



Yarmouth County

Solid Waste Park Board Minutes

December 4, 2024, 9:00 a.m.

Council Chambers, Town Hall

Members Present: Gil Dares - TOY, Belle Hatfield - TOY, Loren Cushing - MODY, Gerry Verran, DeMario Dunkley, Glendon Ring, Kathy Bourque, Darryl Leblanc, Phil Mooney

Members Absent: Jeff Gushue - CAO TOY, Victoria Brooks - CAO MODY, Alain Muisse - CAO MODA, Chad LeBlanc, Gus Green, Amy Hillyard, John Sullivan, Derek Sutherland

Staff Present: Jennifer Doucette

1. **Call to Order**

Councillor Dares called the meeting to order at 9:03 am

2. **Land Acknowledgement**

I/we would like to acknowledge that we are on the traditional lands of the Acadia first Nations, part Mi'kma'ki (meeg-ma-gee), the ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaq people.

3. **Record of Attendance**

4. **Absent with Regrets**

5. **Approval of Agenda (Additions/Deletions)**

Moved by Belle Hatfield - TOY

Seconded by Loren Cushing - MODY

That the agenda be approved with the following additions and/or deletions:

The AGM meeting will be held first and the regular meeting will follow

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6. **Approval of Minutes**

6.a Yarmouth County Solid Waste Park Board - October 11, 2024

Moved by Loren Cushing - MODY

Seconded by Belle Hatfield - TOY

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7. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

7.a Scotia Recycling

Scotia Recycling is back up and running. There are new sort lines in Truro and Moncton. There is no issue moving the blue bags.

The fires have been a result of batteries being placed in blue bags instead of being properly recycled.

Councillor Dares mentioned that it would be a good idea to create more public awareness regarding the batteries, and that he'd bring it to the table to discuss with Waste Check.

7.b Reuse Center

Glendon reported that the trees have been cut and the road has been made to enter and exit the area where the center will be. They used used shingle chips to create the pad. The next step for the road will be gravel then moving the shipping container to the site. They currently have one container and will require two more.

Councillor Dares said there are multiple benefits to the reuse center including divert credits. More credits means more funding to assist Waste Check in providing further education. Many of these items are going to the new thrift store at this time.

The items that are sold at the center will help with funding for a staff member. Glendon asked if the three municipalities would consider helping with funding for the extra staff as well.

7.c Rope

Glendon reported that there is currently 200 tonnes of rope on site. Sustain NS is involved with this. There are 3 or 4 markets, but the rope has to be in short lengths of 6 to 10 feet. They're looking for funding for a rope cutter which would be approximately \$15,000.00. Glendon discussed how he designed a new machine to cut the rope. It should only require 2 to 3 hours a week to process the product. They just need to get caught up.

Darryl Leblanc asked who provided estimates to make the machine. Metal Arc and JMJ are going to provide quotes.

Glendon explained that Sustain is designed to take garbage and turn it into fuel. They can only take plastics such as tubs, rope, fishing industry items etc. They started the process for this last week. We will pay the shipping to get the rope to them which is less expensive than what is being paid to send to Queens.

7.d Environmental Audit on C&D

Councillor Dares reviewed the need for the construction of cells 4, 5, and 6 which made one mega cell. This will last roughly 30-40 plus years. Because there was a lot of unsuitable material in the middle of it there was a cost overrun of approximately 1 million dollars. The loan repayment should take approximately 5 years and then we will be self-sufficient again.

There are new regulations for C&D. The pile must be less than 12 meters away from the forest, and the pile has been moved but they are still working on cutting back some trees to be in compliance.

There was an environmental issue last summer regarding a missing liner from cell 1. They weren't able to find the liner, but after testing the water they decided to put in a pipe for drainage. They'll continue to monitor this for any issues that may arise in the future.

8. Reports

8.a Income Statement

Gerry noted that the tipping fees were down in commercial. The fees have increased for metals, wood etc. The bill for Queens is also down.

Darryl asked about the commercial fees and it was explained that contractors bring in items as well as Duffus sometimes. Duffus will also sometimes bring their items to the Clare transfer station which lowers our revenue.

8.b Manager's Report

Glendon reviewed the attached report and there was some discussion about standard operating procedures and continuous improvement ideas such as using site docs to record things like fuel usage, equipment maintenance etc. Another idea was the possible implementation of in and out scales or one for commercial and one for residential.

9. New Business

10. Date of Next Meeting

February 5, 2025

11. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 am