

Otter Lake Community Monitoring

CMC Chair’s Briefing – Two New CMC Members & Other Updates

NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED

The Otter Lake Community Monitoring Committee (CMC) has two new members: Nancy Hartling of Prospect and Christa Schnare of Dartmouth.

Ms. Hartling, a staunch advocate for waste reduction, joined the group as a representative of the Halifax Waste-Resource Society (HWRS) at the CMC annual meeting in March. She is also the Councillor for District 13 (Prospect Road-St Margarets). Ms. Hartling fills the position vacated by a founding HWRS and CMC member, Tom Robertson, who is now retired.

In April Ms. Schnare replaced Nadia Fougere, one of three citizen volunteers chosen by Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) as members of the CMC. Ms. Schnare works at the Department of Opportunities and Social Development in the Nova Scotia government and part-time at the North Woodside Community Association.

See otterlakecmc.ca for the full CMC membership list.



Early bird CMC arrivals, John Cascadden, seated left, and Janet Steele, the Councillor for District 12, take their bearings before a recent tour of the Otter Lake waste disposal facility from a map provided by Steve Copp, shown in the safety vest. Mr. Copp, who acted as CMC’s tour guide, is with Mirror Nova Scotia and manages the landfill for HRM, the owner.



Hubley resident, Tom Robertson, right, a founding member of the Halifax Waste-Resource Society and the Otter Lake Community Monitoring Committee, retired from both organizations this March during their respective annual meetings at the Links at Brunello. In recognition of more than 25 years of service to these groups and to the popular BLT (Beechville, Lakeville and Timberlea) Trail, Mr. Robertson was given a bound copy of a statement of thanks by Iain Rankin, the Liberal MLA for Timberlea-Prospect, who had previously read the statement into the record of the Nova Scotia House of Assembly. The MLA said, “Tom’s benevolent community involvement has made a big impact throughout Timberlea-Prospect.” Mr. Robertson is the well-known owner of Bay Self Storage, Timberlea, a business with which he remains active. (Photo: Reg Rankin)

CHAIR RE-ELECTED

Reg Rankin, Timberlea, was re-elected for another term as Chair of the CMC at its annual meeting in March.

METHANE GAS-FIRED ELECTRICITY

HRM continues to investigate the feasibility of generating electricity from the landfill gas produced at the Otter Lake Landfill. Projects of this nature can be complex and take time to properly understand whether they would be beneficial as well as technically or financially feasible. In the meantime, the landfill operator continues to mitigate greenhouse gases by collecting and flaring the gas produced in the landfill cells.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

At the CMC annual meeting it was unanimously decided that public input will be a fixed item on CMC agendas to allow members of the general public in attendance to address CMC meetings if they so wish.

Dates of future meetings can be obtained either by an email inquiry via cmc.hwrs@gmail.com or by consulting the “Agenda” section under “Meetings” on the CMC website: otterlakecmc.ca. Agendas are posted two weeks in advance.


Reg Rankin
CMC Chair