

**Community Monitoring Committee
Minutes of August 26, 2013
7 p.m.
Prospect Community Centre**

PENDING APPROVAL

ATTENDANCE

Present:

Jack Mitchell	Chair
Tom Robertson	Director
Bob Angus	Director
Iain Rankin	Director
Lindsay Gates	Director
Murray Power	Director
Mike Becignuel	Director
Scott Guthrie	Director
Elizabeth Salton	Director
Councillor Matt Whitman	Director
Councillor Steve Adams	Director
Councillor Russell Walker	Director
Councillor Reg Rankin	Director
Councillor Steve Craig	Director
Councillor David Hendsbee	Director
Ken Meech	Executive Director

Also Attending:

Leo Artalejo	NATIONAL Public Relations
Chrystiane Mallaley	NATIONAL Public Relations
Ken Donnelly	Beyond Attitude Consulting
Laurie Lewis	HRM Solid Waste Resources
Kim Carver	HRM Corporate Communications

Regrets:

Peter Lund	Director
Andrew Giles	Director

1) Welcome and Introductions

The chair convened the session and introduced the new members of the CMC.

2) Introduction of Leo Artalejo & Team (NATIONAL Public Relations)

Next the chair introduced the guests from NATIONAL Public Relations (NPR), Leo Artalejo

and Chrystiane Mallaley, who have been retained to conduct a community engagement program on the solid waste system for HRM. Also in attendance were Laurie Lewis from HRM Solid Waste Resources and Kim Carver from HRM Corporate Communications. The chair announced that this portion of the meeting would involve a dialogue between NPR and the CMC regarding the community consultation process. Attached are the following documents:

- agenda provided by NPR
- input sent to NPR from CMC outlining the committee's requirements and asks for the consultation program

a) Presentation by NPR re: community engagement process for solid waste strategy

NPR's Senior Consultant, Leo Artalejo, facilitated a discussion on the process and the design of the program, which is yet to be finalized. He also provided information on the proposed online survey instrument for the consultation and on the development of the questions for feedback. It was noted that the first public session will be a town hall meeting for the BLT/Prospect area, which is being held on September 19th, 7 p.m. at Exhibition Park.

It was stated for the record that the CMC does not support the inclusion of changes to the Otter Lake Landfill, as proposed by Stantec and staff, in the community engagement piece. CMC holds the view that continued operation of the FEP/WSF facilities is part of the original commitment made to the community when the agreement was reached to site the landfill at Otter Lake. However, HRM Council has refused to acknowledge that fact which is confirmed by three separate agreements.

During the extensive discussion including a Q&A, a key request from the CMC was to ensure that HRM provide at the town hall session an alternative solution to replace both the FEP/WSF facilities, as there is currently insufficient information in the Stantec report to provide a clear understanding of what processes or technology will be installed to replace the existing level of protection for the community and environment. This message was reinforced many times by a number of the participants. NPR acknowledged their understanding of the request and agreed that this input / information is necessary for the town hall session. NPR shared its plan for consultation which includes holding a number of community forums by region throughout the HRM.

On two occasions it was pointed out that the direction of Council called for more than one town hall meeting in the local community. It is the CMC's expectation that the direction of Council will be followed in that at least two town hall meetings will be held in the local community. Further, NPR was advised that the direction of Council was to include a wide ranging scope in the consultations, including the history of the CMC, the

siting criteria, and the agreement with and commitments to the local community. In addition, CMC asserted its position that it should be allowed to make a statement at the beginning of each of the meetings with stakeholders.

Councillor Rankin expressed the desire to present a report to Council on the findings of the initial town hall meeting as part of the monthly reporting. He pointed out that the results of the town hall could have an influence on how the rest of the consultation is conducted.

This portion of the session concluded and the chair thanked NPR for providing the opportunity for input prior to the finalization of the consultation program.

The chair called a 5-minute meeting recess and the CMC reconvened to complete their business at hand.

3) Approval of Agenda

It was MOVED and SECONDED (Robertson/Angus):

that the agenda be approved.

MOTION carried.

4) CMC Members Discuss Approach Regarding Community Engagement

a) Overview/update by Ken Donnelly, Consultant

The chair asked the Executive Director to share background on the contract with Lura/Beyond Attitude Consulting to represent CMC during the consultation process.

The Executive Director shared information on the proposal from Lura along with the estimated cost. The Executive Director recommended that the CMC approve the proposal so that the contract can be submitted to HRM in order to secure funding from the committee's budget.

b) Resolution to approve contract with Ken Donnelly

It was MOVED and SECONDED (Rankin/Walker):

**that the CMC approve the retention of Lura /Beyond Attitude Consulting Inc.
for services as outlined in the proposal, at the estimated cost of \$24,982.00.**

MOTION carried.

Committee member Scott Guthrie requested information on the budget approved by HRM for this fiscal year. The figure is \$65,000.00 and the approval of the contract with Lura will utilize most of that budget. Mr. Guthrie asked whether the CMC should seek additional funding given the extensive work required by CMC relative to the solid waste review. It was agreed that the issue be placed on hold for now, however the matter will be examined later to determine sources of additional funding if required.

Councillor Rankin reiterated the view that CMC is not to be seen as co-sponsoring the town hall session in the area, but rather as being present to listen and share background information on the issue, as well as the commitment made to the community in 1996-98. The CMC has requested to be present at all meetings planned throughout HRM to provide this background.

c) Appointment of sub-committee re: oversight for community engagement program

It was MOVED and SECONDED (Angus/Rankin):

that a sub-committee comprised of the chair, vice chair , Councillor Adams, Councillor Rankin, the Executive Director and consultant Ken Donnelly, be approved with the understanding that any substantive motions for action will require the approval of the CMC.

MOTION carried.

5) New Business

There was no new business.

6) Adjournment

Having completed the business of the evening, the meeting adjourned.