

Meeting Minutes

May 18 , 2017 - 6:30 PM

Lakeside Community Centre

Attending: John Cascadden - Chair, Scott Guthrie - Vice Chair, Tom Robertson, Peter Lund, Lindsay Gates , Murray Power, Bob Angus, Andrew Giles, Councillor Richard Zurawski and Councillor Adams

Regrets from : Frank Johnston and Councillor Whitman ; Absent : Mayor Mike Savage

Also attending : Reg Rankin, Executive Director; and Ken Donnelly , CMC communications consultant

Guests attending : Ken Meech - Mirror, Harold Johnson – Vice president , Dexter Construction , Steve Copp - Mirror, Brian Dubblestyne-Mirror, Joe Mann-Mirror

Chair John Cascadden called the meeting to order.

1. The proposed agenda as previously circulated amended with added agenda items : 6.1 ; to verbal update on an aspect of the status of CMC's request to council (dec/15) on community compensation for extension of otter lake landfill operations.

6.2 ; to receive the latest (April) and review the effectiveness of the monthly short form reportage to CMC, initiated by Mirror, of the landfill operational outcome metrics.

Motion to approve the agenda as amended, by Councillor Adams seconded by Bob Angus. Passed.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the last CMC meeting of March 09, 2017 , 2017 as circulated :

Motion to approve minutes of March 09 by Andrew Giles seconded by Peter Lund. Carried

3. No business arising from the minutes other than to note the receipt from the manager of solid waste, Matt Keliher, the Municipality's most recent landfill's front end processor (FEP) waste characterization study report , And which report was referenced in CMC's meeting minutes of March 09, 2017 under new business. Page 1 of 3

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4. The Otter lake Landfill ' Waste Characterization Study ' conducted in December, 2016 Continuance from March 09, 2017 of the earlier examination of its indicative findings

CMC's Communication Consultant, Ken Donnelly, provided the Board a power point presentation of what may be the Board's focus on ' what can be learned ' from the findings.

Several of the salient points Mr. Donnelly pointed to was firstly the high degree of similarity of findings -amounts and types of undesirables received for sorting at the FEP - between the recent waste characterization study sponsored and conducted earlier by The Municipality and the more recent study more recently by CMC . This dual set of similar outcomes supports the acceptance of the findings with a high degree of credibility.

Mr Donnelly, pointed to a number of program initiatives The Board could consider in collaboration with the Solid Waste Resource office of HRM . And most , if not all , of these initiatives is through redesign of our collective educational resources - to effect better diversion practices from both residents and businesses.

Mr Donnelly, advised that not withstanding the importance of getting on with such initiatives through early engagement sought with the appropriate offices of HRM ; that first The Board receives the benefit of hearing and considering the input and views of the operator, Mirror, and to receive the final report including the anticipated recommendations from the author , Dr. Paul Arnold.

Given the above presentation and its counsel for the consideration of The Board:

Motion by Bob Angus seconded by Scott Guthrie for direction to the Executive Director to send a letter to Mayor Savage offering CMC's assistance to his office and Council through a listing of recommendations for greater waste resource diversion away from the Otter lake Landfill. There was Board consensus that prior to our offer of engagement with HRM on the Board's recommendations : to arrange a Board meeting as early as next month , specifically on June 15 . The purpose is to receive , and gain the benefit of , the final report from Dr. Paul Arnold including the consideration of his forthcoming recommendations together with the opportunity to hear and consider input from the operator, Mirror. Carried.

5. Ratify the communication program expenditures, as budgeted, for the past two months of March and April.

Moved by Lindsay Gates seconded by Murray Power to ratify the approved invoices as submitted to HRM in the amounts of \$ 3, 362.83 (March) and \$ 4, 082.50 (April) which amounts includes the applicable HST taxes. Carried

6.1 Status of HRM Council's Motion of December 8, 2015 directing staff for a report on consideration of Community Integration Fund for extension of the Otter lake Landfill .

Councillor Adams shared with the Board that apparently one or several of unnamed HRM staff who may relate to this file has expressed to him their interpretation of extension of the landfill to mean extension in height not extension in time. It should be noted that The Board - as far as we know Council itself - has received nothing in writing from staff on this matter.

It was pointed out by several Board members , it is very troublesome to learn of this misinterpretation of the motion . As well , The Board members expressed that there has been no action on this motion of direction from staff now one and a half years later. Input was offered from the CMC executive Director, Reg Rankin , the Councillor representing the affected community councillor at the time and the mover of the referenced motion. The seconder was the other representative of the affected community, Councillor Steve Adams.

The cause for community compensation was recognizing and taking into account a new condition favourable to the Municipality but unforeseen over previous years - leading to a contractual offer from the Municipality to the operator for an extension of time. And the contractual terms , was not to do with height increase , but to an unexpected remaining capacity in future cells 7, 8 and 9 representing huge future savings for the Municipality .

In terms of the essential legislative background :

This motion of consideration of community compensation immediately followed after the motion to approve the extension of the new Mirror contract . Indeed, the very agenda item was titled the ' proposed contract ' . Clearly the contextual meaning was and is the extension of years provided in the amended Mirror contract before Council . For further clarity, as part of the same encompassing motion dealing with the new contract it was further stipulated that the standing request to the Department of Environment from HRM staff for height extension be hereby rescinded. Nor is there, in the approved contract, any reliance upon an offer on increased height over the duration of the 20 year extended contract (plus additional renewal extension clauses) .

The Board accepted the offer from Councillors Zurawski and Adams to allow them to construct a motion or resolution to their new Council to advance this already, long standing Council approved request for consideration.

6.2 Mirror's presentation on recent months landfill operations profiling pertinent environmental outcomes for the Board's review – and opportunity to raise questions and or any concerns.

Steve Copp, manager of the landfill operations, circulated to the Board members three related reports ; spoke to the same reports and available for questions. Nothing of concern was noted.

Motion to adjourn was moved by Peter Lund.



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