

Waste Management Committee Meeting
September 13, 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
K. O'Handley, Eastern Region Solid Waste Compliance Officer
L. McLean, Antigonish Chamber of Commerce Representative
D. Halfpenny, Engineering & Planning Administrative Assistant

Absent with Regrets

Kate Dobson, STFX Representative

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."
Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded, "That the July 12, 2017 meeting minutes be approved as circulated." Motion carried

Correspondence

No correspondence.

Business Arising from Minutes

Efficiency Study

- N. Haverkort provided an update of the proposed Efficiency Study parameters. She advised that a decision will be made by Regional Chairs, September 22 regarding the request for proposal document. She noted that the primary focus is on the cost efficiency of municipal programs. Recommendation will be made, one may consider whether curbside collection programs contracts could change to reduce expense. She explained further that provincially the study will look at the governance model which will involve a review of the role of Nova Scotia Environment and DivertNS. It is not specified that the study will consider if changes are required to the tire and refundable programs.
- N. Haverkort explained that the EPR system for paper products would work similarly to the Dairy Program. She noted that smaller single store front businesses would not be impacted.
- N. Haverkort commented that municipal support for the EPR program is required by the province. She explained that in order to advance the program ERSWM region has drafted a statement of interest for the Fall session of the USMN. The goal was to have consensus of the municipalities to clearly demonstrate to the province support for the full EPR program for printed paper and packaging. It was determined after discussion with the UNSM staff that the document be used to form the proposed consensus document for EPR.
- Chair J. MacPherson stated that councillors need to take the time to learn about and

promote EPR to move forward and that it is the right thing to do and it will save the municipalities money.

ERSWM Truck

- K. O' Handley advised that the response by the public to the compliance vehicle has been amazing. The truck is clearly visible with the logos of the five municipalities prominently displayed.
- N. Haverkort stated that the ERSWM truck has come in on budget and has been undercoated.

HHW

- Advertising is in place with notices running on local radio stations, in local paper, on social media, newsletters, and websites.
- Antigonish Market Square site secured. N. Haverkort, K. O'Handley, D. Halfpenny, three people from Guysborough are scheduled to work the two day event. Municipality of the County of Antigonish will be sending two students for Saturday and potential of having additional student from the Town pending paving work wrap up.
- Hours of the HHW event are 8 am to 5 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday.
- The Chair commented that having the HHW the same week as Bulky Waste Pick Up promotes Fall Clean Up.

Placement of Sorting Stations

- Sorting stations have been installed at the John Hugh Gillis Regional sports field and the Town Hall.

New Business

Waste Audit

- N. Haverkort reported that the province is doing a Waste Audit and the data will be reviewed and provided to the municipalities.

Waste Reduction Week

- N. Haverkort stated that Waste Reduction Week is from October 15-21, 2017. She advised that the Provincial plan is to work with Sobeys and Walmart to decrease Food Waste. She commented that where possible there will be a Waste Coordinator and a Chef doing onsite prep of how to use leftovers, providing tips on food waste reduction and how to organize the fridge.

Trading Treasures

- Chair, J. MacPherson noted that STFX need to take the lead in this event.
- Discussion followed on the importance of keeping items out of the landfill including refundables.
- Agreed that further discussion should take place when STFX representative is present.

Review of Waste Bylaw

- Committee discussed reviewing the Town of Antigonish Waste Bylaw.

STFX Report

The Chair reported that the STFX representative will be K Dobson.

Enforcement and Educational Compliance Report

- K. O Handley advised that he continues to monitor the loads at the Guysborough landfill site. He explained that with P. MacDonald's retirement at StFx University he is now in the process of building repour with his replacement. He noted that with the new students arriving there is a transition period each year as new students are provided with waste management education specific to town of Antigonish. He commented that in NS there is not a consistency in waste management programs throughout the municipalities and further students coming from other provinces or countries may be used to other programs. He explained that it will take a while to get StFX back on track but that he would be closely monitoring the loads and working with the P. MacDonald's replacement to help them along.
- K. O'Handley advised that he had followed up on Bylaw infraction where two homeowners had placed wooded boxes at the end of their driveways to house waste. He noted that on inspection he found them to be filled with unsorted material. He stated that J. Pellerin, Bylaw Enforcement Officer with the Town of Antigonish will be following up with these residents to address the matter.

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

Chamber of Commerce Report

- L. McLean advised that the next Chamber of Commerce meeting will be held in two week's time. He noted that he will discuss with Chamber members whether the business community has an interest in learning more about the business tips which focus on improving waste management, increasing efficiencies and potentially decreasing costs.

It was moved and seconded, "that the chamber report be accepted." Motion Carried

Next Meeting Date

- Chair, J. MacPherson noted that the next Waste Management Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. in Council Chambers.

Motion

It was moved and seconded, "That the meeting be adjourned."
Meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m.