

**Waste Management Committee Minutes**  
**September 8, 2009**  
**Town Council Chambers**

**Present**

Councillor J. MacPherson, Chair  
Councillor L. Chisholm  
Councillor D. Roberts

Mayor C. Chisholm  
D. Halfpenny, Engineering & Planning Assistant  
N. Haverkort, ERSWM Co-ordinator  
D. Wilson, Deputy Clerk

**Absent**

S. Mason, St. Francis Xavier University Environment 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 Waste Management Committee meetings held on June 9, 2009, and June 23, 2009, be approved as circulated." Motion carried.

**Correspondence**

- E-Mail re Waste Collection Containers  
An e-mail outlining a suggestion for utilizing 'blue boxes' for recycling was briefly discussed, along with the Town's current waste management program, and the manner in which recyclables are able to be received at the Colchester Balefill Facility. At the request of Councillor D. Roberts, N. Haverkort agreed to e-mail the correspondent to clarify the Town's waste management practices and means of collection.

**Bulky Item Collection**

In order for better participation and collection, it was suggested by Eastern Sanitation Limited that the dates for the collection of bulky items at curbside be moved to a non-garbage collection week.

Moved by Councillor D. Roberts  
Seconded by Councillor L. Chisholm  
"That Council approve October 26, 27 and 28, 2009, as the dates for the collection of bulky items at curbside." Motion carried.

It was noted that the Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off program is scheduled for October 23 and 24, 2009 (during Waste Reduction Week). The Antigonish Mall has agreed to be the host site, although a specific area has not yet been identified.

### **Fall Student's Clean-up (Anti-Go-Clean)**

The Chair noted that new St. F.X. students will be gathered on campus at 6:00 PM, Thursday, September 10, 2009, for a 'welcoming' by the Mayor, N. Haverkort and S/Sgt. T. Perry, to be followed by a clean-up of the downtown core by the students. The Chair requested, and Vice-Chair, Councillor D. Roberts agreed, to attend in his place to make introductions. The Chair noted that most of the required arrangements have already been made; however, gloves and garbage bags need to be obtained from Public Works and a truck is required to transport the garbage to the dumpster at the new Library site. Mayor C. Chisholm agreed to transport the garbage and pick up the required supplies. Deputy Clerk, D. Wilson, to arrange for a gift certificate for the winning 'house'.

### **Waste By-law Review**

The Chair noted that Ms. N. Haverkort had finished reviewing and amending the Waste By-law. It was generally agreed that members of the Committee would review the draft By-law and bring any suggestions or concerns back to the next meeting.

### **Pesticide Spray**

Discussion took place on whether anything had been done with the Report on pesticide reduction prepared by the 2008 Planning Intern. Councillor L. Chisholm noted that she recalled that given that a By-law cannot be put in place in this respect, and that a Policy would not have any 'teeth' that the Mayor and Council of the day had generally agreed to encourage residents and businesses on the non-use of pesticides/herbicides by way of educational campaign. Ms. D. Halfpenny agreed to distribute the Report to the Committee.

Councillor D. Roberts brought forth the matter of the Poster Policy and questioned whether the practice of those placing posters on telephone poles could be administered through a By-law such as littering or perhaps a Provincial By-law. The Chair agreed to bring this matter to the Police and License Committee.

### **Proper Bags for Recycling**

Councillor D. Roberts again raised concern with businesses that continue to stock bags not permitted at curbside. Deputy Clerk D. Wilson noted that 'shelf talkers' are usually put in place by Ms. N. Haverkort this time of year in an effort to raise awareness on the types of bags permitted, aimed primarily for the University students. Ms. N. Haverkort noted she could make available 'shelf talkers' for the Anti-Go-Clean session. It was further suggested that an educational reminder be placed in the next 'Talk of the Town' as a further effort.

### **Construction and Demolition (C&D) Materials**

Mayor C. Chisholm noted that Mr. B. Kenney of the Department of Environment recently attended a meeting at Town Hall with a presentation on diversion credits, and questioned where the Town now is with this matter. Brief discussion took place on the two sites vying for this material, costs, and proper sorting. Ms. D. Halfpenny agreed to arrange for site visit of both areas for the Committee.

### **Audits**

Ms. N. Haverkort advised that the Town's By-law Enforcement Officer had carried out an audit of materials arriving at the Guysborough Landfill Facility. A recommendation of substantial

increases in fines is in the works but has not yet been approved as it will form part of the overall amendments to the Solid Waste Resource By-law. A second audit is planned for October, 2009, in an effort to determine any improvements or lack thereof.

Ms. N. Haverkort reported on audits carried out to materials generated locally by University students. She noted much personal information appeared in bags audited.

### **Other Business**

- Apartments

Ms. N. Haverkort advised that getting the information pamphlets to landlords of the larger apartments would be expensive if using Canada Post and the Town's landlord listing. Deputy Clerk D. Wilson noted that the By-law Enforcement Officer stated he did not feel the landlord listing is regularly updated. It was suggested that perhaps the By-law Enforcement Officer could meet individually with local landlords to provide them with the information and offer assistance where appropriate. Deputy Clerk D. Wilson agreed to speak with CAO D. Kampen further on whether it would be appropriate for S. Smith to contact landlords directly, and the status of the landlord listing.

- Atlantic Canada Electronics Stewardship (ACES) Program

Ms. N. Haverkort advised the Committee that many unwanted computers are appearing in dumpsters and not making their way to the appropriate location for recycling. She distributed copies of an updated ACES program brochure and Regional pamphlet. The Chair noted it would have to be determined whether computers and other materials accepted through the ACES program could be included in the Bulky Waste Collection.

### **Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor D. Roberts

Seconded by Councillor L. Chisholm

"That the meeting be adjourned." Motion carried.