



RSC 12 Waste Management Committee

Meeting of June 16, 2015, 4.00 p.m.

650 Main Street, Woodstock

Attendance:

Craig Melanson (Chair)
Jim Kennedy
Keith Helmuth
Luc Marcoux (left at 7.15 p.m.)
Joe Weston
Leonard Foster
Jo-Anne Lockhart (Executive Director)

Absent: None

Invited Guests:

Elaine English, Finance Committee
Brian Hayden, Finance Committee
Katelyn Hayden, Staff
Bev Gullison, Staff
Yanick Sirois

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7.00 p.m. by the Chair.

Agenda: It was moved by Leonard Foster and seconded by Joe Weston the agenda be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

Approval of Minutes: It was moved by Luc Marcoux and seconded by Jim Kennedy the minutes of the March 11, 2015 Waste Committee be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

Conflict of Interest Declaration: None

Presentation: Prior to the start of the meeting (4.20-6.50 p.m.), the Committee along with invited guests received an informative presentation on curbside recycling from Yanick Sirois, Environment Manager of the Chaleur Region.

The committee was given an overview of the Chaleur waste management strategy. Yanick Sirois reviewed the Chaleur Region waste management operations, including the Red Pine landfill site which is 800 acres and collects 90,000 to 100,000 metric tonnes of waste a year; the Household



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Hazard Waste (HHW) collection programme (3 spring events, 3 fall events); e-waste disposal to Resnet's facility in Edmundston; composting programme promoting the "green cone", and the curbside recycling programme. The review emphasised the complexity and cost of operating a landfill and promoted the idea of diverting waste from the landfill through recycling. It cost \$2 million to build one cell at a landfill site and each cell lasts approximately 3 years. The tipping fee at the Chaleur landfill is \$58.40/tonne. Red Pine landfill produces methane gas; their challenge is where to sell this project as NB Power cannot absorb it on the hydro grid in the Chaleur region.

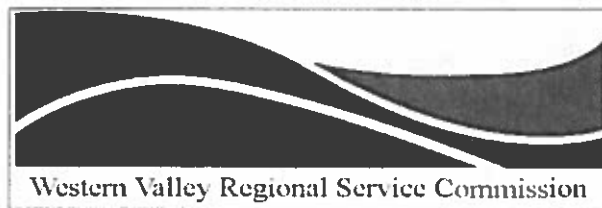
Chaleur undertook a feasibility study in 2009; visited sites in Nova Scotia and Quebec and started a curbside recycling pilot project in 2014 with \$40,000 from the Environment Trust Fund (ETF). ETF did not fund the purchase of the carts so the carts were rented from the manufacturer for \$1/month/cart for 6 months; once the pilot was completed the carts were purchased. The cost per cart is approximately \$70 each; Canadian Tire sells the cart for \$113. The carts are guaranteed for 10 years, but usually last 20 years. Consideration was given to plastic blue bags; however, over time the cost is higher, blue bags have to be opened which adds time to the process, and the bags must be recycled; however, there is no market for them.

Recycling is picked up every other week using the same equipment and employees as the waste pickup. There was no increase in collection cost with the implementation of the curbside carts. Chaleur proceeded with curbside recycling through an awareness campaign providing 15 seminars to 1200 citizens, and momentum for the project was spread by word of mouth. Every opportunity in the community (family days, expos) was used to promote the carts. Each cart has a chip with cart serial #, address, date and time of cart delivery which allows control of the cart inventory and records participation rate – original participation rate was 67%, currently 90%.

Chaleur would eventually like to operate a Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) and have built a 10,000 sq. ft. building for this purpose. It was costing \$45/tonne to transport and treat recyclables at the Moncton MRF; the 2,000 tonnes of materials per year are now sent to Societe Via at Rivere du Loop at no charge for sorting because the materials are clean and of a high quality.

Chaleur have a population of approximately 36,000 of which 1/3 are in Bathurst, 1/3 in smaller municipalities and 1/3 in LSDs. In some communities citizens bought their own cart; in others the cost was placed on the water bill and in the LSDs the carts were funded over 5 years and rented out to the citizens.

Yanick Sirois offered his assistance should VWRSC decide to move forward with curbside recycling. Craig Melanson thanked Yanik Sirois for his very informative presentation.



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Business Arising:

- **Resignation of Chair**

It was announced Eugene Anderson had resigned as Chair of the Waste Committee as he had moved out of the area. Craig Melanson, Mayor of Hartland, agreed to accept the appointment from the Board at the May 26, 2015 meeting. Jim Kennedy pointed out to the committee members the by-laws require a Committee Chair to be a Board member.

- **Review of Hartland Trade Show**

Jo-Anne Lockhart stated Eugene Anderson had commented the trade show was not generating the same number of visitors as in the past, and perhaps the time had come to look at other promotional opportunities. Jo-Anne Lockhart suggested the Hartland Trade show spot be retained; however, it be used every alternate year for Waste with Planning or the Board taking the other years to promote their activities. Joe Weston commented he thought the idea of Planning participating in the show would be a good idea because some people are not aware they need a permit. Keith Helmuth commented although the number of visitors to the show was fewer than in past, there was more engagement with the visitors and general awareness of waste issues. All of the members were pleased with the assistance Jillian Prosser provided to the event.

- **Big Blue Bins/Used Blue Bins**

There was discussion about the used blue bins available from either Bathurst or Miramichi. Jo-Anne Lockhart stated Miramichi was going to reconsider their price. Craig Melanson asked how many bins would be needed and where would they go. Leonard Foster asked where North Lake's bin went in the winter.

Jim Kennedy stated he was not in favour of moving forward with additional blue bins if we are considering moving to curbside recycling. Leonard Foster asked if the committee members were positive about curbside recycling.

Jim Kennedy made a motion, seconded by Leonard Foster to not proceed with additional blue bins given the possibility of moving forward with curbside recycling.

MOTION CARRIED

- **HHW Days**

Jo-Anne Lockhart handed out the 2015 Household Hazard Waste Days (HHW) schedule and a spreadsheet identifying preliminary cost.



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Leonard Foster suggested the HHW schedule be posted on Facebook and Jim Kennedy replied he had already posted it. It was agreed a flyer at the beginning of September would be a good advertising strategy.

Jo-Anne Lockhart stated other regions were using the fire departments to store HHW. Joe Weston replied the fire department would have to have personnel available and the only one with 24/7 coverage is Woodstock.

New Business:

- **Waste Director Position**

Jo-Anne Lockhart shared position outlines for an Education and Marketing Facilitator and for a Waste Director as samples of what responsibilities and qualifications might be required if the Region decided to go with different options for collection, recycling, education, and marketing/promotion.

- **Northwest/Southwest Disposal Agreement**

Craig Melanson asked if the Region had received any feedback from the Minister of the Environment and Local Government on the Northwest/Southwest contract which expires in 2027. The reply was no feedback had been received. Craig Melanson suggested a letter be written to the Minister asking again if the contract can be revisited.

In Camera Session: None

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 15, 2015, 6.30 p.m., J.S. Bellis 147 Moffat St., Woodstock

It was moved by Jim Kennedy to adjourn the meeting at 8.05 p.m.

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Craig Melanson, Chair