

Waste Management Committee Meeting
September 11, 2019
Council Chambers
10:00 a.m.

Present

Councillor J. MacPherson, Chair
Councillor A. 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

Councillor, Diane Roberts

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made and seconded, "That the Agenda for September 11, 2019 be approved with the addition of Textile Report under new business. **Motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded, "That the August 6, 2019 meeting minutes be approved as circulated." **Motion carried**

Correspondence

No correspondence

Business Arising from Minutes

Waste Bylaw

N. Haverkort advised that she will circulate the latest draft of Waste Bylaw. She noted that it is now divided into sections dealing with residential, commercial, ICI, owner occupant, and special events. It was noted there are still concerns with how to address C&D.

N. Haverkort noted that waste haulers are required to have a license to operate and follow up is required with By-Law Enforcement to determine if local haulers are being licensed.

EPR Efficiency Study Update

N. Haverkort advised that the EPR study is now completed and the results of the study will be presented to the Regional Chairs. There is a section on governance, best management practices, and financial analysis.modelling, The Community Profiles are in the appendix. There were challenges utilizing the existing data provided thorough datacall, there were some inconsistencies and it was identified that it is not full cost accounting data. Regional Chairs will be asked to receive the report. It will be reviewed to make recommendations. The media release is expected on September 23rd.

Care2 Share

Care2 Share is being promoted once again mainly through social media. N. Haverkort advised

that success of the event is difficult to determine as not a lot of people have signed on to date.

HHW

N. Haverkort reported that an agreement between the Town and County to create permanent Household Hazardous Waste location at the Beech Hill Transfer Station is being negotiated between the Town and the County of Antigonish. J. Lawrence will advise when the agreement has been signed.

D. Halfpenny commented that Town residents are calling in asking when the event will occur and though initially disappointed that the event isn't taking place at its regularly scheduled time-frame they are excited to hear of a permanent location.

J. Lawrence and G. Horne advised that the agreement has been signed by both municipalities and permit to operate has been applied for and awaits approval from the Department of Environment, the official Grand Opening is projected to happen in November 2019.

Waste Reduction Week

N. Haverkort updated that during Waste Reduction Week there will be a presentation at the Farmers Market from 1:00- 1:30 p.m. on October 23, 2019 which will include giveaways, to share information on Waste Management initiatives and reduction tips.

J. MacPherson asked that K. Gorman be contacted to have the Town provide some door prizes for the event.

Committee members agreed that the event is a good way to promote waste management initiatives.

Oct 4-K. Gorman provided some Town of Antigonish door prizes.

Bulky Waste Pick Up

Bulky Waste Pick Up is scheduled for September 16, 17, and 18th. Social media promotion of the event is underway, the Curbside Collection Schedule lists the event as does the Curbside Collection App and the Waste Hotline.

Mobius Awards

N. Haverkort explained that nominations have been submitted. The Sister's of St. Marthas have been nominated in two categories for their deconstruction project of the former Bethany Mother House and continued commitment to the environment.

The Tickle Trunk has been nominated for Small Business of the year. It's owners separately and together.

Update from N. Haverkort

Sisters of St Martha were selected to receive the Mobius Award of Excellence for Institution of the Year. This is the result of their overall commitment to stewardship of the environment and their most recent very large project that required the deconstruction of their beloved Bethany House. The Award celebration will be in Halifax on October 30. More details on the event can be seen online at <http://divertmobiusawards.ca>. Divert NS will contact the Sisters to share the good news. Sister Brenda Lee Boisvert is the contact.

Marilee Sulewski from Colliers was a tremendous help, providing all the information for the nomination.

All the winners are listed on the Divert NS Facebook Page and have also been shared through ours @EasternNSRecycles

Hurricane Dorian Special Pick Up

D. Halfpenny reported that K. Proctor has initiated a special Leaves and Limbs pick up in conjunction with Eastern GFL to aid residents with clean up after Hurricane Dorian. The special pick up will take place September 19 & 20th with Eastern GFL doing two full rotations for residential pick up.

Single use Plastic Ban Update

N. Haverkort commented that new legislation is expected to be put in place by the province to ban single use plastic. A group of approximately 10 Municipalities has working together towards banning the single use plastic bags with Halifax leading the charge.

The federal government is looking at banning single use plastic and Sobeys has outlined that they will be moving forward with removing the bags from their system by 2020.

Bill 151- New legislation introduced, Sept. 26, would see Nova Scotia ban single-use plastic checkout bags in a year. The legislation will also allow government to regulate other single-use plastic items in the future.

If passed, industry will have a year to prepare for the legislation. Retailers will still be allowed to use single-use plastic bags for live fish and bulk items. There will also be exemptions for food banks and charities. The legislation won't require retailers to charge for alternatives to plastic bags.

Chamber Report

L. McLean advised the Chamber of Commerce is preparing for events such as the breakfast for candidates for the upcoming federal election and Excellence in Business awards. They are not able to assist with the Waste Reduction Week event. However, the Chamber will be support in relaying information to its members concerning EPR and the banning of single use plastic.

Education and Compliance Report

Compliance Officer Report

K.O'Handley reported that he has reviewed waste management requirements with the new janitor at the Antigonish Market Square and expects to see compliance moving forward. He advised that a large number of black bags. Eastern GFL hauler had been alerted to the problem.

K. O'Handley noted that ICI loads were not too bad.

K. O' Handley advised that he will be meeting with StFX in preparation for start of the University season to get them off to a good start. He noted that he is reaching out to get an appointment.

J. MacPherson suggested that StFX be invited to attend the next waste management meeting.

Discussion followed on the challenges of educating students on proper sorting for Antigonish.

It was moved and seconded that K O'Handley's report be accepted. Motion Carried.

N. Haverkort shared a document she had created for new residents in the Town. This could be a handout as new residents sign up for power or to hand out when an issue arises at curbside. Following the meeting K. Gorman posted the flyer to the website.

Next Meeting Date

- Next October 9, 2019.

Motion

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.