

**Waste Management Meeting Minutes
December 8, 2009
Council Chambers**

Present

Councillor J. MacPherson, Chair
L. Chisholm, Deputy Mayor
Councillor D. Roberts
D. Halfpenny, Engineering & Planning Assistant
N. Haverkort, Eastern Region Solid Waste Management
D. Wilson, Deputy Clerk
C. Chisholm, Mayor

Call to Order

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

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Deputy Mayor L. Chisholm
Seconded by Councillor D. Roberts
"That the Agenda be approved with additions." Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Deputy Mayor L. Chisholm
Seconded by Councillor D. Roberts
"That the Minutes of the meeting held on November 10, 2009, be approved as circulated."
Motion carried.

Correspondence

No correspondence was received.

Business from Minutes

- Solid Waste By-law

N. Haverkort reported on changes to the Town's Solid Waste By-law including new definitions, adding the Provincial regulations to the back of the document, and inserting dollar values where required. She noted she had also distributed the most recent version of the By-law to CAO D. Kampen and S/Cst. S. Smith for review and/or comment.

- Municipal Approved Program (MAP) Funding

N. Haverkort advised that the Resource Recovery Fund Board (RRFB) has implemented changes that now require MAP Funding applications to be submitted as one package by each Region, and requested the Committee give thought to any projects or programs they would like to see given consideration. She noted the Resource Recovery Fund Board is still working on the criteria for funding and that 75% of allocated funds are to be distributed by April 1, 2010.

In response to a query from Deputy Mayor L. Chisholm, N. Haverkort advised that as far as she is aware, 50% cost-sharing (to a maximum of \$500.00) is still available for waste resource sorting stations. N. Haverkort and D. Halfpenny agreed to work on an application for sorting stations which are to be color co-ordinated with the existing street infrastructure.

N. Haverkort noted that the Resource Recovery Fund Board has met and had discussion with stakeholders and that many of the programs that previously received funding have now matured

and therefore changes to various programs are being made. She suggested the Town look toward projects that will increase diversion.

The Chair noted that a Resolution was recently put forth by the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities in an effort to have additional municipal representation on the Resource Recovery Fund Board.

N. Haverkort reported that a maximum of \$200,000.00 is still available to fund innovative programs; however, she was unsure of the cost-shared ratio. She noted that this Region (2A) is eligible for \$48,500.00 in core funding for the upcoming year.

The Committee was requested to give thought to programs that might be eligible for funding and bring any suggestions to the next meeting.

- 2009 LED Holiday Light Consumer Exchange Program

D. Halfpenny reported on a very successful Light Exchange Program which was scheduled for the same time/location of the tree lighting. Six large garbage bags of lights were exchanged and the remaining new lights have been returned to Nova Scotia Power for use in a subsequent program.

Other Business

- Industrial, Institutional and Commercial (IC&I) Construction and Demolition Materials Deposit Location

The Chair opened discussion on where the Town's IC&I materials, specifically construction and demolition materials, should be deposited. He noted that although the Town currently has an agreement for such materials to be transported to Guysborough, the County of Antigonish and a local contractor are also seeking to secure this material.

N. Haverkort reminded the Committee that should construction and demolition materials be compacted or smashed, no further recycling can be done and the materials would have to be landfilled. However, unsorted materials could be sorted and diverted.

Moved by Councillor D. Roberts

Seconded by Deputy Mayor L. Chisholm

"To recommend to Council that CAO D. Kampen write to the County of Antigonish and Eastern Sanitation Limited to advise that the Town wishes to keep the status quo with respect to the deposit of construction and demolition materials." Motion carried.

- Tire Derived Aggregate

N. Haverkort spoke on the recent award of the provincial tire recycling program to Halifax C&D, to the dismay of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough which had also put forth a proposal. It was noted that this Region (2A) has written to CEO, B. Ring, of the Resource Recovery Fund Board and other Regional Committees with a cover letter requesting reconsideration of the Guysborough proposal. A press release from the Municipality of the District of Guysborough is expected shortly.

- Educating the Public re Waste Resources

Further to a suggestion by Councillor D. Roberts to provide the public with information on the process of their waste resources, she was advised that this is being taken care of by D. Halfpenny through the Talk of the Town.

Adjournment

Moved by Deputy Mayor L. Chisholm

Seconded by Mayor C. Chisholm

"That the meeting be adjourned." Motion carried.