

**Community Monitoring Committee
Minutes of January 19, 2011
6 p.m.
Lakeview Inns and Suites
Bayers Lake, Halifax**

PENDING APPROVAL

ATTENDANCE

Present:

Jack Mitchell	Chair
Ellery Oicle	Vice Chair
Bob Angus (by skype)	Secretary/Treasurer
Tom Robertson	Director
Murray Power	Director
Don Mason	Director
Lindsay Gates	Director
Councillor Peter Lund	Director
Councillor Reg Rankin	Director
Ken Meech	Executive Director

Also Attending:

Gordon Helm	Manager, Solid Waste HRM
Kurt Jacobs	President, Mirror Landfill
Steve Copps	Environmental Manager, Mirror Landfill
Theresa Rushton	Engineer, Dillon Engineering

Regrets:

Mayor Peter Kelly	
Mike Becignuel	Director
David McCaughan	Director

The chair called the session to order and introduced a potential new member, Lindsay Gates, who is a resident of Timberlea. The chair welcomed Lindsay and looked forward to his participation. The chair then asked if there were any additions to the agenda.

1) Approval of the Agenda

It was MOVED and SECONDED (Mason/Oicle):

that the agenda be approved.

MOTION carried.

2) Business Arising from the Minutes

a. Video release

The chair noted that the video release was a success and that requests to present the video in schools had been received. The chair and vice chair will be making arrangements for such presentations.

b. Resolution regarding closure of landfill (see attached letter)

The chair noted that the resolution on the future of landfill had been placed before HRM council. Gordon Helm and Councillor Rankin provided an update and explained that the issue has been sent to staff to examine and they will work with CMC as the issue progresses.

c. Report from chair on visit to tire recycling facility (open house)

The vice chair gave a report on the recent visit to the tire recycling facility at Goodwood. In addition, Councillor Lund noted that the issue of water runoff had been addressed.

3) Update on Replacement of Roof at WSF – Otter Lake

Gordon Helm, Manager of Solid Waste, gave a report on the project, which was accomplished on time and within budget. The chair expressed the CMC's thanks to both HRM and Mirror for a job well done.

4) Advice on Council Appointments to CMC (Mayor's Letter Attached)

The chair referred the members to a letter from the mayor (attached). The following council members have been appointed to the CMC for a term from December 1, 2010 – November 30, 2012:

- Reg Rankin
- Peter Lund
- Steve Adams

5) Overview of Monitoring Program (HRM Consultant)

The chair welcomed Theresa Rushton, an engineer with Dillon Engineering, to provide an overview of the Operational Monitoring Program. The executive director arranged for the presentation as the program represents the key role for CMC. He noted that this presentation will be arranged each year. Ms. Rushton entertained questions and observations during the discussion.

It was noted that the program is the responsibility of Mirror under the agreement with HRM, and is managed at mirror by Steve Cops. The chair thanked Ms. Rushton for the excellent presentation and concluded with the statement that the facility is operating within environmental guidelines. The information is sent directly to the Department of Environment for their review and action if deemed necessary.

6) Report of Subcommittee – Waste to Energy (Tom Robertson, Chair) (reports attached)

The technical committee chaired by Tom Robertson reported on the findings of the committee with respect to the feasibility of developing an earth–energy project at the landfill.

It was noted that before the project proceeds any further, a meeting needs to be held with HRM staff to determine if they are prepared to pursue it. See attached reports. During the discussion Mr. Helm gave an update on the process that is underway by his department to undertake the waste characterization study, followed by the review of technologies and opportunities to reduce the waste being landfilled. This information will be shared with CMC when available.

7) Financial Reports

a. CMC expenditures to December 31, 2010

b. Halifax Waste Resource account (attached)

The executive director advised that financial updates on the expenditures of CMC to date were attached to the agenda. It is expected that the total expense for this fiscal year will be \$55,000.00. The chair also informed Mr. Helm that the CMC budget for next fiscal year would remain at \$65,000.00.

8) Report of Chair

a. Budget increase (CMC research)

b. Letter to natural resources re: bears and landfill

c. Create subcommittees (eg. executive, communications, technical)

The chair had requested that the formation of three committees (technical, executive and communications) be placed on the agenda. It was agreed that Tom Robertson would continue to chair the technical committee and Ellery Oicle the communications committee.

9) New Business

Given the time it was decided that the issues brought forward by Bob Angus would be placed on the next agenda and the meeting was adjourned.