

Meeting Minutes

November 24, 2016 - 6:00 PM

Lakeside Community Centre

Attending John Cascadden - Chair, Scott Guthrie - Vice Chair, Councillor Adams, Tom Robertson, Peter Lund, Lindsay Gates and Bob Angus

Regrets from : Councillor Richard Zuraski, Murray Power, Frank Johnston, Andrew Giles and Rany Ibrahim .

Absent : Mayor Savage

HRM appointments currently vacant : One citizen appointment by council ; One councillor appointment by council as the succeeding replacement for former Councillor Dalrymple.

Others attending : Reg Rankin, Executive Director, Ken Donnelly , CMC communications consultant , Ken Meech - Mirror, Steve Copp - Mirror, Harold Johnston - Mirror, Dr. Paul Arnold-Bio-Logic Environmental Services and David Mc Lennan- Highland Energy NS

The Chair John Cascadden called the meeting to order.

1. Approval Of Minutes - September 8 , 2016

Moved by Peter Lund , seconded by Lindsay Gates that the minutes of September 8, 2016 be approved as circulated – Motion Carried

2. Business arising from the minutes

With reference to item 8, Producer Extended Responsibility ; this topic will be deferred to the next meeting at which time, we may have the benefit of more information and direction from the province.

With reference to thank you letters to outgoing chair Jack Mitchell and board member Mike Becigneul ; Councillor Adams informed the Board that both he and Councillor Rankin, on behalf of CMC (and the community) provided public acknowledgement for Mitchell and Becigneul 's work at a summer event (Exhibition Park , Prospect Road) sponsored by MLA Iain Rankin.

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It is also confirmed that the local MLA did sponsor a resolution of acknowledgement in the House of Assembly.

3. With reference to item 4 of the agenda at hand, RFP for Waste Characterization Study:
Motion by Bob Angus seconded by Scott Guthrie to ratify the earlier decision of concurrence by the Board to recommend Bio-logic Environmental services (Dr. Paul Arnold) to conduct the study based on lowest cost . Motion of ratification passed.

Participants in this forthcoming study ; namely, Dr Paul Arnold, Steve Copp addressed its essential work detail and provided answers to questions from the Board. Chair Cascadden emphasized that given the seasonality of the waste and its varying character , this study would be based on a Fall season sample. This study will examine both the residential and ICI garbage . Also, this study will serve to update a similar study in 2008 conducted by CBCL and substantiate a revised data base line for such future studies.

It was strongly suggested that CMC in providing to HRM staff the findings of this forthcoming study that CMC may reasonably expect HRM's data from their own current study in the waste characterization of the residential fraction of the garbage .

4. With reference to item 5 of the agenda, Presentation request to The Board by David Mc Lennan, Highland Energy NS ;

Mr McLennan, provided a brief history of his company's waste to energy project from cell(s) gas at the former landfill, Sackville , NS and continues today. His company is interested in doing a similar operation at Otter lake. In this regard, he has sent a business proposal to the CAO of HRM. Mr Mc Lennan answered questions of clarification on their methodology .

Motion by Councillor Adams seconded by Scott Guthrie to formal recognition of receiving the presentation. Motion passed.

It is noted that no further action by The Board is recommended other than standing ready to evaluate any proposal for landfill gas to energy at otter lake against rigorous environmental protection criteria.

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5. With reference to item 6 of the agenda, the proposed CMC 2017-18 operating budget submission to HRM:

Moved by Councillor Adams seconded by Bob Angus to approve the recommended budget proposal reflecting the similar amount of \$90,000 as approved for 2016-17 including the accompanying details of the revised tasks for 2017-18 provided in same submission relating to Communications and technical studies. Motion Passed.

6. With reference to item 7 of the agenda, recommendation for Communications consultant as a result of the RFQ.

Moved by Councillor Adams seconded by Peter Lund to approve the recommendation , based on lowest cost, the awarding of Communications consultant to Beyond Attitude for the period from Dec 1. 2016 to Dec1. 2017 subject to agreement by HRM . Motion passed.

7. Other business flagged for next meeting :

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Lindsay Gates requested a status report on CMC request from Council , by Council motion of December 8, 2015, for consideration of a landfill integration fund for the local community; especially so , with the recently revealed higher than expected remaining years of the otter lake landfill. The executive director offered to follow up with the Municipality.

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Lindsay Gates wished to have time next meeting to raise and discuss any Board Member observations on our last tour of otter lake both by land and air; such as possible excessive amount of received plastics and styrofoam as observed on the tip floor.

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Lindsay Gates would like to have the Board invite HRM staff at next meeting to discuss possible avoidable wasteful food diversion by discarding in the garbage.

Motion to adjourn by Scott Guthrie seconded by Councillor Adams. Passed