

**Community Monitoring Committee
Minutes of February 25, 2010
7 p.m.
Future Inn, Clayton Park**

PENDING APPROVAL

ATTENDANCE

Present:

- Jack Mitchell
- Ellery Oicle
- Councillor Reg Rankin
- Councillor Russell Walker
- Tom Robertson
- David McCaughan
- Ken Meech

- Chair
- Vice Chair
- Director
- Director
- Director
- Director
- Executive Director

Also Attending:

- Steve Warburton
- David McLennan

- Warburton Communications
- Highland Energy Inc.

Absent:

- Murray Power
- Councillor Peter Lund
- Paul Simms
- Gary MacNeil
- Alex Dunlop

- Director
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The chair called the meeting to order and requested a motion to approve the minutes of January 20, 2010.

It was MOVED and SECONDED (McCaughan/Walker):
that the minutes of January 20, 2010 be approved as circulated.
MOTION carried.

Gas Emissions at Otter Lake

The chair introduced David McLennan to discuss the issue of gas emissions at Otter Lake. Mr. McLennan's company, Highland Energy Inc. has a 15-year agreement to capture the gas at the former landfill site at Sackville. The gas is utilized to generate power which is sold to Nova Scotia Power.

On the issue of opportunities to utilize gas from the Otter Lake site, Mr. McLennan suggested that the quantity of gas would be low, as the process in place to remove the organics means less gas creation. There was a considerable discussion between members and Mr. McLennan on the potential for other

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What is the Community Monitoring Committee?

The CMC is a citizen organization founded for the specific purpose of providing citizen monitoring of the Halifax Solid Waste Management Strategy through an agreement with Halifax Regional Municipality. There are fifteen members on the Community Monitoring Committee, nine elected by the Halifax Waste/Resource Society at its annual meeting and six appointed by the Halifax Regional Municipality Council.

The cornerstone of the Halifax Waste Management Strategy is diversion of waste from being buried in a landfill through source separation of organics, recyclables and construction & debris materials. The Halifax Waste Management Strategy is unique and widely examined for use in other jurisdictions and countries.

One monitoring role is for the Otter Lake Facility where solid waste is sorted, stabilized and disposed as inert and stable material. Community Monitoring Committee monitors the Halifax Waste Management Strategy that was prepared by the citizens of Halifax Regional Municipality and approved by Council in 1996.

How much is being buried?

The Residual Disposal Facility (RDF) is a modern day landfill owned by HRM and operated by contract with MIRROR since 1999 under approval of The Environmental Department. The amount of material deposited in the RDF is approximately 149,400 tonnes a year. Waste volumes in HRM continue to decline from the 2005 peaks of 163,000. Tones to 149,400.in 2009. The cumulative total deposited in the RDF is approximately 1644,735 tonnes after tenfull years of use.

The RDF is designed for burial of residual waste after organics, recyclables and construction and debris materials are removed. The design length of use is 25 years.

How's Nine Mile River?

Surface water quality results continue to confirm that there are no off site impacts to Nine Mile River. A specialist consulting company undertakes this sampling and testing on a quarterly basis and its results are reported to CMC, HRM and Nova Scotia Environment.

There is a water monitoring program at the Otter Lake site and along the Nine Mile River including 15 surface and 52 groundwater well sampling and 30 testing locations. The sampling began in 1996 before the site was commissioned.

Diversion Targets