Waste Management Committee Minutes
January 19, 2010
Council Chambers

Present
Councillor J. MacPherson, Chair
Deputy Mayor L. Chisholm
D. Halfpenny, Engineering & Planning Assistant
N. Haverkort, Eastern Region Solid Waste Management
D. Wilson, Deputy Clerk
C. Chisholm, Mayor
S. Mason, Environment Officer, St. FX Students' Union

Absent
Councillor D. Roberts

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 Mayor C. Chisholm
"That the Agenda be approved with additions." Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes
Moved by Deputy Mayor L. Chisholm
Seconded by Mayor C. Chisholm
"That the Minutes of the meeting held on December 8, 2009, be approved as circulated."
Motion carried.

Business from Minutes
- Recycling Sorting Stations

N. Haverkort advised the Committee that the Resource Recovery Fund Board (RRFB) is still working out the details on cost-sharing with municipal units on recycling sorting stations. D. Halfpenny noted that she had been speaking with CAO D. Kampen on this matter, it was also noted that D. Miller, Member of the Beautification and Land Rehabilitation Committee, has agreed to contact local banks in an effort to seek sponsorship support for the sorting stations by way of plaque recognition. N. Haverkort noted that if the Town is interested in receiving funding from the Resource Recovery Fund Board but decides to purchase sorting station(s) prior to the funding criteria being set and application approval, that it would be in the Town's best interest to advise the RRFB of their intent as this might enable cost-sharing when a formal application for additional sorting stations is made. There is no guarantee if purchased prior to funding approval. She further advised that the sorting stations would have to be identified as a priority within the Regional application for funding, and noted that a grinder is also a priority for this area.

- Solid Waste By-law

N. Haverkort noted that the draft Solid Waste By-law is just about complete, and has been distributed to CAO D. Kampen and S/Cst. S. Smith for comment prior to the next meeting of this Committee. Mayor C. Chisholm questioned whether some of the fines were high enough, N. Haverkort advised she had just inserted what she thought would be reasonable based on the

current schedule and that it needed a close review. Mayor C. Chisholm agreed to review the amounts with S/Cst. S. Smith, By-law Enforcement Officer.

- Letter to Businesses re Use of Public Litter Cans

D. Halfpenny noted the letter has been prepared but now needs to be re-dated. She noted she would be hand-delivering them to businesses, as well as speaking with the business owners/managers.

Other Business

- Regional By-law Enforcement Officer

N. Haverkort advised the Committee that $700,000.00 has been earmarked over the next three (3) years to develop a model by-law, and to hire and train Regional By-law Enforcement Officers throughout the Province. She noted the intent is to meet with Mr. B. Ring of the Resource Recovery Fund Board to review a Model By-law which would be utilized for this position. N. Haverkort noted she has received a copy of a job description for this position (which would likely fall under her direction) and is looking at the Yarmouth/Digby By-law as they already have a similar position in place. She noted she is hopeful that this person would be able to assist by doing business visits, checking on illegal dumpsites, checking dumpsters, etc. She further noted she hopes to receive additional information over the next few days.

- Possible Muncipal Approved (MAP) Programs for Funding

N. Haverkort advised that she has now seen the criteria for funding of the Municipal Approved Programs. She noted a lot of the items listed on the Agenda for this meeting may be considered on-going and not eligible for cost-shared funding. N. Haverkort gave some examples of eligible projects which include: sorting containers, litter clean-ups, and illegal dump clean-ups.

The Committee reviewed the items listed as possible cost-shared projects. It was generally agreed that the recycling sorting stations would be the Town's priority in the Regional application. N. Haverkort noted that in some cases municipal units may be able to pay 100% of the costs for one project and receive 50% of the costs toward another project. She further noted that Education funding would have to be for a specific project – such as hiring a person to assist staff in restaurants in properly sorting materials. Funding for the Trading Treasures and the Spring and Fall Clean-ups may be questionable and it was noted that B. Landry, Stores Clerk, needs to be advised in advance in order for sufficient gloves to be available for these types of events. N. Haverkort noted that funding may be available for education materials for the Industrical, Commercial and Institutional sectors, and that a household hazardous waste drop-off is not likely to be funded unless it were to be considered a Capital Project. It is yet to be determined whether the Tree Mulching program will fit the new criteria to receive funding. The Leaf and Yard Waste program will continue as usual.

Councillor D. Roberts questioned whether some activities of the Beautification and Land Rehabilitation Committee might be eligible for funding; N. Haverkort agreed to look into this matter.

Moved by Mayor C. Chisholm
Seconded by Deputy Mayor L. Chisholm
"To recommend Council consider Bulky Waste Collections for Town Residents to be held in mid-April and mid-September, 2010, and co-ordinated with regular garbage collection, subject to budget considerations." Motion carried.

Brief discussion took place on the possibility of utilizing a separate vehicle during the collection of bulky waste for the pick-up of electronics.

- Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off

N. Haverkort reported on successful drop-off and noted the Town will pay one-third of the costs, with the County two-thirds. Advertising costs are split 50-50 and the cost of flyers based on population. She noted the total costs for this year were $10,595.84. After HST adjustment, the Town's share is expected to be $3,908.28, before funding. The County will invoice the Town for their share then N. Haverkort will apply for funding through the Resource Recovery Fund Board. The Committee discussed the need to hire additional people to assist.

N. Haverkort reminded the Committee that the deadline for applications is February 15, 2010, with no firm criteria in place. It was generally agreed to build in everything that might possibly receive funding into the application.

- St. FX University Residence Challenge (S. Mason)

S. Mason, St.FX Student Union Representative, reported on a successful Residence Challenge to reduce energy consumption. He noted the University had contributed $750.00 and the Students Union contributed $200.00 toward the project. S. Mason touched on some of the creative ways the students were able to reduce their energy footprint and noted that each residence had to submit a plan as to how they would spend their winnings. He advised every residence had a reduction in consumption by at least 25%, with the winning residence (Chillis House) reducing their consumption by 42%.

- Trading Treasures

The Chair advised that the upcoming Trading Treasures organizing group would include himself, K. Publicover, N. Haverkort, and S. Mason.

N. Haverkort questioned whether the Lion's Club had received a cheque for their assistance with the last Trading Treasures program. She noted that costs such as advertising, food, etc. were to come out of the funds first with the Lion's receiving the balance. D. Wilson agreed to look into this matter.

N. Haverkort noted appreciation for the additional assistance of L. Armstrong with last years' program. Deputy Mayor L. Chisholm noted that J. Corsten has expressed an interest in assisting with the upcoming program. The need for additional assistance with set-up was identified, and the Chair noted that if need be, someone could be hired.

- Tree Mulching

N. Haverkort reported that this years' program went well with approximately four (4) truck-loads of trees being mulched. She noted the chipped material was sent to a local greenhouse firm to be re-used. N. Haverkort noted $500.00 in funding was approved by the Resource Recovery Fund Board with any additional costs to be split by the Town and County.

Adjournment

Moved by S. Mason
Seconded by Deputy Mayor L. Chisholm
"That the meeting be adjourned." Motion carried.