

Solid Waste  
Strategy community monitoring  
committee

MINUTES OF MEETING  
CMC BOARDROOM, LAKESIDE, NS  
February 26, 2003 DRAFT

March 26, 2003

1. OPENING

The Chairman, seeing a quorum present, opened the meeting at 7:08 PM.

The Chairman introduced, and members welcomed, Mr. Max Miller to the Community Monitoring Committee. Mr. Miller is a resident of Sackville, a Professional Engineer, and is an appointment by Halifax Regional Municipal Council.

2. ATTENDANCE

Present: T. Henley, J. Mitchell, S. Cober-Stasiulis, T. Adams, K. Oickle, K. Tufts, Clr. G. Meade, Clr. R. Walker, M. Miller, D. McCaughan and Executive Director, D. Mason.

Regrets: J. Hayman, G. Merlin-Walsh, Clr: R. Rankin, Mayor P. Kelly and L. Wilcox.

2. AGENDA

Members agreed to the agenda as circulated.

3. MINUTES OF OCTOBER 23, 2002

MOTION to approve the minutes of October 23, 2002 as circulated. . Moved  
Clr. G. Meade, Seconded K. Tufts, CARRIED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

.1 Freedom of Information            There was no report on this item.

.2 Trans border shipping

D. Mason reported that no new information is available since the briefing in January by B. Smith of Halifax Regional Municipality.

Clr. G. Meade, also a member of Halifax Regional Municipality Solid Waste Resource Advisory Committee (SWRAC), reported that there has been a general return to normal volumes at the Otter Lake Facility

.3 C&D Implementation

Clr. G. Meade reported that Halifax Regional Municipality has approved two applications for C&D facilities and now these proposed facilities will need Provincial operational permits - these will require approximately 4 to 8 months for processing. The Halifax Regional Municipality approved applications are:

- Anterim - this project is disposal only and will be linked to Goodwood and Ross Road facilities o

Spryfield - this requires several permits.

Another existing C&D site at Preston is operating without a license and has legal challenges to face.

.4 Landfill liner standards

D. Mason reviewed information provided by Halifax Regional Municipality's B. Smith. B. Smith stated that there has not been a change of status of the Provincial study approval leading to revised standards for landfill liners. He also stated that Halifax Regional Municipality will continue to  
ndfill.

utilize the existing "Halifax System" of landfill.

Members confirmed CMC's strong support for the use of the "Halifax System" landfill liner for all future cells.

It was recommended that CMC provide a copy of the "Halifax System" liner to NS Department of Environment & Labour.

#### .5 International Waste

D. Mason reported that there was new information for this meeting.

### 4.0 NEW BUSINESS

#### .1 C&D disposal and roadside litter

Clr. G. Meade raised the matter that C&D materials (12 loads) were trucked to a bog at Hatchet Lake from the Goodwood sorting site. The area is adjacent to existing housing and the bog is believed by neighbours to be a well water reserve.

Members discussed that the bog is part of a 75-acre landholding of the owner of the C&D operation. It has been tested for contamination and found satisfactory by Nova Scotia Department of Environment & Labour. Previously, the fill area was observed 1 kilometer in the woods as having one acre of material 3/4 feet high and an access road construction including tires.

ACTION That D. Mason contact MIRROR and inquire if MATRIX material was rejected at the time of the infilling at Hatchet Lake.

Clr. G. Meade reminded members that C&D materials including Matrix material will soon be directed to the Anterim facility for disposal.

#### .2 Gas collection at Otter Lake Facility

D. Mason reported that Halifax Regional Municipality and MIRROR are reviewing a Cell 1 final gas collection system. He indicated he responded to some calls from residents regarding intermittent odours primarily at the Exit 3 interchange of Highway 103. The callers appreciate the responses and the role of Community Monitoring Committee in providing current information. Members agreed to request Halifax Regional Municipality's B. Smith and MIRROR's K. Jacobs to attend the next meeting for a discussion on the installation of a gas collection system at the Otter

Lake - Residual Disposal Facility.

The Executive Director recommended CMC obtain some outside experience on the impacts to communities from gassy landfills including on site interviews.

The members agreed that the Executive Director identify a suitable action and the Chairman be authorized to implement.

#### .3 Annual Board Dinner

Members agreed to combine the April meeting with the Annual Board Dinner. The Executive Director is requested to make the necessary arrangements.

#### .4 Community outreach

The Chair requested members to consider, at a future meeting community, outreach programs and projects.

Clr. G. Meade indicated that Halifax Regional Municipality, through the Solid Waste Resource Committee, now has two \$ 1000 scholarships to schools for composting/recycling projects awarded annually.

Members suggested the Communications committee review this matter.

## 5. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES .1

### Communications

Members agreed to appoint a Committee Chair at the next meeting.

Members agreed that the Executive Director and Chairman prepare a Newsletter for publication.

.2 Data Collection report.  
There is no new information to report.

.3 Miller Liaison report.  
Committee  
There is no new information to report.

### .4 New Era Liaison Committee

S. Cober-Stasiulis reported that there has not been a recent meeting.

She indicated that an information sign is still missing - the sign providing telephone numbers to call if odours are encountered. She said that previous citizen complaints to New Era were met with challenges for the citizen to prove the complaint.

J. Mitchell reported on heavy smell (odours) on three occasions over a six and one-half week period on the Prospect Road near the New Era Facility. He said that on one occasion the smell originated with a GREEN collection truck (whose depot is in the same area as New Era Facility).

MOTION that CMC recommend an improved information method by that New Era Farms for citizen complaints through the community distribution of "fridge magnets" which include the telephone numbers of New Era, Halifax Regional Municipality and Nova Scotia Department of Environment & Labour.

## 6. OTHER BUSINESS

### .1 Travel Honourium

The Chair commented that members should have received their checks and they should notify the Executive Director if there are any discrepancies.

## 7. ADJOURN

The business of the meeting being completed, Chairman called for a motion to adjourn at 8:52

PM.  
MOTION to adjourn  
Moved: K. Tufts.