

COMMUNITY MONITORING COMMITTEE

HALIFAX WASTE/RESOURCE SOCIETY MINUTES OF MEETING 1999 03 25

1. CALL TO ORDER

The CHAIRMAN declared that a quorum was present.
The members present introduced themselves one to another.

2. AGENDA

MOTION to approve the agenda as circulated.
Moved R. Rankin, 2nd J. Mitchell, APPROVED

3. OBJECTIVES OF COMMUNITY MONITORING COMMITTEE (CMC)

The objectives were summarized by the CHAIRMAN as:
monitor the 25 year HRM Solid Waste/Resource Strategy, represent the public monitoring interests of residents within 5 km. of the Otter Lake Facility as well as the residents of Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM), report to residents the activities of the Owner HRM, and the Operator - MIRROR, at the Otter Lake Facility, provide reports in an unbiased manner, provide protection to the community as promised, implement the contract between CMC and HRM to undertake project monitoring on behalf of the public of HRM, make recommendations to HRM, remembering that HRM is ultimately responsible for the program not CMC, prepare factual needs for the public through studies or analysis, represent the public in monitoring matters.

4. INFORMATION FLOW TO MEMBERS

The members agreed to continue discussion on a number of information items at the next meeting including:
areas of interest for members, timing of information of anomalies, public tours of the Otter Lake Facility, impact of other facilities on the Solid Waste/ Resource Strategy.

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ATTENDANCE
CMC Elected Members
* R. M ^{ac} Ausland - Chairman
* K. Murphy, PEng - Vice-Chair. * K. Lea, PEng - Secty/Treas.
B. Holland
R. Kelsie r D. M ^{ac} Donald D. Pettipas
G. Stonehouse
D. Wright
HRM Council Representatives
* Cir. J. Mitchell - Dist. 23
* Cir. R. Rankin - Dist. 22
HRM Ex Officio r Mayor W. Fitzgerald
HRM Councillor Appointment
* Cir. R. Walker - Dist. 15
HRM Council Appointments
A. Murray
M-L. Saturley
CMC Staff
* D. Mason, P Eng - Exec. Director
HRM Staff
* M. Bernard, PEng, Mgr. Waste Res.
* R. Orr, P Eng, Project Engr.
* Present r Regrets

5. CONCERNS ON SITE/OFF SITE

The CHAIRMAN indicated that public tours are not yet available at the Otter Lake Facility. CMC members agreed to a facilities tour. The Exec Director will schedule these tours for members.

Other items discussed were: tours for school children, protocol for site visits for individual CMC members, summaries of monthly technical and incident reports by MIRROR, flying paper on site - members received complaints

6. RESPONSIBILITIES AND CMC ACTIVITIES

The CHAIRMAN agreed to prepare a summary of roles and responsibilities for the next meeting.

7. BANKING RESOLUTION

MOTION that the financial signing officers will be two consisting . of the Treasurer (Secretary - Treasurer) and one of the Chairman or Vice - Chairman, for the purposes of: expenditures of Halifax Waste/Resource funds, approving invoices prior to requisition of HRM funds, and that expenditures in excess of \$1000 will require the approval of the CMC. Moved R. Walker, 2nd G. Stonehouse, APPROVED.

8. NEXT MEETINGS

Future meetings will be scheduled as the

4th THURSDAY at 7 pm for:

1999 May, July, September, November,

January, March, APRIL -AGM, May

9. ADJOURN

MOTION to adjourn

Moved R. Walker.

D. Mason, Executive Director

COMMUNITY MONITORING COMMITTEE

1. CALL TO ORDER

The CHAIRMAN declared that a quorum was present and opened the meeting for business.

3. AGENDA

MOTION to approve the agenda as circulated.

Moved: J. Mitchell, 2nd D. Wright, APPROVED

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. The CHAIRMAN was asked by new members to outline the CMC role in " providing protection to the community." His comments included:

CMC has a responsibility to the citizens of: the local community, the municipality,

CMC has a public monitoring role through a contractual arraignment with HRM

HRM is the owner of the Otter Lake facility, valued at \$42 Million

HRM contracted MIRROR to operate the facility, citizen stakeholders from an informed community developed and maintain ownership of the Solid Waste/Resource Strategy, the Residual Disposal Facility (RDF) has been the primary focus of the public as the alternative to the old system abandoned at Upper Sackville, the RDF is to be stable and inert and having no impact on the community, the Front End Processor (FEP) and the Waste Stabilization

Facility (WSF) are key elements in the process of identifying and reducing organic materials to a stable and inert state suitable for disposal at the RDF,

HRM has two other compost facilities and separate monitoring committees.

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5. UPDATE-ACTIVITIES

Members reviewed the HRM monthly operational reports provided to CMC. A discussion on content and a format that could be quickly reviewed by members. The Exec Dir will review the detail of the reports and notify the Chairman of potential concern.

6. MONITORING-SPECIFIC INTERESTS

The Chairman circulated a table of "Suggested Monitoring Data To Be Collected" as a recommended content and format. (See attached)

MOTION that the table of "Suggested Monitoring Data To Be Collected" be adopted for use by CMC and HRM be requested to use this content and format.

Moved: A. Murray, 2nd M-L. Saturley, AGREED

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Members agreed that should a potential member conflict arise the same would be raised with CMC and prior to agenda items that could be influenced.

8. CONCERN- MEMBERS 1. Advanced and modern program

This Solid Waste/Resource Strategy (SW/RS) and the Otter lake Facility is the most advanced and modern program being implemented in North America and CMC should keep the concept in the mind of the CMC and public. Councillors stated that solid waste solutions and programs was a key consideration at the recent Canadian Federation of Mayors and Municipalities meetings at HRM.

Road signs should state the significance of this strategy. Members agreed that as a start the Chairman write the appropriate authorities for new or approved road' signs.

2.Sewage sludge processing

The prohibition of sewage sludge processing at the Otter Lake Facility was raised and confirmed by the members in concert with the original directives of the stakeholders. The Exec Dir reported that the Program Director, Halifax Harbour Solutions, said in an interview that sewage sludge treatment is to be part of the Request for Proposal, but the location has not been determined. M. Bernard stated that the use of Otter Lake Facility for sewage sludge treatment is not supported by his department.

Several members reiterated that the original Citizens Committee adopted an exclusion of use of the Otter Lake Facility for sewage sludge treatment and that is part of the (SW/RS) MOTION that Community Monitoring Committee confirms the abolition of sludge processing at the Otter Lake Facility.

Moved: R. Rankin, 2nd D. Wright, AGREED

3. **Public Inform:**
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Public tours of the Otter Lake Facility
Information on public tours
CMC members expressed
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distress that the promised public access through
facility has not occurred. Discussion
up demand for access to the facility continuing
is to be encouraged in the Solid Waste/Resource
and access to facilities part of interest and
should be considered for tours for the general
public,

M. Bernard indicated that HRM is responsible for public tours^Q as part of public information program. A schedule for public tours for 2 days per week has been concluded with MIRROR. Requests for tours presently exceed the available and a backlog exists. The operator, MIRROR, has ongoing concerns about safety of the public during plant operating hours.

M. Bernard will provide to CMC details of the public tour schedule and activities.

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4. Construction and debris disposal
Several members raised a source of public complaint is the implementation of construction and debris disposal (C&D) throughout HRM and in particular the facility at Goodwood.

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M. Bernard stated that his department was aware of the public concerns and complaints. but C&D disposal is not administered by his department. He said his department was cooperating in seeking better methods of its implementation of C&D. The matter is complicated because C&D is inert material not included inorganic waste legislation nor Otter Lake facility agreement. C&D implementation is considered private business regulated by commercial or industrial zoning HRM.

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Hazardous waste
Members inquired of the progress of hazardous waste collection throughout HRM its

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M. Bernard indicated that the program is proceeding and improving based on the knowledge gained during implementation. A recent report by his department on the hazardous waste collection and disposal is available to CMC.

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- 9. NEXT** NEXT COMMUNICATION TO PUBLIC
The ne: The next communication to the public is scheduled for the fall .
Exec D , Exec Dir will begin a communications outline and a schedule.

- 10. BOAR** BOARD LEAVE OF ABSENCE
Chairm Chairman M^{ac}Ausland advised the members that family commitments would
HRM f take away from HRM for approximately one year. He indicated his intentions of
CMC d maintaining contact with CMC during the period of his absence.

MOTION that the CMC grant a leave of absence of one year to R. M^{ac}Ausland as

Board member and Chairman

Moved: M-L. Saturley, 2nd A. Murray, AGREED.

MOTION that the Chairman be K. Murphy, P. Eng. and that the Vice Chairman be D. Wright, for the completion of this term.

Moved: M-L. Saturley, 2nd A. MutTay, AGREED.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

1. The members request
 - early reports
 - HRM operations reports
 - HRM contacts
 - other
- D. Mason will prepare t

2. The accounts were pr
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MOVED: J. Mit

12. ADJOURNMENT

- MOTION** to adjourn.
MOVED: R. Rankin.

1. The members requested background information in binders.

HRM (CMC)- MIRROR agreement
CMC contacts
Minutes

- D. Mason will prepare binders and circulate by July 4.

2. The accounts were presented by the Chairman for approval.

MOTION that the accounts of the past month presented by the Chairman be approved.

MOVED: J. Mitchell, 2nd M-L. Saturley, AGREED.

D. Mason, Executive Director

<p>NEXT MEETING</p> <p>JULY 22, 7 PM</p> <p>OLD COUNTY BUILDING</p>
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