

**Waste Management Committee Meeting
December 12, 2019
Council Chambers
9:30 a.m.**

Present

Councillor J. MacPherson, Chair
Councillor A. Murray
Councillor, Diane Roberts
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

S. Elliot, STFX Representative

Guests

J. Dee, General Manager of Eastern GFL
A. Drapeau-Reynolds, Commercial Accounts Manager

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made and seconded, "That the Agenda for December 12, 2019 be approved.

Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded, "That the November 20, 2019 meeting minutes be approved as circulated." **Motion carried**

Correspondence

No correspondence

Business Arising from Minutes

Welcome Eastern GFL

Chair, J. MacPherson welcomed J. Dee, General Manager of Eastern GFL and A. Drapeau-Reynolds, Commercial Accounts Manager to the meeting. Introductions were made around the table.

J. Dee provided an overview of how the merger occurred between Eastern Sanitation and GFL. He explained how his decision to enter into an agreement with GFL was contingent on all staff being hired and no loss in wages. He stated that the services will be maintained at the same level but that merger with GFL allows him to have more resources to draw from. He noted that the ESL has enjoyed a good working relationship with the Town of Antigonish through various waste management projects and will continue to do so as Eastern GFL..

Ms. A. Drapeau-Reynolds provided a brief background of the experience she brings to the Commercial Accounts division of GFL. She explained that her position is transitioning from

initially dealing with the Pictou County area to the new expanded territory which includes all the areas the former ESL covered. She noted that the territory is large and the bylaws for each municipality are diverse. She commented that she works with Compliance Officers to solve problems and seek solutions for her commercial clients.

Curbside Collection Schedule

D. Halfpenny, provided a revised draft of the Curbside Collection Schedule. Committee members approved draft and copies will be prepared for circulation to the public and distribution to K. Gorman for social media and website.

Bulk Waste Pick Up Tonnages

Bulky Waste Clean- up for 2019
Metal 6.1 ton and Bulk waste- 17.57 ton.

J. Dee noted that the Bulky Waste program continues to be very popular with residents. He commented that K. Proctor, P. Eng, Director of Public Works. and the Waste Management Committee had worked with ESL to develop the Bulky Waste Program in response to a large accumulation of bulky items being left after students leave for the summer or after graduation. He advised that with a large rental housing market this program has been successful.

Review of Committee Structure

J. MacPherson, Chair reviewed current committee structure and will put in a formal request to J. Lawrence, CAO and cc. D. Wilson, Deputy Clerk for a request to amend the policy to include that a member of the public be added to the structure of the Waste Management Committee. He noted that once the structure is changed an advertisement will be required to be placed in the local newspaper for a period of two weeks to call for a submission of interest from residents of the Town that are interested in joining the Committee and a selection may then be made for the new committee member.

MAP Funding

N. Haverkort advised that the MAP funding has once again supported the Antigonish Fuel Fund through the 3 Town Clean Up events with a \$1200 cheque. She acknowledged that the pot of money is small.

D. Halfpenny commented that a Map funding submission for 50 Green Bin is in the works.

Chamber Report

L. McLean advised that the Chamber of Commerce is currently in transition with acting executive director J. Beaton settling into the role. He noted there was nothing new to report for this month.

Education and Compliance Report **Compliance Officer Report**

K. O' Handley reported that he is happy to note that the Eastern GFL drivers are not changing. He commented that he has built a good rapport with these drivers and when problems occur the drivers work well with him to isolate the source the problem. He noted that this is primarily for the ICI loads.

J. Dee commented that K'O Handley has been excellent to work with and that his approach is what has improved conditions, at the end of the day he explained everyone has to follow the bylaws and that K. O'Handley's understands that the haulers don't fill the dumpsters and that it makes a difference in the drivers wanting to work with a Compliance officer to isolate where the load came from to track down the problem.

It was moved and seconded that the Compliance Report be accepted. **Motion carried**

J. Mac Pherson thanked J. Dee, General Manager of Eastern GFL
A. Drapeau-Reynolds, Commercial Accounts Manager for taking the time out of their busy schedule to attend the meeting. He commented that he looks forward to working with Eastern GFL to continue meeting the waste management needs of the citizens.

N. Haverkort advised A. Drapeau-Reynolds that education materials are available should she require materials.

N. Haverkort discussed adding signage to the dumpsters indicating that they are private dumpsters and Identifying that a \$1000 fine is in place should illegal dumping occur. J. Dee agreed to the magnetic signage as a pilot at this property.

J. Dee reported that the dumpsters will be changed out in the upcoming months to reflect the new color branding for GFL and that he will have some signage to add to the dumpsters. He noted there are still a few trucks to be updated with the new colors but that the transition is going well

N. Haverkort circulated a copy of the poster for the Antigonish Kinsmen, Antigonish Fire Departments Tree Mulch which will take place January 4th at the Antigonish Market Square. She will send an electronic copy to K. Gorman to be added to the website and social media.

Next Meeting Date

- Next Waste Meeting will be held **January 15, 2019 at 9:30 am.**

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

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.