

**CMC Minutes, Thursday, 6:30 p.m., July 06, 2023**

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Directors in attendance: Linda MacKay, Tom Robertson, Peter Lund, John Cascadden, Oluwaseun Ayebiwo, Councillor Iona Stoddard, Tom Robertson, Daniel McNamara

Guests: Andrew Philopoulos, HRM; Brian Dubblestein, Mirror N.S.; Scott Morash, Environmental Consultant; Reg Rankin, Liaison Assistant; Betsy Chambers, Communications Consultant and CMC Administrator

1. Motion to approve the proposed and circulated agenda for July 06 moved by Tom Robertson and seconded by John Cascadden. Motion carried.
2. Motion to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2023 meeting moved by Peter Lund, seconded by John Cascadden. Motion carried.
3. Motion to approve the minutes of April 06, 2023 meeting moved by John Cascadden and seconded by Tom Robertson. Motion carried.
- 4 (a) Linda MacKay, the CMC Chair, informed the meeting that Jonathan MacDonald, long- time regional director (central), Nova Scotia Department of Environment and Climate Change has left the department for a job outside government and Tanya Farrell is now the acting regional director.

It was noted that the Nova Scotia Department of Environment and Climate Change has yet to approve CMC's request for the establishment of a Technical Committee with representation from HRM, Mirror N.S, and CMC. Provision for a Technical Steering Committee is included in the province's approval, last year, of changes to the operation of the Otter Lake Landfill.

- 4 (b) Moved by John Cascadden and seconded by Peter Lund that the CMC encourages the Nova Scotia Department of Environment and Climate Change to establish a Technical Steering Committee. Motion carried.

5. Moved by John Cascadden and seconded by Peter Lund a motion to defer a formal decision until next CMC meeting on a proposal with terms of reference for a CMC Technical Committee of three appointed members – two from HWRS and one from HRM appointees to the CMC – to assist and offer advice to the CMC Environment Consultant as needs arise. There would be no delegation of powers from the CMC Committee to this Technical Group. Motion carried.

6 a) The Environmental Consultant, Scott Morash, provided an update on his findings in relation to the first five quarterly performance audits at the Otter Lake Landfill, from May 2022 to May 2023. The cumulative amount of organics exceeding the performance target during the period was 12.4%. The performance target set by the Department of Environment and Climate Change is 10%

6 b) John Cascadden moved, seconded by Tom Robert to receive the consultant's report as given. Motion carried. (CMC Environmental Consultant's report attached to the minutes.)

7. A presentation on HRM's Compliance Plan was made by Andrew Philopoulos, HRM's director, Solid Waste Resources, who gave permission for distribution of the document. The approved plan resulted in the authorized deactivation of the front-end processor and waste stabilization facility at Otter Lake Landfill. Mr. Philopoulos said failure to meet the province's performance target for organic waste in the landfill does not trigger reactivation of the front-end processor and waste stabilization facility, now on standby.

8. John Cascadden moved, seconded by Daniel McNamara to defer discussion of a proposed CMC Communications Plan until the next meeting. Motion carried.

9. Linda MacKay moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.