

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES JULY 6, 1999

PRESENT:

Mayor Walter R. Fitzgerald
Deputy Mayor Larry Uteck
Councillors: Bill Dooks
Gordon R. Snow
David Hendsbee
Ron Cooper
Jack Greenough
Condo Sarto
Bruce Hetherington
Clint Schofield
John Cunningham
Jerry S. Blumenthal
Sheila Fougere
Russell Walker
Bill Stone
Graham Read
Barry Barnet
Robert P. Harvey
Peter J. Kelly
Reg Rankin

ABSENT:

Councillors: Harry McInroy
Graham L. Downey
Stephen D. Adams
Jack Mitchell

STAFF:

Mr. Ken Meech, Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. Wayne Anstey, Municipal Solicitor
Ms. Vi Carmichael, Municipal Clerk
Ms. Julia Horncastle, Assistant Municipal Clerk

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Mayor Fitzgerald called the meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - April 6, 1999**

MOVED by Councillors Blumenthal and Walker that the minutes of April 6, 1999 be approved as circulated. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

2. **APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

3. **ILLEGAL DUMPING**

- A staff report prepared for K. R. Meech, Chief Administrative Officer, regarding the above was before Council for consideration.
- A copy of the publication entitled "Illegal Dumping Prevention Guidebook" was circulated.
- A copy of a report by Clean Nova Scotia and Resource Management Solutions entitled "Old Habits, New Challenges - A study of Illegal Dumping in Nova Scotia" was circulated.

Mr. Brian Smith, Director, Business Operations and Mr. Mark Bernard, Manager, Waste Resources, presented the staff report outlining the recommendations contained therein.

Councillor Barnet queried whether HRM was going to clean up sites, assist property owners, install illegal dumping signs and actively try to pursue people who are carrying out the illegal dumping. The Councillor asked what resources were going to be dedicated to this process. Mr. Bernard advised specifics have not been addressed to date but one of the first steps for an action plan will include looking at what resources are available from different levels of government, private landowners and other organizations.

In response to Councillor Barnet as to whether there was funding available to clean up sites, Mr. Bernard advised, on occasion, funds have been directed from Works and Natural Services for this purpose.

Councillor Barnet noted the Department of Transportation has committed to clean up some of the dump sites on their road right-of-ways subject to HRM waiving tipping fees and queried whether HRM was prepared and able to waive the fees. In response, Mr. Bernard advised HRM did have this ability.

Mr. Brian Smith pointed out that doing a number of different areas may mean not as much

progress in one small part of the overall process. He stated they will report to Council and the Solid Waste Resource Advisory Committee to advise of progress on a regular basis.

Councillor Dooks noted that much of this illegal dumping is taking place on the outskirts as opposed to the urban core area. The Councillor stated in areas where there is a transfer station there is less dumping, suggesting transfer stations be set up in various locations throughout the Municipality.

Mr. Bernard advised this will be analyzed on the basis of cost versus savings.

Councillor Snow advised it is his belief education is a key factor but the education has to come to the people who are doing the illegal dumping, noting many residents cannot afford the tipping fees.

Councillor Rankin stated transfer stations were not the answer suggesting fines would have more effect of curbing this practice. The Councillor stated if it is a matter of resources then money will have to be identified in the next budget.

MOVED by Councillors Ranking and Greenough that Council direct staff to:

- (1) Adopt the Illegal Dumping Needs Analysis document as the basis for implementing immediate and long term strategies to address illegal dumping;**
- (2) Under the direction of an Interim Task Force consisting of HRM staff and interested stakeholders, prepare an action plan and immediately implement appropriate solutions to illegal dumping which are within the means of existing resources of HRM and the stakeholders;**
- (3) Develop an Action Plan Report for Council's review in October which addresses long term solutions to illegal dumping.**

Councillor Blumenthal stated there has to be enforcement that is strong enough to keep people from dumping illegally.

Councillor Schofield stated he is of the opinion that transfer stations would help alleviate the problem.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillors Barnet and Greenough that the meeting be adjourned at 3:15 p.m. **MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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Municipal Clerk