

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

Special Meeting Re: Solid Waste Report

January 29, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Warden Nickerson at 7:27 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., with the following members present:

- Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson, Chair
- Jody Crook
- Murray Atkinson
- Shaun Hatfield
- George El-Jakl

- Rob Frost, CAO
- Lesa Rossetti

This meeting was held to discuss the Solid Waste Report that had been received late in 2017. In that report there were twelve recommendations to Council as to how to improve Solid Waste Collection within the Municipality.

Each recommendation was discussed in detail with either more information requested, a request to proceed, or a request to table.

Recommendations

1. Materials Accepted at C&D Landfill – It is recommended that the service of receiving materials that are not C&D materials be discontinued.
 - a. Committee discussed this at length and requested further information on fees and process for furniture disposal.
 - b. More information on tire disposal
 - c. More information on rope disposal and the ability to bury or have rope exempted.
2. C&D Landfill Facility User Charges – It is recommended that contractors have where their loads are coming from confirmed, and charged where appropriate.
 - a. More information to be gathered and further recommendations to Council
 - b. Look at the implementation of a form system whereby the homeowner would need to sign off on the disposal
3. Contract with Region of Queens Municipality – It is recommended that Council review contract and possibility of setting up its own Recycling Facility.
 - a. There is no interest in pursuing this action at this time.
4. Contract with Ridge Road and Regulatory Changes – It is recommended that Council review its current contract, by-law, policies and provincial regulations to close the gap of inconsistencies with policy and operations.
 - a. Review of numbers, including impact of rope on actuals
 - b. More information as to how we can affect these numbers
5. Public Education – It is recommended that Council designate a staff position to fulfill more public education of solid waste.
 - a. There was no interest from Committee in this regard, unless it is bundled with another position.

6. Overdue Account Interest – It is recommended that interest be charged on overdue accounts.
 - a. Committee would like to proceed with adding interest to overdue accounts.
7. Financial Controls – It is recommended to improve internal controls
 - a. Further specific recommendations to come back to Committee once more information is compiled
8. Education and Enforcement – It is recommended to negotiate with contractor to transfer education responsibility to the Municipality.
 - a. Staff will meet with contractor for further discussion of current contract and what is required. Further discussion to occur.
9. Co-mingling of waste – It is recommended that Council discuss collection method with contractor regarding co-mingling of waste.
 - a. Staff will discuss with contractor, but there is no interest in changing at this time.
10. Wood and Asphalt Chipping – It is recommended that Council look into the purchase of a chipper.
 - a. Staff to look into all options of chipping/grinding, other uses for the waste wood such as combustion driven power or heating, or burying in landfill.
11. Cost Containment – It is recommended to refine the financial impact each recommendation may have on operations.
 - a. Staff to gather more information on recommendations that will be proceeding.
12. Getting to 300Kg Per Capita Diversion – It is recommended that staff review how the above recommendations could impact diversion numbers.
 - a. Staff to gather information and work with Region 6 regarding changes.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting