

COMMUNITY MONITORING COMMITTEE-JUNE 11,2014 –PROSPECT
COMMUNITY CENTRE -7.00PM

MINUTES

ATTENDING : BOARD MEMBERS :CHAIR JACK MITCHELL,VICE CHAIR ELIZABETH SALTON,RANY IBRAHIM,MURRAY POWER,MIKE BECIGNEUL,PETER LUND,COUN.ADAMS,WALKER,RANKIN,LINDSAY GATES,SCOTT GUTHRIE,BOB ANGUS,AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR KEN MEECH .

ABSENT :TOM ROBERTSON,ANDREW GILES ,MAYOR SAVAGE
OTHERS ATTENDING :BARB ALLEN ,GORDON HELM –HRM SOLID WASTE MANAGER ,KEN DONNELLY –CONSULTANT .

THE CHAIR CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AND ASKED FOR AGREEMENT ON AGENDA .AGREED.

1.HIGHWAY LITTER :THE CHAIR PROVIDED BACKGROUND ON THE ISSUE AND SPOKE TO A NUMBER OF INITIATIVES THAT HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED TO ASSIST WITH THIS ISSUE .

COUNCILLOR RANKIN SUGGESTED THERE IS A NEED TO IDENTIFY A LEAD AGENCY WHO WILL TAKE RESPONSIBILITY TO HAVE THIS ONGOING NUISANCE ADDRESSED .AT THIS TIME THERE ARE 3 GROUPS INVOLVED IN A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY INCLUDING HRM SOLID WASTE ,TIR-PROVINCE AND MIRROR .IN ADDTION THERE ARE THE ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES SUCH AS POLICE AND TRAFFIC COMPLIANCE OFFICERS .THE MISSING LINK IS THE NEED TO IDENTIFY A LEAD AGENCY WHO WILL BE PROACTIVE ABOUT ADDRESSING THE ISSUE AND NOT JUST REACTING TO COMPLAINTS .HE BELIEVES THAT SINCE HRM GENERATES THE WASTE TO THE LANDFILL THEY SHOULD BE THE LEAD AGENCY .

GORDON HELM PROVIDED AN OVERVIEW OF HIS INVOLVEMENT ON AN ONGOING BASIS AND REIRTERATED SOME OF THE NUANCES TO THE ISSUE WHICH WAS MORE THAN JUST WASTE FROM THE HAULERS

.ALSO THE DIFFICULTY IN BEING ABLE TO COREECTLY IDENTIFY THE LITTER WITH THE OFFENDING PART TO SEEK PROSECUTION.
RANY IBRAHIM OFFERED A NUM,BER OF SUGGESTIONS SUCH AS INSTALLING MORE SIGNAGE TO REMIND OFFENDERS OF FINES ETC. AND ALSO THAT MAYBE IT MAY BE A GOOD CIRCUMSTANCE TO USE CAMERAS FOR ENFORCEMENT .THE DISCUSSION CONCLUDED WITH NO SPECIFIC ACTION BUT WAS LEFT TO THE SOLID WASTE DIVISION TO CONSIDER OTHER MEANS TO RECTIFY THE PROBLEM .

2.THE CHAIR NOTED THAT WE HAVE A PRESENTATION THIS EVENING FROM 2 GROUPS INVLOVED IN A BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY TO EXTRACT ENERGY FROM SOLID WASTE IN CONJUNCTION WITH INNOVA CORP .AND THE ENERGY FACILITY AT LIVERPOOL. THE CHAIR INTRODUCED PETER VINELL OF SUSTANE AND SCOTT TRAVERS WITH RENEW .

THE GROUP IS PROPOSING TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH HRM TO GAIN ACCESS TO A PERCENTAGE OF THE WASTE AT OTTER LAKE FOR TRANSPORT TO THEIR PROPOSED PROCESSING FACILITY AT LIVERPOOL.THE PROPOSAL WOULD BE DEEMED A DEMONSTRATION PROJECT FOR THE NEXT 1-2 YEARS .

AFTER THE PRESENTATION THERE WAS A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS GENERATED BY THE COMMITTEE AND ALSO THE DIRECTION THAT IT APPEARS TO HAVE PROMISE HOWEVER THE PROPONENTS WILL NEED TO NEGOTIATE AN AGREEMENT WITH HRM .

THE GROUP ALSO HAS FORWARDED A COPY OF THEIR POWER POINT TO THE COMMITTE FOR DISTRIBUTION .

3.THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PROVIDED A BRIEF BACKGROUND ON THE PROPOSAL THAT HAS BEEN SENT TO HRM COUNCIL SEEKING APPROVAL TO EXECUTE AN MOU AGREEMENT RELATIVE TO THE RECENT STAFF REPORT RECOMMENDING CERTAIN CHANGES AT THE OTTER LAKE LANDFILL IN PARTICULAR ITEMS #7,8AND 9.

ALL MEMBERS HAD SEEN THE PROPOSAL DEVELOPED BY THE HALIFAX WASTE SOCIETY AND SCHEDULED TO BE DISCUSSED BY COUNCIL ON JUNE 24 AT A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AT 10.00AM .

MOVED BY ELIZABETH SALTON AND SECONDED BY COUNC.WALKER
THAT THE CMC ENDORSE THE PROPOSED MOU AGREEMENT AS
PROPOSED TO HRM COUCNCIL.MC

4.MOVED BY COUNC.ADAMS AND SECONDED BY SCOTT GURTHRIE
THAT THE CMC APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH BEYOND ATTITUDE
FOR CONSULTING SERVICES ON AS REQUIRED BASIS AT THE RATE OF
120.00 PER HOUR .MC.

5.DISCUSSION ON THE PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE PROVINCIAL
REGULATIONS FOR SOLID WASTE .GORDON HELM SOLID WASTE
MANAGER PROVIDED A SUMMARY OF THE PROPOSED CHANGES AND
ALSO SOME OF THE CONCERNS IDENTIFIED BY HRM .IT WAS
SUGGESTED THAT WE SUPPORT AN EXTENSION TO THE
CONSULTATION PERIOD .

OTHER MEMBERS SUCH AS COUN. WALKER,SCOTT GUTHRIE
COMMENTED ON THE PROPOSED CHANGES .

M:RANKIN

S:S.GUTHRIE THAT WE SUPPORT AN EXTENSION TO THE
CONSULTATION SESSION FROM JULY TO SEPTEMBER 10.MC

M:S:THAT BEYOND ATTITUDE BE ASKED TO PREPARE A DRAFT
RESPONSE ON BEHALF OF CMC TO THE PROPOSED REGUALTION
CHANGES .MC

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9.00PM