

**Halifax Waste Resource Society  
Minutes of Annual General Meeting  
Thursday, June 9, 2011  
7 p.m.  
Prospect Community Centre**

*PENDING APPROVAL*

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:**

Jack Mitchell	Chair
Tom Robertson	Board Member
Bob Angus	Board Member
Murray Power	Board Member
Mike Becigneul	Board Member
Councillor Reg Rankin	Board Member
Councillor Peter Lund	Board Member
Councillor Russell Walker	Board Member
Ken Meech	Executive Director

**Guests:**

Steve Warburton	Warburton Communications
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**Absent:**

Lindsay Gates	Board Member
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**1. Opening Remarks**

The chair called the session to order and recognized the past service of David McCaughan, who will not be rejoining this year. In addition, it was announced that Don Mason has decided to take a break from our activities at this time.

The chair thanked the remainder of the membership and acknowledged their volunteer efforts, which were welcomed by him and the community. The chair gave special mention to the efforts of Tom Robertson on the thermal energy project and also the work implemented with the video presentation featuring the Otter Lake Landfill. The recognition via youtube and presentations to schools has greatly enhanced knowledge of the solid waste strategy for HRM.

While there appears to be a measure of conflict with HRM staff, the chair believes the work of the CMC is consistent with the mandate covered in the joint agreement between HRM and the society. The upcoming year will prove interesting, as there appears to be a lack of

understanding/knowledge of the origins of CMC and the reason for its existence, which is to be at arms-length from HRM administration.

The chair also thanked Steve Warburton for his efforts in producing the educational video and the format for school presentations. He then asked Mr. Warburton to provide an overview for the society members. Mr. Warburton shared the information on the list of activities for the past year resulting from the development of the educational video which included stickers and posters designed to create awareness in the schools, as we have focused on Grade 6 students. The graphic identity developed for CMC was also presented, along with a new letterhead and business card for members. The chair thanked Steve Warburton for the report.

## **2. Approval of the Agenda**

It was MOVED and SECONDED (Power/Angus):

**that the agenda be approved.**

MOTION carried.

## **3. Approval of the Minutes of June 14, 2010**

It was MOVED and SECONDED (Power/Angus):

**that the minutes of June 14, 2010 be approved as circulated.**

MOTION carried.

## **4. Annual Report of the CMC**

The annual report of the CMC is attached to the minutes. There have been no complaints relative to the landfill since 2006, with the exception of paper, etc. strewn along nearby roads. It was noted that Cell 6 was to begin construction this year, with Cell 5 to be capped in 2012. Replacement of the Waste Stabilization Facility roof has been completed on time.

## **5. Financial Report**

The financial report was tabled by the executive director. The report noted that the society has approximately \$3400.00 in the bank. The account was increased by the receipt of \$2000.00 in the past year from the settlement of the export of waste litigation.

## **6. Election of Officers**

Jack Mitchell was again nominated for chair and Bob Angus for vice-chair.

It was MOVED and SECONDED (Robertson/Power):

**that the nominations cease.**

MOTION carried.

Both Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Angus thanked the members for their confidence and indicated they would meet soon to develop a business plan for the upcoming year. It was noted that all members present this evening would become directors of the Community Monitoring

Committee, with Jack Mitchell and Bob Angus carrying out the duties of chair and vice chair, respectively.

## 7. New Business

It was agreed that the CMC should establish a meeting with Gordon Helm, HRM solid waste manager, to discuss the role and relationship of CMC versus the solid waste division. The issue of independence of the CMC also needs to be clarified given the comments in the email received from Mr. Helm. In addition, there should be follow-up from our communications last fall and most recently to the CAO regarding the mandate of CMC.

It was MOVED and SECONDED (Rankin/Walker):

**that the Halifax Waste Resource Society recommend to CMC that a public consultation session be held to discuss the future of the Otter Lake Landfill in accordance with the existing agreement.**

MOTION carried.

It was noted that action by HRM is necessary to develop the trial project in Cell 6 for the proposed future earth energy thermal project for the site. We must also be given updates on the waste characterization study and the next steps as noted by HRM staff many months ago.

## 8. Adjournment

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.