

CMC Board Meeting Minutes

CMC Board Meeting on January 18, 2018 - 6:30 PM

Located at Brunello Estates Clubhouse Boardroom

Attending: John Cascadden - Chair, Scott Guthrie - Vice Chair, Andrew Giles – Secretary-Treasurer, Tom Robertson, Peter Lund, Murray Power, Frank Johnston, Kate Sullivan, Mike Becigneul, Councillor Richard Zurawski and Councillor Whitman .

Regrets from : Bob Angus and Councillor Adams

Also attending : Reg Rankin, Executive Director; Ken Donnelly, CMC communications consultant and Dr. Paul Arnold; Engineer and technical Consultant .

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

Special Guest : Matt Keliher, HRM Manager of Solid Waste Resources

Chair John Cascadden called the meeting to order ; and welcomed our special guest, Matt Keliher.

Vice-Chair Scott Guthrie asked for a minute of silence in memory of our colleague, Lindsay Gates, who passed away on January 9th .

1. Motion by Andrew Giles seconded by Tom Robertson to approve the proposed circulated agenda as amended with the added agenda item number 10 ; titled : ' Plastics , its market challenges ; and to provide several options for consideration including potential reference to furtherance of ' Extended Producer Responsibility ' .
Carried

2. Motion by Kate Sullivan seconded by Councillor Whitman to approve the minutes, as circulated, of the last Board Meeting on October 5, 2017. Carried .

3. Matt Keliher, HRM Mgr. Solid Waste, provided the Board his department's program initiatives, motivated in part, to the learned outcome findings of the two separate but similar recent " Waste Characteristic ' studies conducted by HRM and CMC .

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3. (cont'd) Mr. Keliher , in his remarks, spoke on the increased efforts for more residential dwellings to get on side , such as clusters of condominiums , and what their department is doing to facilitate group participation. Perhaps a more prominent initiative, Mr Keliher spoke on efforts to increase diversion of discarded textiles through their imminent collaboration with participating industry and non-profit groups who presently benefit , and other such groups who can also benefit . This initiative will be soon evidenced with a public call, from his office, for even more such non-profits to be considered. The end pursuit of this forthcoming purposeful involvement, through the department's promotion of alternate non profit community receptacles with one's consumable used or unwanted textiles - will be its greater diversion from the landfill to the benefit of our taxpayers, to the processing industry and to participating non profits. Mr. Keliher informed the Board that HRM is requesting of the province to ban plastic shopping bags . And he further stated , was encouraged that the Minister of Environment , in conversation with him recently, seems to be on side with furthering ' Extended Producer Responsibility ' but the Minister added, that Cabinet also needs to be convinced.

Following Mr. Kelliher's remarks, a number of Board members posed questions of clarification or eliciting more elaboration of these initiatives and other related department programs. It was expressed by the Chair, on behalf of the Board, that Mr. Keliher's presentation together with his responses were well received and appreciated by the Board. Moreover, that the Board most welcomes Mr. Keliher , and members of his staff, to return anytime soon to a future meeting.

4. Moved by Tom Robertson seconded by Scott Guthrie to ratify the appointment of Beyond Attitude (Ken Donnelly, President) as the CMC Communications Consultant , effective December 1, 2017 to December 1, 2018 with a provisional clause for CMC to potentially renew a subsequent second year . (It was noted that all Request for Proposal tender documents, including staff recommendation were circulated to all Board members). Carried

5. Mr. Ken Donnelly advised the Board that ' A Brief History of CMC ' will be ready for presentation at the next Board meeting.

6. Mr. Steve Copp. Mirror provided presentations relating to :

A) Report , circulated at the meeting, on 2017 various total tonnage data received at the Otter Lake Landfill Facilities and its various destinations (WSF , Landfill cell , Transfer station for Export, other materials shipped out); as well, the report included incidents (2) , registered complaints regarding landfill (2) , warnings issued to incoming carriers for load non-compliance (12) .

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B) Mr Copp provided a verbal report on the status of the ' pilot project ' application to HRM He stated that , essentially , Mirror is awaiting a response from HRM on their written responses (submitted last month) to some forty questions Mr Keliher had submitted to Mirror regarding aspects of the application.

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C) Mr. Copp reported verbally on the overall results of the recent Audit conducted by the NS Dept. of Environment on November 8, 2017 . In this further regard, Mr. Copp has undertaken to provide the CMC Executive Director with a copy of any subsequent related report findings which Mirror might further receive from NSEnvironment.

7. Motion by Scott Guthrie seconded by Councillor Whitman to ratify the Communications Consultant's Invoices for services rendered , in the name of Beyond Attitude, in the amounts of \$ 1,483.50 (hst incl.) for the month of October and \$ 4,485.00 (hst incl.) for the month of November. Carried

8. Ken Donnelly, provided a handout for his presentation on ' Plastic Film , China and EPR ' .

Following presentation there was a good number of questions , answers and opinions stated by a number of Board members. Inasmuch this subject, and positions that may be held at this time ; may go beyond CMC 's core mandate of monitoring the Otter Lake Landfill in compliance with existing provincial regulations together with the terms of the Otter Lake's operating permit ; it was accordingly determined that :

Motion by Andrew Giles seconded by Frank Johnston that this issue be better referred to our parent , The Halifax Waste Resource Society for their consideration. Carried.

9. Motion to adjourn by Frank Johnston.



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