

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

June 15, 2010

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 6:00 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative in Barrington, N.S., with the following members present:

- George El-Jakl, Chair
 - Murray Atkinson
 - Louise Halliday
 - Shaun Hatfield
 - Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
 - Cecil O'Donnell
 - Cathy Stoddard (6:30 p.m.)
- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

PURPOSE OF MEETING

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the waste collection contract in relation to recent developments in the collection process. Members were informed that it was the opinion of the Municipal Solicitor that the contract could be changed where it indicates in the various paragraphs contained in the contract. It could be possible that substantial changes that are made in the contract could be challenged by those who have submitted Request for Proposals for the waste collection when it was advertised.

Much discussion then followed regarding the recommendations that have been made by the waste collectors and the proposed response that has been drafted.

Resolution COW100632

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that the response to Recommendation #1 be condensed so that only window glass and mirrors will not be included in the spring and fall clean-ups.

AFFIRMATIVE

Murray Atkinson
Louise Halliday
Shaun Hatfield
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Cecil O'Donnell
Cathy Stoddard

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl

Motion carried.

Resolution COW100633

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by M. Atkinson that fishing gear not be collected in the spring and fall clean-ups.

AFFIRMATIVE

Murray Atkinson
Shaun Hatfield
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Cecil O'Donnell
Cathy Stoddard

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl
Louise Halliday

Motion carried.

Resolution COW100634

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by S. Hatfield that the Municipality pay an extra \$2,500.00 in addition to the \$10,000.00 already paid for the spring clean-up of 2010.

AFFIRMATIVE

Murray Atkinson
Shaun Hatfield
Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
Cecil O'Donnell
Cathy Stoddard

NEGATIVE

George El-Jakl
Louise Halliday

Motion carried.

Members continued to discuss this matter until 6:55 p.m. at which time the waste collectors arrived.

This portion of the meeting was then adjourned and the meeting was resumed, at 7:00 p.m., with Roger Smith, Veronica Smith and Charles Smith present. These are the individuals who are the contractors for the municipal waste collection at the present time.

The Warden opened the meeting with the waste collectors by asking them what it is that they are requesting.

There then followed discussion regarding the various recommendations that had been put forward by the collectors.

The collectors requested that a place be provided to unload the packer truck during clean-ups.

It was agreed by members that a location would be provided at the C & D Landfill so that the packer truck could be emptied at that site during the spring and fall clean-ups. This would be a location for the deposit of mixed waste that would need to subsequently be taken to the Queens Landfill. The Municipality will transport this mixed waste at municipal expense to the Queens Landfill. A place will also be provided for the collectors to temporarily store bulky waste at the C & D Landfill. The bulky waste will subsequently be transported to the Queens Landfill by the waste collectors, at their expense, as soon as possible after each of the spring and fall clean-ups have been completed.

In Recommendation #3 it was agreed that the collector would only pick up what is in the list of items, and the collector may reject waste that is not listed in Appendix C.

It was also agreed that C & D waste will not be collected at all in the spring and fall clean-ups.

The tipping fees are as previously agreed by Council.

It was suggested that a greater education effort needs to be placed on having miscellaneous piles of waste separated at roadside. The collector will request individuals placing mixed waste at roadside to sort it before it is collected.

Council also agreed to pay \$2,500.00 in addition to the \$10,000.00 already paid for the spring waste collection of 2010, pending legal advice from the Municipal Solicitor.

The waste collector indicated that if the destinations changed for the disposal of waste then their contract payment would need to be changed in order to compensate for any extra costs, and that if there are any changes in the destination for waste collection the contractor should be given advance notice.

Members then discussed the collection of lobster waste with the Municipal Collector. The municipal collector provided written information concerning the collection of lobster waste. The lobster waste is primarily collected at 10 different lobster facilities in the Municipality. This has doubled from the five the waste collector indicated were collected from at the beginning of the current contract. The municipal collector indicated that letters have been sent to 18 of these facilities and that over the past three weeks no lobster waste had been collected and only one phone call had been received from these businesses. During that 3 week time period only 3 companies have put any waste out to be collected.

It was indicated by the collectors that there are over 40 businesses in the Municipality that produce lobster waste, and at the present time only about a quarter of those are putting out lobster waste in the municipal collection.

It was indicated that the maximum organic volume the end loader truck could hold is 2200 kgs. This volume will be exceeded if lobster waste is collected in the municipal waste collection. It was again stated by the municipal collector that lobster waste is production waste that is produced from a business process and that there was a possibility of up to 12 tonnes of lobster waste being deposited at roadside each week if all the facilities take advantage of this collection.

The municipal collector informed members that lobster waste collection has been increasing in the Municipality and could create a significant collection problem to them.

It was again stated that By-Law No. 8 states that no production waste is to be included in the municipal waste collection.

The members agreed that there must be further discussion regarding this matter.

Resolution COW100635

Moved by C. O'Donnell and seconded by M. Atkinson that further discussion of the collection and disposal of lobster waste in organic green carts in the municipal waste collection be continued at the end of the meeting this evening, and be placed on the agenda for another Committee of the Whole meeting, if necessary.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Municipal waste collectors also indicated that lobster facilities do not put organic green carts of waste in their coolers as this is most likely not allowed by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency.

The municipal waste collectors also wish to know how much notice must be given in order to vacate their contract and what would happen to their security deposit that had been provided.

Resolution COW100636

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by M. Atkinson that the information requested by the municipal waste collectors to vacate their contract and recover their security deposit be obtained and forwarded to them.

Motion carried unanimously.

Having completed their discussion of the municipal waste collection, Mr. & Mrs. Smith and Charles Smith then retired from the meeting at approximately 8:43 p.m.

Members then continued to discuss the municipal waste collection and the various alternatives that may be available to them.

Members also agreed that additional information is required, and once this information is obtained it will be further discussed by the committee.

ADJOURNMENT

Having completed their discussion of the municipal waste collection the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

On website June 16, 2010.