

COMMUNITY MONITORING COMMITTEE, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2014

LAKESIDE COMMUNITY CENTER

MINUTES

ATTENDING: VICE CHAIR - ELIZABETH SALTON, SCOTT GUTHRIE, COUN. RANKIN, COUN. ADAMS, BOB ANGUS, TOM ROBERTSON, LINDSAY GATES, JOHN CASCADDEN, ANDREW GILES, MURRAY POWER
KEN MEECH EX. DIRECTOR, KEN DONNELLY -CONSULTANT

ABSENT: JACK MITCHELL, PETER LUND, RANY IBRAHIM, MIKE BECIGNEUL

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA, AGREED

EX. DIRECTOR ADVISED MEETING THAT MATT KELIHER –SOLID WASTE MANAGER UNABLE TO ATTEND DUE TO A NEW BABY IN THE FAMILY.

2. MINUTES, JUNE 11, 2014 MOVED BY RANKIN/ANGUS THAT THE MINUTES BE APPROVED: MC

3. REVIEW OF BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

A. LITTER ISSUE – NO FURTHER INFO

B. WASTE TO ENERGY – NO NEW DEVELOPMENTS

C. PROPOSAL FOR PROVINCIAL CHANGES TO REGULATIONS – KEN D. AND COUN. RANKIN PROVIDED AN OVERVIEW OF THE ISSUE AND SUGGESTED AT A LATER DATE THAT THE CMC BE ASKED TO CONSIDER A POSITION ON THIS SUBJECT. KEN D. WILL PREPARE BACKGROUNDER AND PUT FORWARD A SUGGESTED POSITION TO CONSIDER.

4. MATT KELIHER UNABLE TO ATTEND. KEN D. NOTED THAT HRM IS REQUESTING PROPOSALS FOR AN OWNER'S ENGINEER RELATIVE TO THE OPERATION OF THE LANDFILL.

5. UPDATE RE ONGOING DISCUSSIONS RE CHANGES TO OTTER LAKE LANDFILL

A. EX. DIRECTOR PROVIDED AN OVERVIEW OF THE PROCESS TO DATE - 3 GROUP SESSIONS - NOTED THAT COUNCIL HAS GRANTED AN EXTENSION UNTIL DECEMBER 9 RE TABLING OF STAFF REPORT.

B. WORKING COMMITTEE LATEST PROPOSAL TO THE HRM STAFF TEAM WAS CIRCULATED RELATIVE TO THE POTENTIAL CELL HEIGHT EXTENSION PROGRAM. SEE ATTACHED.

C. CRA ENGINEERING REPORT RE FEASIBILITY OF CELL HEIGHT EXTENSION TO CLOSED CELLS.

KEN D. SHARED HIS REVIEW OF THE ENGINEERING REPORT. IT WAS NOTED THAT UNABLE TO SHARE REPORT AT THIS TIME AS THE REPORT HAS YET TO BE SHARED WITH HRM COUNCIL SO PLEASE

KEEP THIS SUMMARY REPORT CONFIDENTIAL. AT THE RECENT SESSION WITH HRM STAFF KEN D WAS ASKED TO PREPARE A SUGGESTED LIST OF OUTCOMES THAT WOULD BE INCORPORATED IN THE DOE PERMIT. THIS IS AN ISSUE WHICH COUN. RANKIN HAS CONSISTENTLY COMMUNICATED TO THE SESSIONS WITH HRM STAFF BEING THE NEED TO HAVE OUTCOMES OR MEASUREABLE STANDARDS THAT CONFIRM THE COMMITMENT THAT WITH THE CHANGES THERE WILL BE NO ADDITIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL OR NUISANCES CREATED.

D. NEXT STEPS: THE KEY ISSUE WILL BE THE RECEIPT OF THE DRAFT STAFF REPORT TO BE SHARED WITH US SOON TO PROVIDE OUR OPPORTUNITY TO CHALLENGE THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND /OR PROVIDE OUR POSITION ON THE CHANGES WHICH WILL BE INCORPORATED IN THE REPORT TO COUNCIL.

A KEY POINT THAT WAS STRESSED IS THAT WE ARE NOT NEGOTIATING COMPROMISES BUT EXPECT TO HAVE A COMMITMENT TO ACCEPTABLE OUTCOMES AND THERE WILL BE CONTINUAL INVOLVEMENT BY THE CMC FOR ANY CHANGES TO THE OPERATION.

IT WAS NOTED THAT OUR TEAM HAS MADE THE SUGGESTION THAT THE OPERATOR –MIRROR SHOULD BE AT THE TABLE WHEN DISCUSSING ISSUES SUCH AS THE CELL HEIGHT EXTENSION PROGRAM AS THEY WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EXECUTION. WE HAVE ALSO LEARNED THAT MIRROR IS DOING THEIR OWN DUE DILIGENCE ON THE CELL EXTENSION AS THEY WOULD BE WE EXPECT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY LIABILITY FROM THOSE CHANGES .WE HOPE TO RECEIVE THE BENEFIT OF THAT REVIEW.

THE MEETING HAD A VERY EXTENSIVE DISCUSSION ON THE AFOREMENTIONED ISSUES AND THERE IS CONCERN THAT HRM STAFF WILL CONTINUE TO PUSH THEIR AGENDA WITHOUT REGARD TO THE COMMUNITY WISHES. HOWEVER IT WAS NOTED THAT THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT HAS ISSUED A PUBLIC STATEMENT CONFIRMING THAT THE COMMUNITY MUST BE CONSULTED PRIOR TO ANY CHANGES, AND THE COMMUNITY'S CONSENT WILL BE REQUIRED.

6.BEYOND ATTITUDE BILLING FOR CONSULTING SERVICES -\$10,372.00 AGEED TO APPROVE FOR PAYMENT.

THE MEETING CONCLUDED WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE NEXT SESION WILL BE IN NEXT 4 WEEKS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE INPUT TO THE DRAFT STAFF REPORT PROCESS.