast.

Next Meeting Date

- Chair, J. MacPherson noted that the next Waste Management Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 13, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. in Council Chambers.

Motion

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.