Meeting Minutes

 **October 5, 2017 - 6:30 P.M. at Brunello Estates Clubhouse Boardroom**

**Attending: John Cascadden - Chair, Scott Guthrie - Vice Chair, Lindsay Gates , Bob Angus, Murray Power, Frank Johnston, Tom Robertson, Kate Sullivan and Councillor Matt Whitman .**

**Regrets from : Andrew Giles, Peter Lund and Councillor Adams . Absent : Mayor Mike Savage ; and Councillor Zurawski , confirmed , but not present. Seats vacant : 1 citizen at large to be appointed by HRM Council**

**Also attending : Reg Rankin, CMC Executive Director ; Ken Donnelly, CMC Communications Consultant and Dr. Paul Arnold, CMC Engineering Consultant and Steve Copp, Manager of Otter Lake Landfill Operations, MIRROR.**

**1. Chair John Cascadden called the meeting to order. On behalf of The Board , John extended a warm welcome to our newest Board Member , Kate Sullivan, who was recently appointed by HRM Council. It was requested by Chairman Cascadden that the Chair be given to the Vice- Chair Scott Guthrie to assume the chair. Agreed by the Board.**

**2. Moved by Bob Angus seconded by Councillor Whitman to approve the agenda . Passed.**

**3. Moved by Councillor Whitman seconded by Murray Power to approve the minutes , as circulated, of the Board meeting of August 31 , 2017 . Passed.**

**4. Moved by Tom Robertson seconded by Murray Power to ratify the Communications Consultant billings for the Month of August/17 in the amount of $ 379.50 ( tax included ) together with the Month of September/17 in the amount of $ 1,196 ( tax included ) . Passed.**

**5. Motion by Frank Johnston seconded by Bob Angus to receive, as prepared and presented by the CMC Executive Director, the 6 month CMC operating statement from April 1 to September 30, 2017 . Passed**

**6. This agenda item is with reference to the meeting’s Agenda : Information Report to Board number 2 : ‘ the HRM staff report ‘ to Council’s meeting of September 5, 2017 regarding a ‘ Community Integration Fund ‘ .**

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**Chairman Cascadden , did give due notice he wished to now remove himself from the Chair to offer a rebuttal to certain shortcomings of this referenced staff report . Scott Guthrie , Vice-Chair, assumed the Chair during this portion of the Agenda.**

**Mr. Cascadden , provided a copy of his remarks to Board members and spoke, in some detail, to the misleading characterization as was stated in the staff report to : The purpose of the operational funding of CMC as being confused with a form of community integration funding ; and secondly, that the basis of consideration for a ‘ Community Integration Fund ‘ , was rightly , by an extension to the new operating contract which was approved by Council on that same day of the CIF request ; that is, in recognition of a further unanticipated 25 plus years . And Not as staff misinterpreted, as a future cell height extension consideration – an event that staff had no basis to rely upon. Further, the referenced contract makes no reliance or reference to possible changes in height for the extended operation term of 25 years. Nor , by implication of their report , is it justified for staff to consider height extension as a contingent event for such community benefits , or be construed as a form of leverage in any post negotiations with the affected community .**

**There was a fulsome discussion on this staff report from Board members with a consensus position that supported the Chair’s remarks.**

 **It was moved by Councillor Whitman seconded by Murray Power to defer further discussions to our next Board meeting on this matter regarding preparing a thoughtful response to HRM staff . Passed .**

**7. Moved by Kate Sullivan seconded by Councillor Whitman to approve , for its submission to HRM staff , the proposed 2018-19 CMC Operating Budget of $ 90,000 ( same approved amount as 2017-18 ) as prepared and presented by the CMC Executive Director. Passed .**

**8. Moved by Frank Johnston seconded by Kate Sullivan to ratify the prepared CMC assessment criteria paper or manual for the proposed MIRROR compost project should it be approved by both HRM and DOE. Passed**

**9. It was moved by Frank Johnston seconded by Bob Angus to direct CMC staff to begin the small ‘ Book project ‘ to put in one place the historical narrative of CMC ‘s existence – including a snap shot of current issues . And that at the next meeting , tentatively set for the last Thursday of the month, November 30th , the Communications Consultant will provide its outline of contents with costs. Passed.**

**10. Motion to adjourn by Frank Johnston.**