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Subject: NOTES OF MEETING

STRATEGY SESSION CMC –MARCH 7 –CANADIANA RESTAURANT

ATTENDING :ELIZABETH SALTON,COUNCILLOR RANKIN ,COUNCILLOR STEVE ADAMS ,TOM ROBERTSON,LINDSAY GATES ,PETER LUND,
KEN MEECH ,AND KEN DONNELLY –CONSULTANT TO CMC, CHAIR JACK MITCHELL PLANNED TO ATTEND BUT IS STILL RECOVERING FROM KNEE OPERATION.
OTHER MEMBERS ARE AWAY.

THE SESSION WAS TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON THE RESPONSE TO THE STANTEC SOLID WASTE REPORT .

- RANKIN GAVE A BRIEFING ON THE ESSC (ENVIRONMENTAL AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE) SESSION TODAY WITH THE COMMITTEE AGREEING TO DEFER THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROPOSAL UNTIL THE APRIL SESSION
- EXPECTED THAT CMC WILL SUBMIT A REVIEW OF THE PROPOSAL WITH SUGGESTED CHANGES –
- NEXT MEETING IS APRIL 4 AT 1.00PM AT HALIFAX CITY HALL.
- OUR REPORT NEEDS TO BE IN HANDS OF ESSC NO LATER THAN MARCH 29.
- RANKIN EXPRESSED HIS PERCEPTION THAT THE INITIAL REACTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS IS THAT THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PIECE APPEARS REASONABLE .
- MEMBERS STILL BELIEVE THAT THE COUNCIL MEMBERS HAVE NO UNDERSTANDING OF THE CMC ROLE AND MANDATE .
- NEED TO DEVELOP A FACT SHEET INCLUDING THE ROLE /MANDATE OF CMC BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY TO HIGHLIGHT THE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION /CLARIFICATION OF THE STANTEC REPORT WHICH APPEARS TO BE SILENT ON KEY ELEMENTS OF THE ORIGINAL STRATEGY.
- NEED TO COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY WITH INDIVIDUAL COUNCILLORS TO SHARE THE INFO AND OUR CONCERNS.
- AGREED THAT KEN DONNELLY WITH ASSISTANCE WILL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO MEET WITH INDIVIDUAL COUNCILLORS
- ALL MEMBERS STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF ENGAGING THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITY AND NOTED THAT THE PROPOSAL FROM HRM STAFF TO MAINLY ENGAGE WITH CMC IS NOT ACCEPTABLE AS THE FULL COMMUNITY MUST BE ENGAGED RE THE IMPACTS TO THE OTTER LAKE LANDFILL
- COUNCILLOR RANKIN MADE THE POINT THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS RE CHANGES TO THE LANDFILL IS NOT SIMPLY AN ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN CMC AND HRM
- KEN DONNELLY GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES UNDERWAY TO ENGAGE THE HRM COMMUNITY AND FORMER CMC MEMBERS SUCH AS THE OP-ED PIECE WAS IN HERALD ,FACEBOOK PAGE NOW RUNNING AS WELL AS A TWITTER ACCOUNT ,EXPECTS TO HAVE THE WEBSITE OPERATING BY NEXT WEEK WITH A BLOG FOR COMMENT ,PURCHASED A PAGE IN MASTHEAD NEWS FOR MARCH 13,ARRANGING FOR A NEWSLETTER TO THE RESIDENTS SURROUNDING THE LANDFILL TO GET RESIDENTS ATTENTION TO THE ISSUE ,ALSO SUGGESTED THAT WE ATTEMPT TO UTILIZE MOBILE SIGNS IN THE IMMEDIATE COMMUNITY TO ATTRACT ATTENTION
- KEN ADVISED THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO DEVELOP FUTURE ACTIONS BUT WANTED TO NOTE THAT A NUMBER OF KEY PEOPLE INVOLVED IN THE ORIGINAL CSC STAKEHOLDERS ARE AGAIN BECOMING ACTIVE WHICH IS A POSITIVE
- MEETING ADJOURNED.
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