

Waste Management Committee Meeting
October 18, 2017
Council Chambers
9:30 a.m.

Present

Councillor J. MacPherson, Chair
Councillor Diane Roberts
Councillor Andrew Murray
Kate Dobson, STFX Representative
N. Haverkort, Eastern Region Solid Waste Management Co-ordinator
K. O'Handley, Eastern Region Solid Waste Compliance Officer
D. Halfpenny, Engineering & Planning Administrative Assistant

Absent with Regrets

L. McLean, Antigonish Chamber of Commerce Representative

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. Councillor J. MacPherson welcomed K. Dobson, StFX representative to the meeting.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made and seconded, "That the Agenda be approved."
Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded, "That the September 13, 2017 meeting minutes be approved as circulated." Motion carried

Correspondence

No correspondence.

Business Arising from Minutes

HHW

- N. Haverkort reported that the Household Hazardous Waste Event had been very busy with 375 citizens filling out ballots when dropping off their hazardous waste. In addition, she noted there were many citizens that chose not to fill out a ballot but that had expressed appreciation for the event. She advised that there was a lot of waste oil received, that the number of cans of paint received was up this year, and that there were two loads of electronics received. N. Haverkort commented that she has not received the invoices to determine the final number of materials but expected she would have by the next meeting.
- N. Haverkort noted that the Antigonish Market Square provided a central location for the HHW Event; ESL supplied a dumpster; and 98.9xfm and 101.5 The Hawk radio stations provided Public Service Announcements for the event.
- Discussion followed on how to increase awareness of the paint and electronics drop off programs.

Bulky Waste

- N. Haverkort noted that the Bulky Waste numbers have not been received yet. Follow up will take place with ESL in upcoming week.

Waste Reduction Week- October 16-20

- The Waste Reduction Campaign is focusing on making food go further and preventing food waste. N. Haverkort explained that an educational booth will be set up at the local Walmart from 10-6 p.m. and the local Sobeys from 10-6 p.m. to educate people on using up leftovers. She commented that participants will receive a ballot for a chance to win \$100 worth of reusable food storage containers and a \$100 Sobeys Gift certificate. She noted that the Guysborough Journal has provided a discount to run a full page ad promoting the event.
- N. Haverkort stated that an ad to promote proper use of the Green Cart will run in the Quad County next week. She identified that no plastic in the green cart is the central theme of the ad.

Waste Bylaw

- Discussion followed on how to update the Town of Antigonish Waste Bylaw to prevent the migration of wooden bins be placed at the curbs and how to strengthen the language of the Waste Bylaw to clearly identify how the owners of residential properties and commercial properties need to store their waste receptacles such as Green Bins and how to store them on the least visible side of the dwelling.
- The Town Waste Bylaw will be circulated to Committee members, each member is to review and bring back suggestions on or before the November 15th meeting.
- N. Haverkort and D. Halfpenny will then create draft of updated Waste Bylaw for the committee to review.

Re-Collect Update

- N. Haverkort advised that close to 500 hundred residents of the Town of Antigonish residential waste collection program are using the app to be reminded of collection dates, special collection events, and what to place where feature. She identified that the Tuesday and Wednesday routes are slightly above in usage than the Monday route.
- Discussion followed on how to further encourage people to use the app.
- K. O' Handley noted that he would be using a Facebook post to promote the app. Other suggestions where to have Councillor's encourage citizens to try the free app.

Curbside Collection Schedule for 2018

- Discussion took place on dates for Bulky Waste and Household Hazardous Waste. Calendar will be reviewed and dates set.

New Business

Curbside Giveaway

- Discussion followed on how to turn this into a successful event. It was mentioned that the event had been tried before with limited success.
- K. Dobson, STFX representative advised that students arrived in late August and are often looking for items for their apartments.
- The Chair, J. MacPherson noted that he would like for the Committee to come up with a better name than Curbside Giveaway as it is used by many other municipalities. He encouraged committee members to think about it and to come up with something new by next meeting.
- The event will be added to the Residential Curbside Collection Schedule for 2018.

Compliance Officer Report

- K. O'Handley reported that he is continuing to monitor StFX loads and advises that there are

large amounts of refundables. He advised that a load of organics had been refused as it was contaminated. He asked if K. Dobson would look into any StFX house challenges that may encourage students to use their refundables to raise money for either their house or for a cause.

- K. Dobson noted that the various houses have participated in energy reduction campaigns and the challenge was well received by students. She advised she would speak with K. Latimer at StFX. She commented that K. Latimer is working diligently to decrease the carbon footprint of the university.
- K. O'Handley advised that S. Smith and J. Pellerin are following up with homeowners concerning waste storage bins at the end of their driveways.

A motion was made and seconded, "That the Compliance Officer's report be accepted as circulated." Motion carried.

StFX Representative Report

K. Dobson reported that the StFX bookstore has introduced a tariff for plastic bag usage, and will offer a discount for not using a bag. She advised that Sodexo has moved to biodegradable take away containers. K. Dobson noted that a battery recycling campaign is being promoted at each residence.

A motion was made and seconded, "That the StFX representative's report be accepted as read." Motion carried

Chamber Report

L. McLean unable to attend meeting due to Chamber event preparations.
Discussion followed on nomination for customer service person of the year.

New Business

Next Meeting Date

- Chair, J. MacPherson noted that the next Waste Management Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 15, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. in Council Chambers.

Motion

It was moved and seconded, "That the meeting be adjourned."
Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.