

Waste Management Committee Meeting
May 8, 2019
Council Chambers
9:30 a.m.

Present

Councillor J. MacPherson, Chair
Councillor, Diane Roberts
Councillor A. Murray
L. McLean, Antigonish Chamber of Commerce 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

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9: 35 a.m.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made and seconded, "That the Agenda for May 8, 2019 be approved with the addition of Textile Report under new business. **Motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded, "That the April 10, 2019 meeting minutes be approved as circulated." **Motion carried**

Correspondence

No correspondence

Business Arising from Minutes

Waste Bylaw

Councillor J. MacPherson advised that Bylaw Enforcement would be unable to attend due to four files that required immediate attention. He noted that with students moving out that waste issues arise requiring staff to deal with absentee landlords. The Chair concluded that the Waste Bylaw will be table until next month to allow for input from Bylaw Enforcement.

Textile Report

N. Haverkort advised that the Regional Coordinators had reviewed the Diabetes Canada pilot project but acknowledge that there wasn't an appetite around the table to support the initiative because there were concerns about it showing favoritism to one charity. All agreed that there is more work to be done in creating greater awareness but that there were policy issues with focusing on only one charity.

Discussion followed and the Waste Management Committee agreed that they had similar concerns and that it is great for charities to make money while reducing textiles from the landfill. However, there are many wonderful organizations in Antigonish such as the Opportunity Shop and bins seem to be positioned in convenient locations already. The Committee agreed that more promotion of existing locations and programs in place is required to educate residents about how to properly dispose of their textiles.

Councillor J. MacPherson will speak to J. Lawrence concerning the Town promoting how to properly dispose of textiles material. The Chair noted that K. Gorman is doing an excellent job as Marketing and Communications Officer.

Bulky Waste Clean Up

A report received from J. Dee of Eastern Sanitation Limited stated that the three day to total for Bulky Waste was 30.68 m/t and metal 8.950 m/t. Response from the community was wonderful, citizens are very appreciative of the service. J. Dee thanked the Town staff and especially S. Smith and J. Pellerin for their continued support in getting the word out to landlords.

Town Clean Up

Councillor J. MacPherson advised that the Town Clean Up removed approximately 25 bags of garbage throughout the Town. He acknowledged the Town Fuel fund Board for their efforts.

New Business

Leaf and Yard Waste

J. MacPherson stated that the promotion of brown bags for leaf and yard waste will be added to the upcoming final draft of the Waste Bylaw but that he would like to see this promoted now to encourage people to move away from plastic bags.

Councillor A. Murray inquired as to whether the province is moving ahead with banning single use plastic bags.

N. Haverkort advised that the province is taking a wait and see approach. Industry is looking at ways to dispose and reuse the plastic. She noted that HRM is also doing a pilot project using Black Bins for garbage and that a bottle cap research project is underway for the Sewer Treatment Plant in Canso.

Care 2 Share

N. Haverkort commented that the Care2Share event, scheduled for September 13 & 14, 2019 will need to be promoted with some guidelines as to how to participate.

Discussion followed. The Waste Committee agreed it is important to promote the event early in order to building upon last years' event.

Education and Compliance Report

Compliance Officer Report

K.O'Handley reported that during an inspection of an illegal dumping site it had been determined that an Antigonish resident had dumped material on the site. A review of the contents had concluded that the materials had been rejected at the curb.

Discussion followed on investigation and K. O'Handley advised that he has asked ESL to include the civic number on the rejection sticker.

K. O' Handley advise that he had followed up with G. MacMillan, at StFX concerning contaminated organics. He noted that problems were traced back to several residences and that steps will be put in place to correct the matter. Educational presentation at the beginning of the year will include cleaning staff. Coordinated inspections will also take place at the landfill.

It was moved and seconded that K O'Handley's report be accepted. Motion Carried.

Chamber

No report

Next Meeting Date

- Next meeting date scheduled for Monday, June 10 at 9:30 a.m. in council chambers

Motion

It was moved and seconded, "That the meeting be adjourned."

Meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m.