
ANNUAL MEETING HALIFAX WASTE /RESOURCE SOCIETY

LAKESIDE COMMUNITY CENTER-JUNE27/2016 -6.OOPM

AGENDA

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER WITH THE FIRST ITEM OF BUSINESS BEING A PRESENTATION BY NSE STAFF RE: Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)

KEN DONNELLY INTRODUCED THE 3 MEMBERS OF NSE STAFF BEING -CHUCK MCKENNA,BOB KENNY AND VALDA WALSH WHO PROVIDED AN OVERVIEW OF THE PROGRAM BEING CONSIDERED BY NOVA SCOTIA AND ALSO REFERENCED OTHER PROVINCIAL PROGRAMS AND HOW THE PROGRAM WAS MANAGED (IN THE OTHER JURISDICTIONS .

THE PRESENTERS PROVIDED A SUMMARY OF THE PROCESS AT THE PROVINCIAL LEVEL AND THE NEXT STEPS IN NOVA SCOTIA WITH PARTICIPATION WITH MUNICIPALITIES .

THE SOCIETY MEMBERS RAISED A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS AND THANKED THE NSE STAFF FOR THE UPDATE AND WELCOMED AN OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN FUTURE DISCUSSIONS IF PROGRAM PROCEEDS. KEN D. THANKED THE NSE STAFF WHO THEN DEPARTED FROM THE MEETING .

ATTENDING THE SOCIETY MEETING :J.MITCHELL,S.GUTHRIE,COUN.ADAMS ,COUN.RANKIN,A.GILES ,M.POWER,J.CASCADDEN,M.BECIGNEUL,P.LUND,T.ROBERTSON,L.GATES ,B.ANGUS,K.DONNELLY,F.JOHNSTON,

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR -KEN MEECH

CHAIR JACK MITCHELL CALLED THE SESSION TO ORDER AND ASKED FOR APPROVAL OF AGENDA : MOVED BY RANKIN AND SEC.BY GUTHRIE THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED . CHAIR CALLED FOR APPROVAL OF MINUTES -JUNE 18,2015

MOVED AND SEC. BY T.ROBERTSON AND K.DONNELLY THAT THE MINUTES OF JUNE 18 ,2015 BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED .

THERE WERE NO ACTIONS REQUIRED AS BUSINESS FROM MINUTES .

REPORT OF THE CHAIR -JACK MITCHELL-SEE ATTACHED FOR REVIEW JACK GAVE AN OVERVIEW OF THE REPORT AND THE REPORT WAS ACCEPTED BY THE BOARD .

JACK ALSO INFORMED THE GROUP THAT AFTER 24 YEARS AS A COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE HE HAS DECIDED TO STEP DOWN FROM THE BOARD .

THE COUNCILLORS AND OTHERS CONGRATULATED JACK ON HIS SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE SOCIETY /CMC AND MOST IMPORTANTLY HIS WORK ON BEHALF OF THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE COMMUNITY.

APPOINTMENT OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS .•THE SECRETARY BRIEFED THE MEETING ON THE NEED FOR 9 MEMBERS FROM THE SOCIETY TO SERVE AS MEMBERS OF CMC WITH 6 REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTED BY HRM.

IT WAS AGREED THAT INFORMATION BE SENT TO FRANK JOHNSTON ON THE SOCIETY /CMC PURPOSE ,MANDATE AND BY-LAWS FOR HIS BACKGROUND .

MOVED BY STEVE ADAMS AND SECONDED BY SCOTT GUTHRIE THAT THE FOLLOWING BE APPOINTED AS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO THE SOCIETY FOR THE NEXT YEAR AND ALSO ACT AS THE REPRESENTATIVES ON THE CMC .

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1.J.CASCADDEN,2.-S.GUTHRIE,3.FRANK JOHNSTON,4.T.ROBERTSON,5.L.GATES,6.A. GILES,7.B.ANGUS 8.M.POWER 9.P.LUND MOTION CARRIED

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THE NEW BOARD WAS THEN ASKED TO APPOINT THE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FOR THE NEXT YEAR .

MOVED BY ANDREW GILES AND SECONDED BY LINDSAY GATES THAT JOHN CASCADDEN BE APPOINTED AS CHAIR .MC

MOVED BY BOB ANGUS AND SECONDED BY PETER LUND THAT SCOTT GUTHRIE BE APPOINTED TO THE POSITION OF VICE CHAIR .MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED BY TOM ROBERTSON AND SECONDED BY SCOTT GUTHRIE THAT ANDREW GILES BE APPOINTED AS SECRETARY TREASURER TO THE SOCIETY .MC

BANK BALANCE -THE SECRETARY NOTED AS AITACHED THAT THE SOCIETY HAS A BALANCE OF 2547.78 AT THE END OF JUNE -2016.

MOVED BY SCOTT GUTHRIE AND SECONDED BY TOM ROBERTSON THAT THE CHAIR AND SECRETARY-TREASURER BE APPOINTED AS SIGNING AUTHORITIES FOR THE SOCIETY EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1-2016.MC

THE NEXT ITEM WAS A REVIEW OF THE RECENT APPROVAL OF THE OITER LAKE ACT WHICH WAS INTRODUCED BY MLA IAIN RANKIN AND APPROVED BY THE NOVA SCOTIA LEGISLATURE .

THE NEW CHA*R AND OTHERS EXPRESSED THEIR THANKS TO THE MLA FOR ACTIONING THIS LEGISLATION EVEN THOUGH IT WAS NOT WELL RECEIVED BY HRM .

THE MEETING ADJOURNED WITH A REQUEST THAT THE NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS REMAIN TO DEAL WITH THE ITEM OF ADVERTISING FOR THE OTTER LAKE ACT .

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING WITH ALL IN ATTENDANCE .

MOVED BY BOB ANGUS AND SECONDED BY JOHN CASCADDEN THAT THE BOARD AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT OF \$926.21 TO HALIFAX HERALD FOR THE INVOICE AS ATACHED TO THE MINUTES .MC.

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LAKESIDE COMMUNITY CENTRE
AGENDA

Attending :jack mitchell —Chair ,Elizabeth Salton —Vice Chair ,Peter Lund ,Lindsay Gates ,John Cascadden, Mike Becigneul ,Councillor Rankin ,Councillor Adams ,Tom Robertson,
Not in attendance but have rejoined are Bob Angus ,Scott Guthrie ,Andrew Giles ,Ken Donnelly ,Murray Power.

The Chair opened the meeting and requested a motion to adopt the agenda.

I.APPROVAL OF AGENDA-by motion of Peter L. and Mike B. The agenda was adopted .MC

2.APPROVAL OF MINUTES —JUNE 11,2014 moved by C. Rankin and John C. That the minutes of June 11 be adopted .MC

3.ANNUAL REPORT OF CHAIR —The Chair tabled the annual report for review of the Society (see attached) and provided an over view .

4.APPROVAL OF DIRECTORS /CMC MEMBERS

Prior to the calling for nominations the Chair wanted to thank Elizabeth Salton for her contribution to the Society and CMC *Unfortunately Elizabeth has to step down .

Moved by Lindsay Gates and seconded by John Cascadden that Jack Mitchell be appointed Chair of the Board .motion carried .

For the position of Vice Chair Scott Guthrie was acclaimed .

Moved by Elizabeth Salton and seconded by Mike Becigneul that the following be appointed as the Board of Directors for 2015/2016 and will represent the Society on the CMC Partnership with HRM :

Jack Mitchell ,Tom Robertson ,Lindsay Gates ,Scott Guthrie ,Bob Angus ,Mike Becigneul *Andrew Giles ,Murray Power *John Cascadden .Motion Carried .

5.HWRS BANK ACCOUNT-The Executive Director noted that the society has a bank balance of 3500.00.

6.UPDATE ON PROPOSED HEIGHT EXTENSION AT OTTER LAKE-see report attached The group was perplexed by the stance of the HRM administration on refusing to provide a copy of the final terms of reference *This issue prompted much discussion .

7.NEW BUSINESS

A question was asked of Councillor Rankin as to the recent report by HRM that the reserve established for the construction of cell 7 was transferred to cover deficits incurred for the past fiscal year .

Councillor Rankin responded with the background and noted that the administration is taking the risk that the height extension will be approved and constructed thereby removing the need for the next cell.

Councillor Rankin noted that he had queried the issue at HRM and noted that the height extension is not guaranteed.

The Chair advised of a group who is working towards developing a work plan to make continuous improvements to the landfill site so it is suitable for a park with trails etc The Chair advised that the group will be approaching other groups in the area to participate in this very worthwhile program .The person to contact is Sheila Mescal .

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The final item was a discussion on the need for a CMC session and it was agreed that if a session is necessary that the committee of 6 who negotiated the agreement with HRM re :height extension be given authority to meet and address any issues with the expectation a meeting of the CMC will be held in late August or early September .

8. Adjournment :Moved by Peter Lund that the meeting be adjourned .MC

Annual Report and Message to the Directors

Jack Mitchell (Chair)

I have been involved and a member of the Society for the last 24 years. The first 17 years were a pleasure being involved with HRM and Otter Lake Facility (Mirror NS). The last 7 years have been a nightmare. At first Gordon Helm wanted to control our Society and CMC Committee. Then Mr. Butts was hired by HRM who must have been dumb to do that. Mr. Butts tried to bully CMC members and make new changes to the landfill at Otter Lake without having the CMC members involved. He also controlled HRM staff to the point that what he said goes. It seems like the staff at waste management at HRM did what Mr. Butts said. I believe the staff was afraid to make the right and proper decisions. Staff did not follow procedure or the agreement with CMC. HRM staff also made many poor decisions and tried to control Council. They had HRM Council approve their decisions on the issues and changes that staff wanted to make to the landfill.

It has been rough and a terrible way for a volunteer committee to be treated by HRM Council and HRM Waste Management Staff. Most of the problems were created by HRM Staff. Council did not really know at first about the HRM and CMC Agreement. They did not understand what the policy was. Most of Council had never seen the agreement or read it until it was debated and became an issue.

For 7 years our committees were in a pressure cooker on every issue HRM Staff did not want the communities involved. The Council supported most of the reports that came from HRM Staff without CMC being involved. They broke the agreement many times until we had to have our lawyer get involved and the Provincial Minister. Due to the support of Councillors Adams and Rankin, a few Councillors started to see that CMC was following the agreement and as a result, we gained more support.

It took six years for some of HRM Council and the Mayor to see that CMC was doing the right thing, following the agreement. It is a very sad day when volunteers on a volunteer committee get treated the way we were treated by HRM Staff. This CMC Committee has a great group of members and they were there for the communities and gave them protection with issues at the Otter Lake Landfill.

We had a very powerful group of respectful members. I want to thank: Mr. Iain Rankin, MLA, Mr. Meech, Mr. Ken Donnelly, Councillor Rankin and Councillor Adams, all of the Directors and CMC members for their great support and time working as a volunteer and caring for the people in our communities. All you members have given me strength to Chair this committee and do what is right.

Many Thanks,

