

MINUTES OF MEETING
September 24, 2003

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1) OPENING

The Chairman, Terry Henley, seeing a quorum present opened the meeting at 7:07 PM.

2) ATTENDANCE

Present: Tim Adams, Mike Becigneaul, Cilla Dawson, Joanne Hayman, Terry Henley, David McCaughan, Clr. Reg Rankin, Kenny Tufts, Lloyd Wilcox and Executive Director, Donald Mason.

Regrets: Mayor Peter Kelly, Jack Mitchell, Keith Oickle, Clr. Gary Meade, Max Miller and Clr. Russell Walker.

3) AGENDA

Add 5.1 International Waste Process	Joanne Hayman
Add t 1 Regional Planning Request	Clr. Reg Rankin
Add 8.2 Meeting with Japanese delegation Henley	Chairman Terry
Add 8.3 Plastic in the general waste stream	Joanne Hayman
Members agreed to the agenda as amended.	

4) MINUTES of August 27, 2003

Revision: Item 6 - insert hydroclave and delete autoclave.

MOTION to approve the minutes of August 27, 2003 with amendment.

Moved: Joanne Hayman, Seconded: David McCaughan, CARRIED.

5) BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

5.1 International Waste Process

Joanne Hayman requested an update on the programming for the processing of international and the installation of a hydroclave. She asked how the hydroclave would be paid. the impact to the Otter Lake facility of an additional 1000 te of material and the impact on local solid waste tipping fees

The Executive Director said he discussed the status with Halifax Regional Municipality staff. The information gleaned included that a private operator is still intending to install

hydroclave equipment at the airport property and that the federal authorities are processing an operating certificate.

Clr. Reg Rankin said councillors were recently briefed on the subject when the hydroclave installation was described to be a positive addition in the sterilization for disposal of international waste. The tourism industry was strongly supportive of the hydroclave installation as an alternative to the system now being phased out. There is to be a financial benefit to Halifax Regional Municipality and no negative impact to the local collection costs.

AGREED that the Executive Director obtain additional information from Halifax Regional Municipality and Halifax Airport Authority.

6.0 NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Update On The Otter Lake facility - Cover On Cell 1 Chairman & Executive Director

The Chairman said he and the Executive Director visited the Otter Lake site to observe the progress of the installation of the cover material on cell 1 of the Residual Disposal Facility.

The Executive Director indicated that the cover process is underway,

- The pipes for gas collection have been installed

- The geomaterial layers have been installed and the installation of the clay cover has begun.

- The work is forecast to be completed by the end of October.

- He said there was one recent call to MIRROR on odour and the caller said she felt it was not from the Otter Lake Facility. MIRROR reported the call on it monthly summary report.

6.2 Halifax Regional Municipality study on solid waste management Chairman & Executive Director

The Chairman said that Community Monitoring Committee's Executive Director did make a presentation to Solid Waste Resource Advisory Committee recommending a delay in the acceptance of the Halifax Regional Municipality solid waste management review study. Community Monitoring Committee's position was that additional material was required on the interpretation of the strategy, the current statistics and the direction for actions.

The Executive Director commented that Solid Waste Resource Advisory Committee was positively receptive of the Community Monitoring Committee position and directed staff this time to meet the Community Monitoring Committee and incorporate their comments into the management study.

Members expressed that Community Monitoring Committee will take a strong stand in vetting the study as it comes to a conclusion, express disappointment in the draft of the management study, its lack of understanding of the Solid Waste/Resource

Management Strategy,
the lack of innovation and

- the lack of emphasis on further diversion and the lack of emphasis on further efficiencies in the existing system. Community Monitoring Committee was not consulted in the preparation of the terms of reference and cursorily consulted during the study yet Community Monitoring Committee is portrayed as compliant to the interpretations of the study but:

The strategy as adopted envisions "STEWARDSHIP" and a much stronger diversion effort through continuing education.

The Otter Lake facility is to be benign and inoffensive, not negatively affect property values or the quality of life of residents.

The standards for the Otter lake facilities are to be maintained including surface and groundwater protection, offsite leachate treatment, liner and cover construction and odour protection.

There is not sufficient evidence to justify another capital expenditure for another compost plant when compared to additional diversion as evidenced at the Otter Lake Waste Stabilization Facility — diversion is going down not up. The statistics quoted from Halifax Regional Municipality show the public participation as strong while the overall performance is starting to deteriorate.

AGREED that the Community Monitoring Committee inform Halifax Regional Municipality of the Community Monitoring Committee's concerns on the direction of the Halifax Regional Municipality solid waste resource management study.

7.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.1 Communications Committee

Joanne Hayman

The Committee met to select the topics for the next newsletter a fall edition.

The newsletter will emphasize the need to reduce the amount of mixed waste arriving at the Otter Lake facility for burial and the need for more diversion

Mike Becigneaul indicated that Eastlink has capability and desire to prepare shorts for inserts into cable television programming. He said they could fill a void of information not covered by Halifax Regional Municipality.

AGREED that Joanne Hayman meet Eastlink for further information

7.2 Technical Committee David McCaughan Water quality sampling — He said he attended the last round of testing of sites surrounding the Residual Disposal Facility. The day for sampling was changed at the last minute and as a result members of the committee were not available to attend. He said the exposure to the sampling was informative as the technician explained the process and strict protocols leading to the samples being sent to a laboratory for testing.

He said he would determine from committee members the best time for a meeting.

8.0 Other Business

8.1 Regional Planning Request Clr. Reg Rankin Clr. Reg Rankin spoke to the Halifax Regional Municipality regional planning process now underway and the importance of public participation. He distributed plan booklets for members to complete and forward to Halifax Regional Municipality. He further explained that the information from returned booklets from members knowledgeable about solid waste and the impacts on communities would be instrumental in the preparation of a regional plan.

8.2 *Meeting with a Japanese delegation on solid waste Terry Henley The Chairman said he attended a meeting with a Japanese delegation interested in solid waste implementation. Nova Scotia Department of Environment and Labour sponsored the meeting. The group consisted of 20 people and the visit as a follow-up to the delegation of last year. Delegation members visited the Halifax Regional Municipality facilities and had a discussion with local authorities. Of note is that Japan communities incinerate waste.

8.3 Plastic in the general disposal stream Joanne Hayman Joanne Hayman asked what steps could be taken to remove/reduce plastic from the general waste stream being processed and disposed at the Otter Lake Facility. She wondered about the Department of Environment and Labour initiative for charging consumers at grocery outlets for plastic bags. She supports the use of alternatives such as compostable paper bags or consumer owned shopping bags.

Cilla Dawson commented on a grocery store that deducts \$ when shoppers bring their own shopping bags.

Agreed that the technical committee quantify the amount of plastic being processed "needlessly" at Halifax Regional Municipality facilities.

9.0 Adjourn

The business being completed the Chairman called for a motion to adjourn at 9:12. MOTION to adjourn D. McCaughan.