

**Waste Management Committee Minutes
May 11, 2010
Town Council Chambers**

Present

Councillor J. MacPherson, Chair
Mayor C. Chisholm
Deputy Mayor L. Chisholm
Nicole Haverkort, Eastern Region Solid Waste Management
D. Halfpenny, Engineering and Planning Assistant
D. Kampen, MPA, Chief Administrative Officer
D. Wilson, Deputy Clerk

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Deputy Mayor L. Chisholm
Seconded by Councillor D. Roberts
"That the Minutes of the meeting held on March 9, 2010, be approved as circulated."
Motion carried.

Presentations

There were no Presentations.

Correspondence

There was no Correspondence.

Business from Minutes

- Update re Regional Enforcement Officer
N. Haverkort advised that a plan has been submitted to the Resource Recovery Fund Board and that no major issues were identified with the application. She noted she expects approval for the project to move forward, hopefully with approval by weeks end, and hopes to review the By-law prior to someone being hired for the position. N. Haverkort further noted that she will arrange training for both the new person and for herself.

Brief discussion took place on the scope of the position with N. Haverkort noting that initially the position will be for a one-year term but part of a three-year (3) business plan of the Resource Recovery Fund Board.

- Update re Funding for 3-Slot Recycling Sorting Stations
Deputy Clerk D. Wilson advised that a total of four (4) recycling sorting stations have been ordered and will receive funding through the Resource Recovery Fund Board. Three (3) recycling stations through the Solid Waste Committee, and one (1) through the Beautification and Land Rehabilitation Committee. She expects a three-to-four week time frame for delivery. The Committee was in general agreement that the recycling sorting stations be placed at key locations along Main Street.

- Trading Treasures

N. Haverkort reported that the Trading Treasures program raised \$1,442.00 in cash, and \$500.00 for the program, plus cost-shared advertising assistance through the Resource Recovery Fund Board. Once the expenses, including miscellaneous and advertising have been paid, the Lion's Club will receive the balance of the funds for their assistance. She further noted that the number of St. FX students attending the event increased dramatically this year.

Councillor D. Roberts applauded N. Haverkort for her effort and assistance with the event, and suggested the additional volunteers be recognized for their assistance.

Moved by Deputy Mayor L. Chisholm

Seconded by Councillor D Roberts

"To recommend to Council that letters of thank you be sent to J. Armstrong, J. Corsten and S. Halfpenny for their assistance with the Trading Treasures Program." Motion carried.

- Bulky Item Pick-up

The Chair advised that the Bulky Item Pick-up was currently being held, and that during the previous day 9,720 kilogram (almost five (5) tonnes of material had been collected, and was deemed very successful so far.

Mayor C. Chisholm noted that J. Dee of Eastern Sanitation Limited had indicated to him in a recent conversation that one pick-up per year would probably suffice in the future with the Chair noting that motions had already been approved to have two (2) collections this year.

N. Haverkort provided comment on an initiative by the Halifax Regional Municipality, whereby residents leave unwanted items by the curbside to allow the general public to take items for re-use. Anything not taken is to be removed back from curbside by the resident.

- Town Clean-up

The Chair advised that \$500.00 is available through the Municipally Approved Program for a community clean-up of the Town and suggested that a community group be contacted to see if they might be available to assist.

Deputy Mayor L. Chisholm noted that judges for Communities-in-Bloom will be arriving in Town during the last day of the Highland Games.

N. Haverkort noted that the \$500.00 can be used as an incentive, as one lump sum or up to one kilometre of clean-up. She noted that the Clean and Green Program had been broadened to include Town Sweeps whereby up to \$2,300, in cost-sharing is available but the time-limit is August 31, 2010.

Brief discussion ensued on cost-shared funding that might be available to various groups such as Friends of the Library, Antigonish Highland Society or the Antigonish Arena for the purchase of community recycling sorting stations, indoor multi-sort bins, etc. N. Haverkort agreed to send out application forms to the various groups and bring them back for the next meeting.

N. Haverkort reviewed the criteria for community clean-ups and noted that the \$500.00 is meant as an incentive for a community group to be involved, has a deadline, and would be inspected as part of the criteria. Discussion ensued as to whether the Beautification and Land Rehabilitation Committee would be eligible as a community group. N. Haverkort noted that part of the money could be used to hire a student(s). The Chair noted that in the past, clean-ups had been organized by the Waste Management Committee. Deputy Mayor L. Chisholm suggested perhaps a community-wide clean-up could be held with a barbeque at the end. It was noted that Clean Nova Scotia would probably provide bags for a clean-up. Councillor D. Roberts suggested word would have to get out to people in Town. N. Haverkort noted that hockey teams participated last year and that it worked well. Deputy Mayor L. Chisholm agreed to bring this matter up for discussion at the next Beautification and Land Rehabilitation Committee. N. Haverkort agreed to develop a form to be used for a clean-up.

Other/New Business

- Resource Recovery Fund Board (RRFB) Program Update

N. Haverkort noted she had not received any new information and that applications are still with the Resource Recovery Fund Board awaiting approval. She noted the new initiative of 300 kilograms diversion per-person/per-year by the Resource Recovery Fund Board is now part of the mandate of the entire Eastern Region.

Brief discussion took place on who and why the Resource Recovery Fund Board is still deciding on how funding will be spent. D. Kampen, CAO, requested N. Haverkort send her an e-mail on the status of the Resource Recovery Fund Board. It was noted that to date only one-half of the budget of the Resource Recovery Fund Board has been earmarked. In response to draft guidelines sent out by the Resource Recovery Fund Board, N. Haverkort advised she had suggested various percentages be used for the distribution of funds.

CAO D. Kampen noted that concerns of municipal units with the operation of the Resource Recovery Fund Board are attempting to be address through the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities.

- Mobius Environmental Awards Nominations

N. Haverkort advised that nominations for the Mobius Environmental Awards had closed the previous Friday. She further noted that three (3) nominations are being put forth by Eastern Region A – the Town of Antigonish Antigo-Clean initiative, the Municipality of the District of Guysborough Household Hazardous Waste Program, and Mason's Enviro-Depot® in Canso. N. Haverkort noted that the Awards would be presented on June 2, 2010, at Pier 21 in Halifax and that it is a good event to take in.

- Mail-out to Landlords

N. Haverkort advised she had sent information packages to 83 landlords. The information included recycling/clear bag program, the Bulky Waste Collection program, Trading Treasures, etc. Brief discussion took place on having the Town's By-law Enforcement Officer forward the landlord e-mail list to N. Haverkort for her information and use.

- **Additional Curbside Collection of Organics**

Moved by Councillor D. Roberts

Seconded by Deputy Mayor L. Chisholm

“To recommend to Council that the weeks of June 20, June 27, September 5, and September 12, 2010, be included for the weekly collection of organics. Further, that the last two (2) weeks in June, and first two (2) weeks of September be included in the weekly collection of organics until such time as a new or amended Residential Waste Collection Contract is put in place.” Motion carried.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor D. Roberts

Seconded by Mayor C. Chisholm

“That the meeting be adjourned.” Motion carried.