

**Community Monitoring Committee
Minutes of September 6, 2011
6 p.m.
Prospect Community Centre**

PENDING APPROVAL

ATTENDANCE

Present:

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

Also Attending:

Mary Lyn Saturley
Steve Warburton
Marcel Maessen

Regrets:

Murray Power	Director
Mike Becignuel	Director
Councillor Peter Lund	Director
Councillor Russell Walker	Director

1) Presentation on HRM Solid Waste System

The chair called the meeting to order and introduced Marcel Maessen, an education officer with HRM Solid Waste Division. He gave a presentation similar to one which he delivers to school children on the solid waste system in place for HRM. The presentation concluded with an opportunity for Q&A from the members. It was noted by the chair and vice chair that they had met with Laurie Lewis, who is responsible to provide the education programming for HRM Solid Waste, to discuss the potential for combining our efforts to create an integrated presentation to the schools. It was agreed that this issue would be pursued with Ms. Lewis.

2) Approval of Minutes of May 11 and July 9, 2011

It was MOVED and SECONDED (Robertson/Angus):

that the minutes of May 11 and July 9, 2011 be approved.

MOTION carried.

Prior to proceeding to the next item, the chair acknowledged the presence of Mary Lyn Saturley, who was very active in the early days of the development of the landfill site. Councillor Rankin had invited Ms. Saturley to see if she might be interested in joining the Community Monitoring Committee as a representative of the community. She thanked the chair and members for the welcome and suggested she would observe the present session and determine at a later date if she is interested in becoming a regular member of the committee.

3) Landfill Video

The chair introduced Steve Warburton to update the committee on the reduction of the running time of the landfill video to a total of eight minutes. With that change, it was proposed that Eastlink be approached to run the video on cable television.

4) Concerns About Potential Changes to Activities of Otter Lake Landfill

The chair and Councillor Rankin shared the concerns of CMC, which referenced the notion that HRM staff may be pursuing changes to the activities at the landfill in order to reduce costs.

The chair expressed concerns about a lack of information being provided by HRM with regard to plans for changes at the Otter Lake Landfill. The issue was then reviewed by Councillor Rankin who also expressed concerns about the activities and plans of HRM staff, and suggested that the committee needs to again send a message to council on the role, mandate and partnership of CMC with HRM.

The executive director provided a draft communication to be sent to the mayor and council outlining the committee's concerns and reminding council of the watchdog role of CMC relative to the solid waste strategy.

It was MOVED and SECONDED (Robertson/Angus):

that the executive director be directed to send the communication as outlined, including a copy of the legal opinion on the role of the CMC and the policy commitment by council, including the need for public consultation prior to any major changes in the practices provided in the waste strategy.

MOTION carried.

5) Adjournment

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