

**Waste Management Committee Minutes
February 9, 2010
Council Chambers**

Present

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

D. Kampen, MPA, Chief Administrative Officer
D. Wilson, Deputy Clerk

Absent

S. Mason, Environment Officer, St. F.X. University Students' Union

Call to Order

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

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Mayor C. Chisholm
Seconded by Deputy Mayor L. Chisholm
"That the Agenda be approved as circulated." Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Deputy Mayor L. Chisholm advised the Committee of an incorrect surname in the last Waste Management Minutes.

Moved by Deputy Mayor L. Chisholm Seconded by Councillor D. Roberts
"That the Minutes of the meeting held on January 19, 2010, be approved as amended." Motion carried.

Business from Minutes

- Solid Waste Management By-law
Moved by Mayor C. Chisholm
Seconded by Deputy Mayor L. Chisholm
"To recommend Council give First Reading to the amended Solid Waste-Resource Management By-law." Motion carried.

Mayor C. Chisholm advised that he had met with S/Cst. S. Smith to review the Schedule of Fines respecting Solid Waste and that the amounts are appropriate and in keeping with other municipal units.

CAO D. Kampen requested and received clarification on Section 2.2 of the By-law and it was generally agreed to leave this Section in the By-law.

Discussion took place on the issue of open burning which presently falls (by Policy) under the discretion of the Chief of the Antigonish Volunteer Fire Department. CAO D. Kampen agreed to speak with the Chief on open burning and having the Dumping and Burning Policy repealed.

CAO D. Kampen and N. Haverkort will then review the appropriate By-law in which open burning should be addressed.

In reviewing Section 7.1, N. Haverkort advised that if it is Council's will they could provide S.Cst. S. Smith with additional power for enforcement at the Guysborough Landfill. She noted he currently is able to write tickets for any infraction of the Solid Waste Management By-law. It was generally agreed to remove reference to tipping fees from this Section and include 'warning along with fines'.

N. Haverkort provided comment on the difficulty in dictating the location for backyard composting.

N. Haverkort noted that there are issues with waste resources within the Industrial, Commercial and Institutional (IC&I) sectors and with most of the trailer parks in Town. N. Haverkort noted that some municipal units provide a central drop-off area where smaller IC&I sectors could drop off their cardboard, etc.

Brief discussion took place on the possibility of hiring an educator with N. Haverkort noting that two (2) students could be hired for an eight-week (8) period at a cost of approximately \$1,400.00 through the Youth Conservation Corp.

Councillor D. Roberts suggested owners of the trailer parks within Town be invited to attend a meeting to discuss waste management within the parks. She further noted that the owners could contract and provide waste services and add the fee to the monthly lot rent.

Moved by Councillor D. Roberts
Seconded by Mayor C. Chisholm

"That the owners of trailer parks within the Town be invited to attend a meeting to discuss waste management issues within their respective parks". Motion carried.

- Letter to Businesses re use of Public Litter Cans

D. Halfpenny reported that a few of the letters have been delivered with more deliveries anticipated in the near future.

- Update re Regional Enforcement Officer

N. Haverkort advised the Committee that she is awaiting word from J. McCaull of the Resource Recovery Fund Board on the status of funding for the Regional Enforcement Officer position.

Councillor D. Roberts noted that she attended the last Regional Waste Meeting on behalf of the Chair.

- Sorting Station Plaque Recognition

Deputy Mayor L. Chisholm noted the matter of sorting stations originated with the Beautification and Land Rehabilitation Committee. She advised that at a meeting later this evening, Mr. D. Miller would be updating her on his attempt to obtain sponsorship from the local banking institutions. It was generally agreed that if no sponsorship is available one sorting station would be ordered by March 31, 2010, and additional stations after April 1, 2010. It was noted that the Resource Recovery Fund Board has not yet released funding details for sorting stations.

N. Haverkort advised the Committee that funding assistance may be available through the RRFB's Community Sponsorship Program, to a maximum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

Other/New Business

- Trading Treasures

N. Haverkort advised that the Lion's Club have not received the revenue from last year's Trading Treasures program. She agreed to e-mail D. Wilson, Deputy Clerk, with the amount, who will in turn have a cheque requisition completed for payment.

The Chair advised that he is looking at the same location as last year (Nubody's) for the upcoming Trading Treasures program.

N. Haverkort noted that she had been in touch with S. Mason who will contact the key people on campus to be involved with Trading Treasures. She noted that the Off Campus Co-ordinator has indicated that she would also like to be involved.

It was noted that a dumpster will be required along with advertising for both on-campus and off-campus students.

The Chair noted that the organizing group for Trading Treasures usually meets in the Student's Union office on Campus and that he would arrange a date through S. Mason. He further noted that S. Mason has begun discussions with St. F.X. University Facilities Management (Mr. P. MacDonald) on the upcoming program.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor D. Roberts

Seconded by Deputy Mayor L. Chisholm

"That the meeting be adjourned." Motion carried.