

Waste Management Committee Minutes
March 9, 2010
Council Chambers

Present

Councillor J. MacPherson, Chair
Deputy Mayor L. Chisholm
Councillor D. Roberts
N. Haverkort, Eastern Region Solid Waste Management
D. Halfpenny, Engineering & Planning Assistant
S. Mason, Environment Officer, St. F.X. University Students' Union

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

Call to Order

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

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

Moved by S. Mason
Seconded by Councillor D. Roberts
That the Minutes of the meeting held on February 9, 2010, be approved as circulated." Motion carried.

Correspondence

No Correspondence was received.

Business from Minutes

- Letter to Businesses re Use of Public Litter Cans
D. Halfpenny updated the Committee on this matter stating the reminder of the letters would be delivered during the week. This item can now be removed from the Agenda.
- Update re Regional Enforcement Officer
N. Haverkort advised the Committee that \$50,000.00 (excluding HST which will not be covered) has been included in the Regional Budget for the purpose of advertising, hiring, training, and developing by-laws related to the Regional Enforcement Officer position for this Region. She noted that this position is for a three-(3) year term but must be approved annually by the Resource Recovery Fund Board (RRFB). She further noted she hopes to have someone hired by June 2010, and that this person will be available to assist with specific or special projects or to expand existing programs. She anticipates that audits and site visits to various businesses will be first on the agenda for this area. The Committee was advised by N. Haverkort that packages in this regard have gone to Chief Administrative Officers and Clerks within the Region and copied to the respective Eastern Region Solid Waste Management Committees.

N. Haverkort noted that she will be working on a Regional By-law which is intended to include commonalities from all of the Waste By-laws in this Region which could then be used by the

Regional Enforcement Officer. She noted that for the Regional Enforcement Officer position to move forward, support from the respective municipalities would be required, along with a motion by Councils to have the Enforcement Officer appointed. She further noted she does not anticipate a cost to the municipal units for the first year of the position. The position will be reviewed annually by the Region and municipal units. The Committee was advised that each municipal unit would have to be aware of what is going on, and would be responsible for any legal costs incurred as a result of the Enforcement Officer carrying out his/her duties in their particular municipal unit.

In response to a query from CAO D. Kampen, N. Haverkort advised that the Enforcement Officer would fall under the direction of the Committee but would report directly to her. Brief discussion took place on the Second Reading required for the Town's Solid Waste Resource Management By-law, and it was generally agreed to delay Second Reading until April 2010, to provide N. Haverkort the opportunity to draft a Regional Model By-law, using the Town's as the basis as it is the most current.

N. Haverkort expanded on how she foresees the duties of the position and noted that any issues with the position would be directed to the Eastern Region Waste Management Committee, of which Councillor J. MacPherson is part of.

In response to a query from CAO D. Kampen, she noted that she would be using Guysborough's pay scale and anticipates this would be a Class IV term position with a salary of \$31,000.00 to \$34,000.00 with no benefits package. She noted the role and hours still need to be clarified.

Councillor D. Roberts raised concern with what would happen at the end of the three-(3) year term and whether the municipal units in the Region would be requested to pick up the costs.

- Update re 3-Slot Sorting Station Plaque Recognition

In the absence of Deputy Mayor L. Chisholm, CAO D. Kampen explained that an application was sent to the RRFB on behalf of the Beautification Committee, seeking \$500.00 in funding to be used toward the purchase of a 3-Slot Sorting Station and that a reply is expected shortly.

CAO D. Kampen noted that Mr. D. Miller of the Beautification and Land Rehabilitation Committee is communicating with the banking institutions on the matter of plaque recognition and that an update was expected at a meeting scheduled this evening.

- Trading Treasures

The Chair advised that Trading Treasures will be taking place on May 1, 2010, and that he will be in contact with the owner of the former Dollar Store and Pacesetter Store on Main Street in an effort to secure a location for the event. CAO D. Kampen suggested the new library may have space available and suggested he contact the Head Librarian, Mr. E. Stackhouse.

- Meeting with Trailer Park Owners

CAO D. Kampen advised that she and D. Wilson, Deputy Clerk, discussed inviting trailer park owners to attend a meeting to discuss waste management, however, a concern was raised with one park owner being on track while the rest are not. Following brief discussion, it was generally agreed to wait until such time as the Regional Enforcement Officer is in place.

N. Haverkort noted that she is aware of some trailer parks within the County being provided with waste collection services through the municipal curbside collection program.

- Application for Funding re Recycling Sorting Stations
This item was previously discussed.

Other/New Business

- Municipal Approved Program (MAP)

N. Haverkort advised that due to a program review by the RRFB, she is unsure where the Municipally Approved Program (MAP) is at this point as nothing has been approved. She did note, however, that the general consensus of Region 2A is for Option 2 which would see the Municipal Approved Program have a guaranteed capped amount based on population and a core amount of \$25,000.00 to be used regionally towards diversion programs.

Deputy Mayor L. Chisholm joined the meeting at 10:43 AM.

There was general discussion regarding the formula and how it relates to the Town with the University population. N. Haverkort briefly spoke on Wolfville which operates as an Authority. She then reviewed how population statistics had been used in the past, the difficulty is using these numbers, and a formula.

- Bulky Item Pick-up

It was generally agreed to hold the Bulky Item Pick-up on May 10, 11, and 12, 2010, in conjunction with regular waste collection. N. Haverkort agreed to include this with the 'information to landlords' package. It was also generally agreed that the information be inserted in the Talk of the Town and the upcoming waste brochure.

- Spring Clean-up

N. Haverkort explained how the Spring Clean-up had come about with a challenge by St. F.X. students to Councillors. She noted that, in the past, some garbage bags were provided through Clean Nova Scotia. Various ideas were suggested and it was generally agreed to have N. Haverkort put together a Regional Challenge by way of advertising.

- St. F.X. Representation on Committee

Councillor D. Roberts suggested a representative of St. F.X. be asked to sit on this Committee given the large number of off-campus students and the effect this has on the Town's waste management program(s). N. Haverkort spoke on her past efforts with St. F.X. management and off-campus co-ordinators with Deputy Mayor L. Chisholm suggesting that without buy-in, waste management is a hard sell. S. Mason agreed to speak with the new Environmental Officer in this regard. CAO D. Kampen agreed to e-mail K. Publicover, Vice President of Recruitment and Student Experience, to see if any interest can be garnered.

Adjournment

Moved by Deputy Mayor L. Chisholm

Seconded by S. Mason

"That the meeting be adjourned." Motion carried.