

**Community Monitoring Committee
Minutes of October 19, 2011
5:30 p.m.
Comfort Inn**

PENDING APPROVAL

ATTENDANCE

Present:

Jack Mitchell	Chair
Bob Angus	Vice Chair
Tom Robertson	Director
Mike Becignuel	Director
Councillor Reg Rankin	Director
Councillor Steve Adams	Director
Councillor Russell Walker	Director
Councillor Peter Lund	Director
Ken Meech	Executive Director

Also Attending:

Steve Warburton

Regrets:

Murray Power	Director
Lindsay Gates	Director
Mayor Peter Kelly	

1) Approval of Agenda

The chair convened the meeting and it was agreed that the agenda be approved. The committee agreed to discuss Item 6 first, as Councillor Lund had to leave at 6:30 p.m.

2) Approval of Minutes of September 6, 2011

It was MOVED and SECONDED (Angus/Walker)

that the minutes of September 6, 2011 be adopted as circulated.

MOTION carried.

3) Presentation and Update on School Presentations

The committee heard from Steve Warburton on the educational program being provided to schools throughout HRM. He noted that recent presentations were initiated by the councillor in Eastern Passage, and also that the education officer with HRM Solid Waste had been invited to the presentations. It was noted from discussion with the education officer

that our presentation, with its focus on the landfill, was beyond the program being provided by HRM staff.

The chair confirmed that the CMC program has been placed on hold until we hear from HRM staff regarding the incorporation of our presentation into their educational program. It was agreed that this matter would be discussed later in the meeting. Mr. Warburton left the session.

4) Discussion of Education Program with HRM Staff and Ability to Integrate

The committee again reviewed the educational program developed by CMC, concluding that a letter be written to HRM Solid Waste staff seeking their feedback (as promised in a recent meeting) and their intended plan to integrate CMC's work into their presentation.

It was MOVED and SECONDED (Angus/Becignuel):

that the CMC seek a response from HRM Solid Waste staff on their intention and plans to integrate the CMC program into their education presentation and that the answer be provided by year-end.

MOTION carried.

5) HRM Council Response to CMC Concerns

See attached resolution.

6) Meeting with CAO, Deputy CAO

The chair, executive director and Councillor Rankin provided an overview of the recent session that was held with the CAO and deputy CAO. The purpose of the session was to discuss the role and mandate of CMC and the committee's expectation to be included in the process should any changes to the waste strategy be contemplated, in particular, changes impacting the landfill.

It was noted that the CAO confirmed understanding and acceptance of CMC as a key part of the process as well as the requirement that CMC be consulted before any changes are contemplated for council approval. The CAO confirmed there were no preconceived notions on specific changes to the strategy, however HRM staff was giving consideration to the entire process in order to identify potential savings while maintaining a commitment to the strategy as provided in the policy approved by HRM council. He noted that any potential changes will be reviewed and discussed with the CMC prior to any move for changes.

Councillor Rankin provided a history of the siting and construction of the landfill as an integral part and commitment within the waste strategy as developed by the community stakeholders' committee.

The session had ended with an expectation that CMC would receive, in a reasonable period of time, an outline of the work program and a plan for public consultation from HRM staff.

The executive director shared a copy of the recent council decision on a process for examination of the waste strategy which was amended to include the CMC as a body to be consulted before any changes to the strategy are proposed. It was noted that the change to the Mirror contract included a provision in the agreement to obtain CMC approval prior to any changes.

7) Report on Waste-to-Energy Conference

Councillor Rankin recently attended a Waste-to-Energy conference in Nashville. The written report was sent to all members of CMC.

8) Our Path Forward

9) Update Website

The vice chair reported on the development of a website.

It was MOVED and SECONDED (Angus/Rankin):

that the vice chair proceed to develop a website for CMC at an estimated cost of \$3,000.00.

MOTION carried.

10) Proposed Budget for 2012-2013

The executive director provided a copy of the proposed budget for 2012-2013 for a sum of \$65,000.00.

It was MOVED and SECONDED (Walker/Robertson):

that the budget for the sum of \$65,000.00 be approved for the fiscal year April 1, 2012 – March 31, 2013 and be submitted to the HRM Solid Waste division.

MOTION carried.

11) Director Vacancies

The chair asked the committee to identify potential candidates for appointment as directors to fill a few vacancies. The group agreed to approach Mary Lyn Saturley and Joanne Hayman. It was also suggested that Reg MacAusland be approached, in addition to Glenn Andrews as proposed by Bob Angus, the vice chair.

12) Proposed Meeting Schedule

The committee agreed to convene on a regular basis every two months beginning in November, with the meeting date set as the second Thursday of the month. It was agreed that additional sessions would be called if necessary.

It was also agreed that arrangements be made for a Christmas dinner for members and spouses in early December to thank the members for donating their time to the community.

13) New Business

Under new business the chair suggested CMC consider holding a tour of the landfill facility and inviting all MLAs to attend. It was agreed that this item would be considered in the spring.

14) Adjournment

Having completed the business of the evening, the meeting adjourned.