

**Waste Management Committee Minutes
November 10, 2009
Town Council Chambers**

Present

Councillor J. MacPherson, Chair
Councillor L. Chisholm
Councillor D. Roberts
D. Haverkort
S. Mason, St. FX Students Union Representative

D. Wilson, Deputy Clerk

Absent

D. Halfpenny

Delegate(s)

J. Dee, Eastern Sanitation Limited

Call to Order

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

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor L. Chisholm

Seconded by Councillor D. Roberts

“That the Agenda be approved with additions.” Motion carried.

Delegate re Bulky Waste

- J. Dee, Eastern Sanitation Limited re Bulky Waste Collection

J. Dee was in attendance to apprise the Committee on the recent bulky waste collection. He reported the collection went extremely well considering the unknown. Good participation by residents was reported, with only one lot of residential material not being collected as the material was not acceptable, and a couple of residents being a bit over-zealous. J. Dee reported that although missing one weigh slip, he estimated approximately 17 tonnes of material had been collected. He advised that the cost of this collection would come in under the estimated amount. Generally, materials collected included appliances, bicycles, furniture, chairs, and lots of tires.

In response to a question from D. Wilson, he advised that as far as he was aware, most if not all municipal units offer a bulky waste program of some sort.

J. Dee brought up issues his staff is having with the Town’s Waste Collection Hotline. D. Wilson, Deputy Clerk noted she would look into the matter.

J. Dee advised that in the future he will be looking at the purchase of a grinder and construction of a new building that could see construction and demolition (c&d) materials properly source-separated and taken to Guysborough for disposal. He noted that presently he is separating materials as best he can and sending it to the County, however, he noted he recently received a bill in which the County increased its disposal charges without notice. He advised that if he were to be guaranteed he would receive construction and demolition materials generated from

the Town he would give back a guarantee that the materials would be source-separated, and noted that he would be willing to come before Council to further discuss this matter.

In response to a query from N. Haverkort, J. Dee advised that he removed Freon from white metals as required, at his cost.

Correspondence

2009 LED Holiday Light Consumer Exchange Program

The Chair advised that the LED light exchange is available again this year however Ms. T. Cameron will not be available to look after the program. The exchange is scheduled for the same evening as the Christmas parade and tree lighting – Saturday, November 28, 2009, at Columbus Field. Councillor D. Roberts noted that J. Nunn is looking after the Christmas activities this year. The Chair agreed to discuss this matter further with D. Halfpenny.

Business from Minutes

- Household Hazardous Waste

N. Haverkort reported that the Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off was very successful with 35+ barrels of household hazardous waste and enough paint to fill 12 totes dropped off. She noted a staff member from Guysborough stayed to assist with the program. An invoice has not yet been received, but is expected to be slightly higher than last year. A need for additional bodies to assist with the program in the future was again noted. Councillor L. Chisholm advised that students of the Dr. J.H. Gillis Regional School enrolled in the Bacculata diploma program are looking for volunteer opportunities. The Chair noted there is a need to bring awareness to residents that paint can be dropped off at the Enviro-Depot® year-round.

- Tour of Eastern Sanitation Limited and Beech Hill Transfer Station

The Chair noted his disappointment in the low turn-out for the tours.

Other Business

- CFL Special Collection

N. Haverkort reported that B. Kenney of the Nova Scotia Department of Environment is working on research and development projects and had questioned whether the Town would be interested in applying for funding to pilot a project for the collection of compact fluorescent lights (CFLs). The Committee agreed to receive additional information from B. Kenney through N. Haverkort on this matter.

- Information to Residents re Waste Streams

Councillor D. Roberts suggested that information be made available to residents (perhaps through the Talk of the Town) to inform them of what happens to the various waste streams after they are collected at curbside. D. Halfpenny to be requested to look into this.

- Anti-go-Clean

S. Mason advised that the recent award for the St. FX students' Anti-go-Clean campaign was very well received. He further advised that in conjunction with St. FX University, he, through the Student's Union, is carrying out an environmental project which is monitoring the energy output from each of the residences on campus. It was suggested that S. Mason put together information to be brought back to this Committee prior to being included in The Xaverian Newspaper.

- Letter to Businesses re Use of Public Litter Cans

D. Wilson, Deputy Clerk, circulated a letter to be sent to businesses which had been revised by CAO, D. Kampen. It was generally agreed the letter was well written and can now be sent out.

- **Recycling Stations**

The Chair advised that recycling stations have not been ordered as there was only enough money in this year's budget to cost-share on one station. He suggested the Committee look at other sorting stations and suggested the ones currently being used by Tim Hortons®.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor L. Chisholm

Seconded by Councillor D. Roberts

"That the meeting be adjourned." Motion carried.