

Minutes OF Meeting,
August 30, 2006
Board Room, Lakeside Community Center

1. The Chairman opened the meeting at 7:05pm

2. AGENDA

Members AGREED to the agenda as circulated.

3. ATTENDENCE

Present: Terry Henley, Reg Rankin, Ellery Oicle, Joanne Hayman, Tim Adams, Russell Walker, Gary Meade, Tom Robertson, Donald Mason — Executive Director.

Guest: Jim Bauld, Manager Solid Waste Resources, Halifax Regional Municipality

4. MINUTES OF MARCH 29, 2006

MOTION to approve the minutes of March 29, 2006 as circulated

MOVED: T. Robertson, Seconded: G. Meade, CARRIED.

5. MINUTES of the Annual General Meeting and Directors meeting, Halifax
Waste/Resource Society, June 21, 2006

MOTION to table the minutes of the AGM and the meeting of the Directors of the Society of June 21, 2006 as circulated.

MOVED: J. I-layman, Seconded: R. Walker, CARRIED.

6. OTTER LAKE Odour suppression system Don Mason

Don Mason reviewed the strong negative public reaction to odour from the Otter Lake Residual Disposal facility during the summer period, the need for Community Monitoring Committee representation at Halifax Regional Municipality council for the budget for capping cell 3 this fall and the need for planning for capping future cells. He said Council needs to provide the necessary funding and the facility operator, MIRROR, action the capping process first for cell 3A and then 3 B.

Don Mason stated that the executive and several members have requested an examination of the causes of odour from the residual facility. He reminded the members that the original commitment of Halifax Regional Municipality council was the absence of public

nuisance of odour. In the initial few years of operation at Otter Lake facility there were two significant odour nuisances — generally believed to be triggered by abnormal rainfall occurrences, but the recent occurrences are feared to be systemic.

Reg Rankin said as a councillor for the Timberlea area he is concerned that a major odour occurrence could happen again. He said that Halifax Regional Municipality might have to move to a conventional landfill for safety from odour nuisances.

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Reg Rankin said an organic free landfill was the council motion of 1995. He said the first odour public nuisance was at Christmas 2002. and the landfill operated from 1999 to 2002 before the gas appears — less than 3 years

Reg Rankin said the first buried material was dirty by including 50% organics that led to early decomposition and odour generation wherein an unbudgeted \$900,000 was required to solve the problem. He said he hopes this problem will soon be solved.

Reg Rankin asked how much it would cost to chase the organics now and the costs will be for electrical and energy costs and biofilter costs.

Reg Rankin circulated a written proposal for a report on the use of matrix and waste stabilization facility materials in the residual disposal facility.

J. Bauld provided a background and proposed actions in addressing the odour nuisance at the residual disposal facility at Otter Lake. He said that the project size is huge for example cell 4 will take three years to fill at a rate of 155,000 tonnes/year. As experienced in the early cells the gas for this landfill is released early — 2 to 3 years earlier than a conventional landfill.

J. Bauld said the cover is on cell 3A and the work on 3B is continuing with new blowers being ordered for fall installation, the newly installed piping being connected to a temporary flare stack at the top of the hill (cell) and clay cover to be placed soon.

J. Bauld said MIRROR is carrying the costs of the call 3B capping work until a Halifax Regional Municipality budget for 2007 is enacted. He said MIRROR has a proposal for a new closing procedure for future cells.

J. Bauld said NSDEL is doing a study of the use of matrix material for cover of landfills

T. Henley is matrix unique?

J. Bauld said no and that it is used in NS and other areas. Mass. has banned its use.

J. Hayman have we lost capacity by capping the cells early?

J. Bauld said that is not the case.

MOTION that Halifax Regional Municipality investigate and report to Community Monitoring Committee at its October meeting on the advisability of including matrix and waste stabilization materials in the residual disposal facility MOVED R. Rankin, seconded: R. Walker, CARRIED

J. Bauld said to send him a letter from which he will engage his Director, B. Anguish and MIRROR.

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7. UPDATE OF COURT PROCEEDINGS - BYLAW 602

Don Mason said that the next court date is September 11 and 12 for the Halifax Regional Municipality/DeWolfe case. The chairman, the executive and I have maintained contact and met the lawyers representing the Society. The number of parties involved has grown.

The result from the case is expected to be rendered by late September.

AGREED that the executive continue on the direction previously defined by the board.

8. OTHER .1 PLASTICS

J. Hayman asked what Halifax Regional Municipality is doing to minimize the disposal of plastics etc from the residual disposal facility. There is a new NS Minister of Environment, Honorable Mark Parent.

J. Bauld said there is an ongoing dialogue with the departmental staff.

J. Hayman recommended and members AGREED to send a letter to the NS Minister of Environment requesting programming for reduction of plastics in landfills and copy the letter to the regional chairs of solid waste regions.

.2 OPPORTUNITY FOR ENERGY GENERATION AT OTTER LAKE R.

Walker asked if the gas generated at the landfill could be used for energy

MOTION that Halifax Regional Municipality be requested information on gas generation and sustainability for energy generation.

MOVED R. Walker, Seconded: R. Rankin, CARRIED.

.3 COMPLAINT OF LEACHATE AT UPPER NINE MILE RIVER

R. Walker requested the Executive Director investigate a complaint that leachate is entering the upper reaches of nine mile river from a composting operation in Hammonds Plains. He said he had two telephone calls from avid fishermen.

J. Bauld said that there is an area in the Hammonds Plains area operated by Kynock (Trucking) where compost is cured and blended with sand.

R. Walker asked if there is leachate migrating to other areas of the nine mile river.

.4 MIRROR EMPLOYEES ANNUAL BARBAQUE

T. Henley asked the Executive Director to write a letter of thanks for the invitation to the MIRROR employees' annual barbeque. He said a number of Community Monitoring Committee members attended and toured the site.

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9. ADJOURN at 8:20pm

MOTION to adjourn Gary Meade

NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER 27, 2006

Donald Mason, Recording Secretary

Terry Henley, Chairman

Mike Becigneaul, Secretary