

# Meeting Minutes

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October 26, 2015

## Lakeside Community Centre

ATTENDING - CHAIR JACK MITCHELL, DIRECTORS –RANKIN, ADAMS, POWER, GATES, ROBERTSON, CASCADDEN, ANGUS, GILES

REGRETS: GUTHRIE, LUND, SAVAGE, DALRYMPLE, IBRAHAM, BECIGNEUL

OTHERS: CONSULTANT - DONNELLY VIA PHONE

LEGAL ADVISOR-JAMIE TAX

EX. DIRECTOR KEN MEECH

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –AUGUST 6, 2015, AUGUST 24, SEPTEMBER 23. MOVED BY COUN. RANKIN SEC. BY JOHN CASCADDEN THAT THE MINUTES - AUGUST 6, 24, AND SEPTEMBER 23 BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED. MC

2. UPDATES – EX. DIRECTOR PROVIDED AN OVERVIEW OF RECENT ACTIVITIES SUPPORTED BY KEN DONNELLY AND OTHER MEMBERS.

3. REVIEWED LATEST COMMUNICATION FROM CAO BUTTS (DATED SEPTEMBER 17), WHICH APPEARED TO BE AN ACTION TO NOTE THE EXTENSIVE COLLABORATION BETWEEN HRM STAFF AND CMC / THE COMMUNITY. ALSO IT CERTAINLY ATTEMPTED TO CONFIRM THE LIMITED ROLE OF CMC RELATIVE TO CHANGES TO THE CELLS DESIGN ETC. AND TO MAKE A CASE THAT WE ENDORSED VERTICAL HEIGHT EXTENSION VIA THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.

THE LETTER CERTAINLY SPARKED PLENTY OF COMMENTS ON BOTH ISSUES CONFIRMING THAT BOTH PARTIES ARE FAR APART IN REACHING A COMPROMISE AND LACK OF TRUST.

IT HAS BECOME CLEAR THAT THE HRM REPRESENTATIVES ARE PUSHING TO EXTEND THE LIFE OF OTTER LAKE TO THE FULL CAPACITY INCLUDING VERTICAL HEIGHT EXTENSION PLUS THE FULL 9 CELL DEVELOPMENT WHEREAS THE CMC ON BEHALF OF THE

COMMUNITY IS TRYING TO SECURE A REASONABLE CLOSURE DATE FOR THE FACILITY. WE ARE CERTAINLY MILES APART ON REACHING A SOLUTION. WHILE THE CMC HAS COOPERATED TO WORK WITH HRM TO EFFECT COST SAVINGS AT THE LANDFILL THERE IS A LIMIT TO OUR GENEROSITY. THE EXAMPLE OF THE CELL 6 HEIGHT EXTENSION IS A GOOD EXAMPLE WHERE WE WERE GIVEN TO UNDERSTAND THAT HRM /MIRROR WERE NEGOTIATING AN AGREEMENT TO PROCEED WITH CONSTRUCTION OF CELL 7. WE ARE THEN ADVISED BY NOTICE THAT HRM INTENDS TO PROCEED WITH AN APPLICATION TO DOE FOR APPROVAL OF CELL 6 HEIGHT EXTENSION AS A CONTINGENCY PLAN. WE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE ISSUE OF VERTICAL HEIGHT EXTENSION COULD BE PUT ON HOLD FOR 2-3 YEARS SO THERE WAS TO BE PLENTY OF OPPORTUNITY TO EXAMINE AND STUDY THE POTENTIAL IMPACTS.

4. THE MEETING THEN FOCUSED ON THE NEED TO ENGAGE THE COMMUNITY VIA INITIALLY INFORMING RESIDENTS OF THE ISSUES /NEGOTIATIONS RELATIVE TO CHANGES AT OTTER LAKE. AS WAS NOTED BY A NUMBER OF MEMBERS THERE IS STILL A STRONG BELIEF IN THE COMMUNITY THAT THE FACILITY WAS TO CLOSE IN 25 YEARS.

A DRAFT NEWSLETTER PREPARED BY KEN DONNELLY WAS CIRCULATED FOR COMMENT AND FEEDBACK. ALSO KEN D. PROVIDED AN OVERVIEW OF THE PROPOSED NEWSLETTER RE DESIGN AND CIRCULATION AS THE FIRST MAJOR STEP IN BEGINNING TO EDUCATE THE COMMUNITY ON THE PROPOSED CHANGES AND IMPLICATIONS.

AT THIS POINT. K. D ALSO SUGGESTED THAT WE FOLLOW-UP LATER WITH AN ONLINE SURVEY OF THE COMMUNITY ON THE SUBJECT. JOHN C. SUGGESTED THAT WE SEEK POSTAL CODE INFO ON THE REPOSSES TO THE NEWSLETTER ETC.

MOVED BY TOM ROBERTSON AND SECONDED BY LINDSAY GATES THAT THE CMC PROCEED ASSERTIVELY WITH A COMMUNICATION PROGRAM DIRECTED TO THE COMMUNITY TO BEGIN THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROCESS. - MC

IT WAS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE STRATEGY COMMITTEE WILL DIRECT AND MANAGE THE PROGRAM AND THE FULL MEMBERSHIP TO BE KEPT INFORMED BY REGULAR UPDATES.

ALSO IT WAS DISCUSSED THAT WE EXPLORE OUR LEGAL OPTIONS.

MOVED /POWER/ANGUS THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN. MC