

CMC Annual General Meeting Minutes  
7:15 p.m. Thursday, April 18, 2024  
The Links, Brunello Clubhouse, Pavilion Building

CMC Members Present: Reg Rankin, Councillor Iona Stoddart, Tom Robertson, Andrew Giles, John Cascadden, Peter Lund, Channing Davis, Nadia Fougere

Others Present: Betsy Chambers, Jason Timms, (all with CMC) Andrew Philopoulos (HRM) and Justin Hawco (Mirror Nova Scotia), Ranjeev Chopra

1.0 Due to illness, the Chair, Linda MacKay, was prevented from attending the meeting and Andrew Giles, CMC Member and Vice-president of the Halifax Waste-Resource Society (HWRS), called the meeting to order and introduced Reg Rankin as the new Acting Chair of the CMC, chosen by the HWRS at its AGM, which had immediately preceded the start of the CMC AGM.

It was noted that the Chair, Linda MacKay, gave notice to the CMC Administrator, February 6, 2024, that she would not reoffer, either as the CMC Chair or as a member of CMC, but she had indicated her intention to preside over the first part of the CMC AGM to complete an orderly transition to her successor. It was also noted that the CMC membership received Mr. Rankin 's resignation as the CMC Liaison Assistant on April 17, 2024, effective April 18, 2024.

Mr. Giles announced the names of the three CMC members who had been newly appointed by Halifax Regional Municipality: Nadia Fougere, Hailey MacKinnon and Tekena Warikubu, only one of whom was present. It was pointed out by the CMC Administrator that while all of the new appointees had been invited to the CMC AGM, there was no expectation that they would be able to attend given the short notice between the confirmation of their appointment and the meeting.

Mr. Giles invited Mr. Rankin to Chair the CMC AGM.

He thanked his predecessor, Linda MacKay, for her work as Chair and stated that on behalf of the CMC, flowers had been delivered to her in appreciation of her contribution to the organization before turning attention to the agenda.

2.0 Moved by Andrew Giles, seconded by Peter Lund to approve the agenda with the addition of a new item: The Otter Lake Construction and Demolition Debris Policy (DRAFT) as 7.1 of the amended agenda. Motion carried.

3.0 Moved by Andrew Giles and seconded by John Cascadden that the minutes of Jan. 8, 2024 be approved with the request that the time of adjournment be recorded in future.

4.0 Moved by Andrew Giles and seconded by Tom Robertson that John Cascadden, Peter Lund and Nadia Fougere be appointed to The CMC Technical Advisory Group, an ad hoc committee to be activated at the call of the Chair or CMC's Environmental Consultant to assist the consultant with various tasks and projects.

5.0 The consensus was that the CMC had done well in stewarding its finances, showing a surplus of \$20,968 in its Fiscal Year-End Update (unaudited) for 2023-2024. Members cautioned that the CMC's fiscal responsibility should not be used as an argument to reduce the organization's budget in future years, given the exceptional circumstances the CMC weathered when its budget was drastically cut in the first part of the year.

6.0 In the absence of CMC's Environmental Consultant Scott Morash, a discussion of his analysis of the performance audits and audit complaints in relation to the Otter Lake Landfill was deferred. However, Andrew Philopoulos, the HRM Director of Solid Waste Resources described, at the request of the Acting Chair, how the analysis of the performance data done by Strum, the consultant engaged by Mirror N.S., differed from the approach taken by CMC's Environmental Consultant.

6.1 Mr. Philopoulos also explained the background and intent of the Otter Lake Construction and Demolition Debris Policy (DRAFT). He was seeking input on the policy from the CMC and hoped it would be provided at the next meeting. The Acting Chair suggested the draft policy be given to CMC's Environmental Consultant Scott Morash for review. He said a CMC response would be provided shortly.

7.0 There were no questions from the public.

8.0 The Acting Chair moved to adjourn and reconvene in camera. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

