

Western Region Solid Waste-Resource Management Authority
MINUTES
Tuesday, May 9, 2023
Hybrid meeting (in-person & virtual via zoom)

MEMBERS

Present: Linda Gregory, Municipality of Digby (**Chairperson**)
Guy Surette, Municipality of Argyle
Danny Muise, Municipality of Argyle
Carl Deveau, Municipality of Clare
Nadine Comeau, Municipality of Clare
Angela Thurber, Municipality of Digby
Loren Cushing, Municipality of Yarmouth
Mike Bartlett, Town of Digby
Gil Dares, Town of Yarmouth
Heather Hatfield, Town of Yarmouth

MUNICIPAL CAOs/SUPPORT STAFF/OTHER

Tom Ossinger, Town of Digby
Tyler Pulley, Municipality of Digby
Kyle Boudreau, Municipality of Argyle

WASTE CHECK STAFF

Gus Green, Waste Check
Amy Hillyard, Waste Check
Nicole Hazlett, Waste Check (**Recorder**)

Regrets: Ted Saulnier, Municipality of Argyle
Sheri Hurlburt, Municipality of Yarmouth
Ben Cleveland, Town of Digby

1. **Opening:**

The meeting was held both in-person and virtually via Zoom.
The Chairperson, Ms. Gregory commenced the meeting at 10:32 a.m.

2. **Approval of Agenda - Agenda Item #1**

No conflicts were declared.

MOTION: Moved by Loren Cushing and seconded by Angela Thurber that the agenda be approved as presented. **Motion Carried.**

3. **Approval of the Minutes - Agenda Item #2**

MOTION: Moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Mike Bartlett that the minutes from the March 14th, 2023 meeting be approved as circulated. **Motion Carried.**

MOTION: Moved by Carl Deveau and seconded by Gil Dares that the minutes from the April 18th, 2023 meeting be approved as circulated. **Motion Carried.**

4. **Business Arising from the Minutes - Agenda Item #3**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

5. **Acceptance of the Review of Expenditures - Agenda Item #4**

There were no questions on the expenditures.

MOTION: Moved by Guy Surette and seconded by Loren Cushing to accept the Waste Check expenditures dated May 9th, 2023 in the amount of \$78,282.94 be approved as presented. **Motion Carried.**

6. **Staff Reports (Waste Check Connections) - Agenda Item #5**

It was noted that litter/shoreline cleanups are very active in the Region. Mr. Deveau reported that the Municipality of Clare's litter program is going well. A lots of roads are being cleaned and they are almost out of funds. The Earth Day cleanup events organized by Scotian Shores had increased participation compared to last year and it was a fun family event that had a carnival feel to it.

The Assistant Manager reported that three entries have been received for Divert NS' scholarship and one has been submitted for the French essay. The French essay is new this year. Winners will be announced in June and are awarded at graduation. There were no entries in our Region last year.

Cassy Oakley will be joining Waste Check as a summer intern. She is in her second year at Acadia University. Funding for her position is 100% covered by both Clean and Divert NS. Waste Check has also received funding through Canada Summer jobs for another student position.

7. **Regional Chairs Update - Agenda Item #6**

The agenda and regional reports for the upcoming meeting were sent to the Board on May 8th with the last set of approved minutes. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 12th. There will also be a tour of the electronics recycling processing facility in Enfield after the meeting.

8. **Policy Committee - Agenda Item #7**

The Chair, Ms. Gregory reported that the Committee was scheduled to meet in May but it will need to be rescheduled.

9. **Construction & Demolition (C&D) Debris - regulation change - Agenda Item #8**

The General Manager (GM) noted that the link to the regulations was included in the annual report.

The links:

<https://novascotia.ca/nse/pubs/docs/solid-waste-management-facility-guidelines-construction-demolition-debris-storage-transfer-process-disposal.pdf>

<https://novascotia.ca/nse/pubs/docs/solid-waste-management-facility-guidelines-municipal-waste-transfer.pdf>

Treated wood and creosote ware no longer accepted and must go to a second generation landfill. The Department now requires a permit to store C&D.

10. **Correspondence - Agenda Item #9**

There was no correspondence.

11. **New Business - Agenda Item #10**

Mr. Dares noted that the Yarmouth County contract for recycling is coming up for renewal. They are entering into negotiations with Scotia Recycling but have already been advised that the shipping cost for the materials may increase significantly.

12. **Next Meeting - Agenda Item #11**

The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, September 12th at 10 a.m. There was a meeting scheduled for June 13th but it was felt the meeting was no longer necessary since there have been three meetings in a row. The June 13th meeting was canceled.

13. **Adjournment - Agenda Item #12**

MOTION: Moved by Carl Deveau and seconded by Heather Hatfield to adjourn the meeting. **Motion Carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Linda Gregory, Chairperson

Recorded by: Nicole Hazlett