

**Waste Management Committee Minutes**  
**June 9, 2009**  
**Town Council Chambers**

**Present**

Councillor J. MacPherson, Chair  
Councillor L. Chisholm  
Councillor D. Roberts  
D. Halfpenny, Administrative Assistant

N. Haverkort, Eastern Regional Solid Waste Management Co-ordinator  
D. Wilson, Deputy Clerk  
M. MacDonald, Observer

**Absent with Regrets**

C. Wetmore, St. FX Students Union Representative

**Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM.

**Approval of Agenda**

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

**Approval of Minutes**

Moved by Councillor D. Roberts  
Seconded by Councillor L. Chisholm  
"That the Minutes of the meeting held on May 12, 2009, be approved as circulated." Motion carried.

**Business from Minutes**

- Construction and Demolition (C&D) Strategy  
Brief discussion took place on the manner in which C&D material is handled.

- Bulky Item Pick-up

The Chair advised that although a recommendation had come from this Committee to hold a Spring Bulky Item Pick-up, it was cancelled due to the timing of the event. It was suggested that one be held in the Fall and noted that students probably would not have much in the way of bulky items at this time of year, however the program is also for residents. It was generally agreed to hold both a Bulky Waste Pick-up and Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) drop-off during Waste Reduction Week which is the week of October 19, 2009. It was suggested that Ms. N. Haverkort contact St. F.X. University to determine if the former County Public Works Building could be used again this year on October 22 and 23, 2009.

Moved by Councillor D. Roberts  
Seconded by Councillor L. Chisholm

"To recommend to Council to offer a Bulky Waste Pick-up on October 19, 20, and 21, 2009, to be followed by a Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off on October 23 and 24, 2009, in conjunction with the County of Antigonish, subject to the availability of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough's portable HHW trailer." Motion carried.

- Spring Clean-Up

The Chair advised that although the annual pick-up was missed this year due to conflicts, it will now proceed; hopefully with the help of staff of local fast food outlets. He advised that Ms. D. Halfpenny will be making contact with the outlets once dates have been confirmed. Councillor L. Chisholm suggested the local high school environmental group be contacted. It was further suggested that for the Fall Clean-up that 4-H be contacted to see if they would clean up the area of the Exhibition Grounds. The Chair agreed to canvass Council to see who will be available.

Moved by Councillor L. Chisholm

Seconded by Councillor D. Roberts

“To recommend to Council to host a clean-up on June 27, 2009, from 9:00 AM to 12 Noon, with those involved meeting at Town Hall at 8:30 AM for a continental breakfast prior to the clean-up.” Motion carried.

- Fall Clean-Up

The Chair noted the Fall Clean-Up has been pre-arranged with the arrival of new students on campus and reviewed the general schedule. It was suggested Ms. N. Haverkort contact Mr. J. MacDonald of St.F.X. University to determine the dates for the Fall Clean-up.

- Pesticide Spray

The Chair advised the Committee that he believes the Town has a Policy with respect to the use of pesticides on lands under the control of the Town, but would like to see a By-law put into effect. Councillor L. Chisholm provided background information on this matter and noted that the Town can not make such a By-law.

- Apartment Policy

Ms. N. Haverkort advised that the Apartment Policy had been brought to and approved by all municipal units within this Region. She further noted that \$2,500.00 has been budgeted for printing the Policy.

- Bags for Compostables

Councillor D. Roberts outlined her concern with retail outlets carrying different bags/boxes for compostable materials. Ms. N. Haverkort noted she continues to encourage retailers not to carry or to keep bags not permitted for use in this area away from those which are permitted. She advised that some brands rent shelf space and therefore the store can not dictate what product is placed there. For the benefit of the Committee, she reviewed what products were appropriate for use within the Town.

- Public Consultation Process

The Chair questioned whether the Committee felt it might be time to have a public consultation process in order to gain feedback from the community on any outstanding issues/concerns/comments. Ms. N. Haverkort noted that if held this Winter, the Province's new Waste Strategy should be released at the same time. It was generally agreed to hold a public open house during the upcoming winter.

- Solid Waste By-law

Ms. N. Haverkort advised that she is still reviewing the Town's Solid Waste By-law and is using the Valley Waste Check By-law for comparison. It was agreed to meet on June 23 at 1:00 PM for the purpose of reviewing the By-law.

- Recycling Stations

Ms. N. Haverkort suggested the Town write the Resource Recovery Fund Board in an effort to determine if they would be open to a funding application following the purchase of the recycling stations. Councillor J. MacPherson advised that \$3,000.00 is in the current budget for this purchase and that three (3) recycling stations were contemplated. Ms. D. Halfpenny will follow-up with CAO D. Kampen.

### **Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor D. Roberts

Seconded by Councillor L. Chisholm

"That the meeting be adjourned." Motion carried.