

Community Monitoring Committee

Meeting Minutes

March 4th, 2015

Attendees

Jack Mitchell
Reg Rankin
Steve Adams
John Cascadden
Peter Lund
Elizabeth Salton
Mike Becigneul
Rany Ibrahim
Tom Robertson
Lindsay Gates

Ken Meech, Executive Director
Ken Donnelly, Consultant

Regrets

Murray Power
Scott Guthrie
Andrew Giles
Mayor Savage
Barry Dalrymple
Bob Angus

Approval of previous minutes, moved by Reg Rankin, seconded by Steve Adams. Passed.

Update On Landfill Operations

Steve Copp, Landfill Manager And Manager Of Environment And Safety, and Joe Mann, Director Of Special Projects, provided an update on operations at the landfill.

Some of the haulers have begun taking the waste to other landfills rather than Otter Lake.

This has resulted in reduced tonnage at the Otter Lake landfill.

In answer to a question, they reported that there have been no changes to the staff complement as of yet. Currently there are two work shifts comprising 110 full-time employees.

With respect to increased height at the landfill, they reported that they are working, in conjunction with HRM, on a draft workplan for the studies that would have to be done. The consultant for the city, Conestoga Rovers and Associates, is on site two days a week as part of that work.

Mr. Copp and Mister Mann left the meeting after their update.

Executive Director's Meeting With HRM

Ken Meech said that he met with John Traves and Matt Keliher of Halifax Regional Municipality to discuss the workplan for the studies for the extension of the height of the landfill. He said that they were willing to share the workplan when it was complete, and that Matt Keliher would come to a meeting of the Community Monitoring Committee to discuss it.

At the meeting John Traves said that the Province was appealing the court decision with respect to the levels of silt found in the sedimentation pond.

Provincial Solid Waste Regulations

Ken Donnelly updated the committee on what he knew about the status of the proposed changes to the Provincial solid waste regulations. The public consultation period is over; the timing of any regulatory changes is likely now in the hands of the lawyers.

Motion to adjourn by Steve Adams, seconded by Elizabeth Salton.