

Community Monitoring Committee  
Minutes of May 16, 2012  
5:30 p.m.  
Lakeview Inns, Bayers Lake

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PENDING APPROVAL

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:**

Jack Mitchell	Chair
Bob Angus	Vice Chair
Tom Robertson	Director
Lindsay Gates	Director
Mike Becignuel	Director
Councillor Reg Rankin	Director
Ken Meech	Executive Director

**Also Attending:**

Robert Orr	Solid Waste Management, HRM
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**Regrets:**

Councillor Russell Walker	Director
Councillor Steve Adams	Director
Councillor Peter Lund	Director
Mary Lyn Saturley	Director
Murray Power	Director

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**1) Approval of Agenda**

The chair convened the meeting and the agenda was approved by consensus.

**2) Approval of Minutes of February 22, 2012**

It was MOVED and SECONDED (Rankin/Robertson): **that the minutes of February 22, 2012 be approved.**  
MOTION carried.

### **3) Update on Geo-Thermal Proposal**

The issue of the geo-thermal proposal was left with Robert Orr. He will touch base with Julien Haysom at HRM. The chair also advised that he will pursue the matter.

### **4) Odor Issue — Otter Lake**

The executive director advised the committee that the Chair is still awaiting a response from **Deputy CAO, MIKE LEBRECQUE**. The chair asked Mr. Orr to discuss this matter with Mr. Labrecque and request a response be provided to the CMC.

### **5) Discussions at the Western Community Council**

Councillor Rankin provided an update on the discussions at the Western Community Council, which were then placed on the agenda of the HRM council session for consideration. Councillor Rankin tabled excerpts from the meeting for CMC members. Apparently there was much focus on the issue of what level of information is available to CMC regarding the contract between HRM and Mirror.

### **6) Request from Gordon Helm**

A letter from Gordon Helm was tabled. This letter advised of his request to attend all sessions of the CMC. It was agreed that the manager of solid waste would be invited to CMC meetings.

### **7) CMC Position on Educational Program**

The executive director shared a memo outlining CMC's position on the educational program, namely that the CMC will put its program on hold on the assumption that Solid Waste will incorporate the CMC focus into its presentations. The chair reported that Steve Warburton attended a session by HRM staff and was asked to provide feedback on the session. The chair has passed the feedback on to Gordon Helm.

### **8) Budget Questions**

The executive director shared emails from Gordon Helm regarding budget questions.

### **9) Regional Plan**

Councillor Rankin advised that the regional plan will be before HRM council soon and it is expected that the future of the landfill and its expected closure date will be part of that review. Robert Orr confirmed that the plan should be tabled in September.

#### **10) Halifax Waste Resource Society Meeting**

The CMC members were advised of the Halifax Waste Resource Society meeting scheduled for June 21, 7 p.m., at the Prospect Community Centre.

#### **11) CMC Authority**

At this point, Councillor Rankin noted his position that the CMC should pursue the issue of its authority to obtain relevant information from HRM in connection with activities at the Otter Lake Landfill, where problems such as odor have been experienced. Councillor Rankin was of the view that the committee should assert its right to access based on the CMC's mandate.

It was MOVED and SECONDED (Rankin/Robertson):

That the CMC request a meeting with the minister of environment via the office of the local MLA Bill Estabrooks, to discuss the recent odor issue at the landfill and also to clarify the status of CMC within the regulations of Nova Scotia Environment.  
MOTION carried.

#### **12) Attracting New Members**

The final discussion was about attracting new members.

#### **13) Adjournment**

At the direction of the chair, the meeting was adjour