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1. The CHAIRMAN declared that a quorum was present and opened the meeting for business.

3. Agenda
The Chairman recommended that the presentation 5.1 be heard after Item 2 and that Item 43 be deferred to the next meeting.

MOTION to adopt the agenda with amendments.

Moved: Cir R, Walker, Seconded, G. Stonehouse,

CARRIED.

4. Minutes of the previous meetings
Motion to adopt the minutes of August 5, 1999 as circulated,
Moved: G. Stonehouse, Seconded, Cir R. Walker,

CARRIED,

Motion to adopt the minutes of September 23, 1999 as circulated.

Moved: Clr R. Walker, Seconded, R. Rankin,

CARRIED.

5, by HRM Solid Management Department, M. Bernard, PAEng., Manager

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Members
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Da Wright Vice•Chair
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R. Kelsie
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G, Stonehouse
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Executive .Director
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Resources
M. Bomard, P Eng. Manager
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Attendance Present
Absent

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The Chairman stated that D. Wright, D. Mason and he heard this presentation last week prior to a scheduled meeting of the HRM Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) and recommended briefings proceed to the CMC and SWAC,

Mr. Bernard provided to CMC members a slide presentation with commendatory on a proposed revision to the processing stream at the Otter Lake Facility. There is a need for minor process changes based on experience gained through the first year of operation of the facility. Mr- Bemard expressed the departments desire to discuss the proposed changes with the CMC before formally proceeding to council.

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The process changes include an expansion of the sorting area at the Front End Processor. The need for change is in response to a forecast of 20,000 tonnes per year of input materials over the capacity of the Otter Lake Facility and the weekly spiking volumes on Monday's and Friday's. The excess is attributed to delays in the startup of the strategy implementation and the under achievement by HRM in pressing ICI (Institutional, commercial and industrial) source separation. The excess capacity material has been exported during the past year. The locations for exporting this material in the future are diminishing rapidly. The estimated plus material (residential) is shipped on.

n questions were raised and answers

ease in population, and
reflection of an improved economy,

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The estimated cost of the proposed modifications is \$2 million. The estimated payback is 3 to 4 years. Presently the surplus material (residential) is shipped out of HRM at an annual cost of \$1.9 Million.

All Members participated in the discussion. Questions were raised and answers provided by M. Bernard and R. Orr on: the impact of demographics, there has been a small increase in population, and

- CA-a-- an increase in volume as a reflection
- clarification of capacity figures and the
- inclusion of 10, the bulk of ICI materials
- contaminated with organics the impact of
- increasing the number of shifts, the process
- limit is the WSF which material is turned
- once a day, the capacity of the tipping
- floor, the tipping floor is proposed to be
- expanded, the extent of presorting, such as
- at the old transfer station, that facility
- is to be abandoned, there is to be no
- outdoor presorting the impact on bypass of
- presorting, careful bypass, recycling and
- organics selection, original forecast was %5
- but actual is 15%, the volumes of presort
- materials* forecast a 15130% presort
- removal, now 5% capability and delays for
- handling trucks, there is rarely a delay now
- for trucks, there is no forecasted delay for
- trucks, the plans for extracting organics as
- key to the Solid Waste Strategy, the
- FEP can handle 460 telday must add 100
- te/day, so add new building capacity to
- handle 100te/day, to target plastic3/
- removal at the tipping floor,

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the impact on the WSF and RDFs no changes to the WSF and RDF, cost/return forecasts,

3 to 4 years is the forecast payback time, plans for increasing the source separation of ICI materials, expect an increase of 200 te in 'CI source separation next year, moving ICI from 7,000 (1999 actual) to 351000 (original forecast)te/yr, the participation rate is increasing rapidly, more education and personal contact is expected, maintain diversion and capacity of the RDF, the diversion will be maintained, the capacity will not be compromised, density of the RDF after compaction, the present compaction meets the HRM specification improvements to the presentation, the suggested changes will be included in future presentations communications to the public on proposed modifications, HRM will increase its public information, but first will inform SWAC and CMC.

comparison to the original design flow capacity, the original total capacity was 160,000 telyr, the design capacity was 120,000 telyr based on heavy diversion,

Möffifiat CMC has no objection to the proposed refinemen an mo ification to enhance the operation of the Otter Lake Facility, Front End Processor as described to CMC on November 25, 1999 and

subject to the ongoing involvement of CMC during the planning and implementation of the changes in a manner compatible to that of the original facility installation including designs and contracts review and

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subject to the adherence of the principals of the Solid Waste Strategy including diversion.

Moved: ML. Saturley, Seconded: Clr. R. Walker, CARRIED

Items arising from the minutes

.1 Chairmans

The Chairman reviewed the need for declaration and removal from the meeting room any member having a potential conflict on an agenda item. Div.ao.A

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Members agreed that a policy is required and that the Executive Director prepare a policy for consideration at the next meeting.

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.2 Update on office space.

The Chairman indicated that space is available at the Lakeside Community Center. CMC can occupy the space in early 2000. A....A-L3

-3 Signage

Road signage along Highway 103 now reads Halifax Regional Solid Waste Facility as was requested by CMC

.4 Noise complaint

A complaint on noise from a resident of Maple Dr. was investigated by K. Murphy, who lives on Maple Dr. The conclusion was that noise is coming from the new road between Highways 103 and 3. The matter was referred to HRM for a solution such as a berm.

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-TLC-9" suspected source of noise was from machinery back-up beepers at the construction of Cell 2 at Otter Lake Facility. The beepers are required by the labour code. R. Orr stated that construction at cell 2 would conclude in 2 weeks.

On the matter of complaints CIT. R. Rankin referred to the continuing litter along Highway 103 and requested HRM* M. Bernard, P.Eng., to action road signs stating NO LITTER, one near the business park entrance and another near the Hammonds Plains Road intersection, At present Mirror is doing the cleanup voluntarily however the responsibility is by NS Department of Transportation.

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Motion that the Chairman write the Minister of
Transportation requesting NO LITTER signs on Highway
103

Moved: B. Holland, seconded: Cir. R. Rankin. CARRIED

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Chairman Murphy, B. Holland and ML. Säturley, The
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Motion to include baseline material in the next annual
report

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.6 Letter re: by pass - for infomation
Members were provided a copy of a letter to HRM Solid
Waste Management, M. Bernard* P.Enga The letter objec
to the potential FEP bypass of canned goods at Otter
Lake Facilit

In response to A. Murra} \$1. Bernard stated that the
canned goods, 157 cases, were deterred access to the

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RFP in favour of weekly smatJ allotments, removed from cartons, normal process which includes composting.

M. L. Saturley echoed the members belief that the CMC response was timely and adequate,

New Business.

.1 Compost Subcommittee Report

The chairman and the committee recommended formalizing CMC's attendance at the liaison committees of the compost facilities in HRM, The background information and the recommendation was circulated prior to the meeting.

CMC members have been attending the meetings of the New Era Farms Community Liaison Committee (NEFCLC) where there has been discussion on a persistent Odour problem, plant modifications and a recent leachate problem. The facility has not produced the specified class A compost,

The public is well aware of the problems- The NEFCLC was formed only after a major public outcry.

CMC members met with the Miller Facility Community Liaison Committee where an interest was expressed in further CMC participation. The Miller Facility running smoothly and producing a specified class A compost,

Members raised questions:

on the extent of the leachate problem, the source and correction of the odour, how complaints are handled and the extent of community information.

M. Bernard responded to questions:

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leachate - the operator, New Era Farms, has discovered there are ONO areas where leachate is leaking to the water table, a pump has been installed, under the direction of a consultant engineer, to intercept the leachate and put it into the existing leachate treatment pond, further agreed that the Executive Director prepare a summary of compost liaison committee participants and report to CMC at subsequent meetings.

.2 Communications Subcommittee Report

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procedures are recommended to improve the situation, eomplain
the operator or HRM.
public communication there has not been effective communicat
however a circular is being prepared for distribution to the

K. Murphy stated:

that CMC members strongly urged New Era Farms to communicate
before another nuisance arose to alarm the public-

Motion that the Community Monitoring Committee continue to partic
facilities community liaison committees in a manner compatible to t
monitoring for the Solid Waste Strategy and

that HRM assure that sufficient organization and resources are pr
stability at compost facilities as a key co nt of the Solid 'Wast
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Moved: B. Holland,

Seconded: Cir. R. Wai

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New Era Farms compost facility and request aguieting of the nuisa
B.Stonehouse, Seconded:

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The subcommittee undertook three substantive tasks this fall; the Otter Lake tour coordination, the fall newsletter and the report on tasks and schedule.

Members expressed the desire for a more thorough meeting such as an opportunity for additional effective public communications.

Motion to adopt the Communications subcommittee report and undertake those tasks and activities scheduled until the next CMC meeting including \$1500 for printing.

Moved: A. Murray Seconded: D- Wright CARRIED

8. Adjourn,

Motion to adjourn, Moved: R Kelsie.

NEXT MEETING Jan 27, 7:00 pm,

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