

Community Monitoring Committee  
Minutes of February 22, 2012  
7 p.m.  
Boardroom, Otter Lake

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PENDING APPROVAL

ATTENDANCE

Present:

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| Jack Mitchell          | Chair              |
| Tom Robertson          | Director           |
| Russell Walker         | Director           |
| Councillor Reg Rankin  | Director           |
| Councillor Steve Adams | Director           |
| Ken Meech              | Executive Director |

Regrets:

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| Bob Angus         | Director |
| Mary Lyn Saturley | Director |
| Murry Power       | Director |
| Mike Becigneul    | Director |

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- 1) Agenda: Moved: T.Roberts & Seconded P.Lund That agenda be adopted as presented. MC
- 2) Minutes- Jan. 26- Agreed that the minutes be approved as circulated.
- 3) , 4), 5) Reviewed communications re odor issue including the opinion of solicitor John Merrick and next steps.

In Discussion on this issue it was noted that the explanation from HRM staff was less than satisfactory and not suitable for explanation to the general public in the immediate area to explain the circumstances causing the extreme odor problems over past 3 months.

It was noted that the public communication on the subject creates a potential risk relative to property values in the community so we need to consider the impact.

After considerable discussion it was confirmed that the key issue is the relationship between CMC and HRM staff.

This was reaffirmed in the response from HRM staff re the role and access of CMC to information. The opinion from the lawyer reaffirms our belief that the CMC has access to any information relating to any aspect of the strategy if the issue has implications to the other lake facilities.

Moved by Coun. Adamns and seconded by Russell Walker that the issue of CMC mandate be sent to the western community council for ratification and then recommended to regional council for their confirmation of the mandate. Motion carried.

It was also agreed that the chair communicate to M. Lebreque- Deputy CAO clarifying our ability to access information and seeking a response that will form the basis of a communication to the residents in the immediate area if deemed necessary.

6) Educational program: The Ex. Director reviewed the recent communication from Gordon Helm who was seeking confirmation of the process to resolve the issue of an integrated educational program for solid waste. However the committee decided to place on hold until we resolve the mandate issue with council.

7) Geo-Thermal project- It was noted that HRM staff are in progress to organize a session with Tom, HRM staff and a Dalhousie prof. on the subject so we expect further info at next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned