

Community Monitoring Committee
Minutes of May 11, 2011
5:30 p.m.
Lakeview Inns
Bayers Lake, Halifax

PENDING APPROVAL

ATTENDANCE

Present:

Jack Mitchell	Chair
Bob Angus	Secretary/Treasurer
Lindsay Gates	Director
Murray Power	Director
David McCaughan	Director
Mike Becignuel	Director
Councillor Peter Lund	Director
Ken Meech	Executive Director

Also Attending:

Steve Warburton	Warburton Communications
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Regrets:

Ellery Oicle	Vice Chair
Tom Robertson	Director
Don Mason	Director
Councillor Reg Rankin	Director
Councillor Steve Adams	Director
Councillor Russell Walker	Director

The chair convened the meeting and asked for agreement on the agenda. The agenda was approved, with the addition of an item from Bob Angus under New Business.

1) Approval of the Minutes of March 3, 2011

The minutes of March 3, 2011 were approved by the chair as circulated.

2) Business Arising from the Minutes

a. Earth-Energy Project update

The chair and Councillor Lund provided an update on the Earth-Energy Project and expressed concerns, given the report from the consultant. Councillor Lund noted he would pursue the issue, as he believes it is important to proceed with

the prototype now that the development of Cell 6 has occurred. He also advised that the sum of \$50,000 was approved for the program.

The chair had held a number of discussions about the issue with Tom Robertson, who believed the consultant was delaying the project without substance. It was agreed the issue would be discussed at the next meeting of the CMC.

b. School presentations

The chair asked Steve Warburton to update members on the educational program developed for schools, which focuses on the operations of the Otter Lake Landfill. Mr. Warburton, who has been presenting with the chair to schools, gave the committee a review of the actual presentation along with the handouts. The reception from the teachers and students has been very positive. Following is a list of presentations to date as well as schools next in line. The chair invited members, in particular the council representatives, to join the presentation.

c. Garbage by-law amendments

It was noted for the record that HRM council has decided to terminate the process for garbage by-law amendments covering clear garbage bags.

3) Annual Report – Communication

The executive director provided the committee with a copy of the annual report, which will be printed in the masthead news and will be posted on the HRM website under “solid waste”. The chair commented on the excellent report.

4) Environmental Excellence in Business Breakfast – June 6

The executive director reported that a table had been purchased for the Eco-Efficiency Centre’s *Annual Environmental Excellence in Business Breakfast* scheduled for the morning of June 6, 8 a.m. at the Westin Nova Scotian. The executive director then asked the members to advise him who will be attending. There are eight seats. The executive director will follow up with the members to confirm attendance. This is an event that was brought to the CMC’s attention by board member Bob Angus.

5) Memos from Gordon Helm

The executive director shared a memo from Gordon Helm containing his response to the CMC’s plan to develop more videos for other elements of the solid waste system. There was considerable discussion on the issue of the CMC budget, which is under the control of CMC and not the solid waste division of HRM. However, in light of information that the solid waste division is developing a video on other components, it was decided that the CMC’s plan to develop more videos will be placed on hold at this point. It was noted that a number of representatives will meet with Mr. Helm to discuss the involvement of the chair, executive director, Steve Warburton and Councillor Rankin.

6) Annual Meeting – Halifax Waste Resource Society

It was noted that the annual meeting of the Halifax Waste Resource Society is scheduled for June 9, 7 p.m., at the Prospect Road Community Centre.

7) New Business

a. Letter From Bob Angus

The chair asked Bob Angus to address the CMC. He provided examples of good practices consistent with the three Rs. In addition, the chair noted that he was asking Mr. Angus to assume the role of chair of a communications committee.

Having completed the business of the evening, the meeting adjourned.