



RSC 12 Waste Management Committee

Meeting of July 15, 2015, 6.30 p.m.

J.S. Bellis, 147 Moffat St., Woodstock

Attendance:

Craig Melanson (Chair)
Jim Kennedy
Keith Helmuth
Luc Marcoux
Joe Weston
Leonard Foster
Jo-Anne Lockhart (Executive Director)

Guests:

Peter Morin, J.S. Bellis

Absent: None

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 6.32 p.m. by the Chair. The meeting was adjourned at 6.37 p.m. for a tour of the transfer station facility and resumed at 7.30 p.m. Peter Morin left the meeting at 7.45 p.m.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Approval of Minutes: It was moved by Luc Marcoux and seconded by Joe Weston the minutes of the June 16, 2015 Waste Committee be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

Conflict of Interest Declaration: None

Tour of Transfer Station Facility: Peter Morin of J.S. Bellis conducted a tour of the Southern Valley Transfer Station to update the Waste Committee members on recent changes to the facility. Peter Morin showed the members a recycling cart – the cart holds 90 gallons and cost \$100; all of Bellis' trucks are equipped for loading the carts which reduces pickup time. The members were shown the new improved drainage culvert, the corrected elevation, new weigh scale, new baler and improvements to the buildings. There will be an e-waste pad available on the site in the near future. Peter Morin stated all recyclable materials are picked up at the transfer station – cardboard goes to Quebec, metal to Sharpe's who take it to Saint John. Craig Melanson thanked Peter Morin for the tour and the use of his office of the WVRSC meeting.



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Business Arising:

- **Curbside Recycling**

Peter Morin stated each truck averages 25 to 26 ½ tonnes per truck and an average of 3 truck trips per day go to the landfill.

Jim Kennedy stated the WVRSC would like to increase waste diversion by increasing recycling and referred to the Acadian Peninsula where the diversion rate has dramatically increased due to curbside recycling. Jo-Anne Lockhart asked Peter Morin if Kearny's collection trucks would be able to pick up recyclables and if so, would there be sufficient room at the transfer facility for the increased recyclable tonnages – the answer to both questions was yes.

Jim Kennedy stated in order to proceed with curbside recycling, the WVRSC Board has to buy in to the concept; Hartland has already expressed an interest. Craig Melanson pointed out the concern of Board members is the size the RSC and where it is going; is it another level of government with increased costs.

Discussion ensued around the issues of who would pay for the bins (resident, commission, municipality, LSD); how the bins would be paid for (reserves, debt, directly by residents); would the Commission have to borrow from the Municipal Capital Borrowing Fund; development of a "pitch" to the Board. It was agreed although there are a lot of unknowns; the consensus was the Waste Committee would make a recommendation to the Board to explore curbside recycling as an alternative to the current recycle depot system.

It was suggested Yanick Sirois of Chaleur Region be engaged as a project manager to lead the curbside recycling initiative given his experience in implementing systems in Chaleur and Miramichi. Jo-Anne Lockhart informed the Committee the Executive Director of Chaleur Region had been approached with the idea of Yanick Sirois as the WVRSC project manager and was receptive to the concept. The members decided a pilot was not necessary as Chaleur had already done a pilot and Miramichi decided to forego one based on Chaleur's results.

Jim Kennedy pointed out there are a number of decisions to be made with respect to curbside recycling including whether to use the carts or blue plastic bags (which would mean no capital cost to the Commission). Craig Melanson asked Leonard Foster if curbside pickup would work in the lake region considering the location of some of the



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properties; the response was it may not work, and therefore, some of the recycling depots would need to be retained.

Jo-Anne Lockhart suggested an annual \$100,000 contribution to the Capital Waste Reserve to offset future costs for carts and/or other equipment needs be considered for the 2016 budget. The funds in the Capital Waste Reserve could be used to partially offset cart costs; thereby, reducing borrowing needs should the Board decided to purchase carts.

Jo-Anne Lockhart handed out a draft decision tree and timetable which showed a cart delivery date of June 2016. Luc Marcoux stated this timeline did not appear doable. It was concluded there are a lot of variables to be worked out if the Board approves a curbside recycling programme and the first step is to get Board approval for a curbside recycling programme and approval to hire Yanick Sirois as a temporary project manager. Recommendations for the Commission to proceed with a curbside recycling programme and hire a project manager will be brought forward at the August 25, 2015 Board meeting.

- **Blue Bins / Used Blue Bins**

Leonard Foster was informed the blue bin for North Lake was delivered to its site on Monday, July 15, a month after promised due to delays in the relabelling of the bin.

It was noted the purchase of used blue bins from Bathurst or Miramichi is no longer under consideration until the issue of curbside recycling as a viable alternative has been explored and decided on.

- **Waste Director / Education Facilitator Positions**

Jo-Anne Lockhart asked the members if they were interested in including either a Waste Director or Education Facilitator position in the 2016 budget. There was discussion about the decline in educational and promotional activities since the WVRSC took over from the Valley Solid Waste Commission due to fewer resources. The general consensus was the WVRSC was not in a financial position to pursue activities such as school trips, educational materials or an additional position at this time given the Commission's possible emphasis on curbside recycling. It was decided the Waste Committee should concentrate on only one project.



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- **Northwest/Southwest**

The Northwest/Southwest agreement, originally agreed to in 1997, requires the WVRSC to dispose of 50% of its waste at the Northwest Landfill site and 50% of its waste at the Southwest Landfill site. The agreement was updated in 2012 and is effective until 2027. It was agreed the Waste Committee would ask the Board at the August 25, 2015 meeting to write a letter stating WVRSC's desire to have flexibility with respect to which site the WVRSC waste is disposed at.

New Business:

- **Waste Committee**

Craig Melanson stated he would like the Waste Committee to have a vision of where the Waste Committee should focus its efforts and be able to make recommendations to the Board. It was suggested a ½ day visioning session be undertaken in the near future with the Committee considering Terms of Reference, its Vision and objectives.

In Camera Session: None

Next Meeting: Wednesday September 16, 2015, 6.30 p.m. at the Woodstock office.

It was moved by Luc Marcoux to adjourn the meeting at 9.07 p.m.

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Craig Melanson, Chair