



Ragged Lake Composting Facility Community Liaison Committee

SUMMARY NOTES OF CLC MEETING # 6 February 28, 2019

The meeting summary notes recorded here are not intended to represent a verbatim record of the meeting proceedings but rather an overview of the discussions and a listing of any action items agreed to during the meeting.

Attendance:

| CLC Members Present | CLC Members Not Present | Guests |
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| Bob Dooley | HRM Councillor Steve Adams | Kim Ungar (AIM) |
| Maureen Yeadon | Krista Flanagan (HRM) | |
| Frank Johnston | | |
| Jordan Vallis (HRM Alternate) | | |
| Darren Evans (AIM) | | |
| Dennis Perlotto (AIM) | | |

LOCATION: Coastal Inn, 98 Chain Lake Drive, Halifax, NS

The CLC meeting agenda was presented as follows:

| # | Agenda Item | Presenter | Time |
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| 1 | Review and Approval of Summary Notes of CLC Mtg # 5; Dec 6, 2018 | All | 5 minutes |
| 2 | Discuss Action Items from CLC Mtg # 5, Dec 6, 2018 | All | 15 minutes |
| 3 | Q4 - Plant Operations Update | AIM | 15 minutes |
| 4 | Screening Building Replacement Update | AIM | 10 minutes |
| 5 | Open discussion, Q&A | All | 15 minutes |

Meeting commenced at 7:00 PM



Summary of CLC Meeting Discussions

| # | Item | Action |
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| 6.1 | Copies of the Summary Notes of Meeting #5 were distributed and reviewed by the Committee. The notes were approved as recorded. | |
| 6.2 | The Committee was informed the AIM notice is still posted at the entrance of the Irving/Circle K. New "Notice Cards" have been left with the Circle K employees to provide to any customers who enquire about the plant. | K. Ungar will follow up regularly to keep this process going. |
| 6.3 | A discussion ensued regarding the specific sources of odour that might be experienced at the Irving. These would include the loading out of compost at the screening building, trucks on the road and the number of trucks. B. Dooley asked if the compost were better processed wouldn't it smell less – the answer is yes. J. Vallis explained that there are minimum specs and requirements imposed by HRM on the new plant design for odour control that includes double airlock style doors and specific types of biofilters for example. Also, the current guidelines and environmental regulations covering new composting facilities are more comprehensive now than the standards that the current facility was built to 20 years ago. | |
| 6.4 | D. Perlotto informed the Committee that the AIM website is up to date. There are no stats available regarding the number of website "hits". | AIM to continue to post documents to the website as they are finalized. |
| 6.5 | K. Ungar announced that a pledge to donate \$2500 to the Prospect Road Community Center has been made by AIM. The details of how the money will be used to support a program(s) or event(s) has yet to be determined. | K. Ungar will follow up with the Community Center staff to agree on how the funds will be used. |
| 6.6 | D. Perlotto provided an operations update for Q4 - 2018. No odour complaints were received in the period with 3 complaints recorded in 2018. Overall processing statistics in 2018 were very similar to the previous year. One odour complaint was logged on January 22, 2019. Upon investigation we were unable to identify any sources of odour release from our facility. The incident was reported to NSE. | |
| 6.7 | D. Perlotto presented an update on the Screening Building roof replacement project. The project is delayed due to unforeseen building permit issues. The new roof materials and lighting equipment are available and ready however the current building roof may have to be patched in the interim. | |



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| | The CLC and NS Environment will be notified before the demolition of the old roof commences and the new roof is erected. | |
| 6.8 | D. Perlotto ask the committee members if they thought quarterly meetings were still useful. The members agreed that there was still value in holding the meeting quarterly. | |
| 6.9 | The discussion continued regarding HRM's minimum design requirements for the new facility. The kinds of technologies that may be employed in any new facility were discussed – chemical scrubbers, enclosed biofilters with stacks, aerobic and anaerobic processes, etc. | |
| 6.10 | Some community members are involved in a plan to improve the appearance and esthetics of the roadside to the south of the Evergreen Drive intersection (Irving) along Prospect Road. They shared some of the details of this initiative with the committee. | |
| 6.11 | F. Johnston asked the committee who was tasked with monitoring the CLC contact email address. He noted that he had emailed an odour complaint to the e-mail address and there had been no response. D. Perlotto understood that the email might be related to the Jan 28, 2019 complaint and said he would look into the matter. A brief discussion was held regarding who manages emails sent to raggedlakeclc@aimgroup.ca . Dennis explained that these emails were linked to a folder in his email system, and that AIM would look at having any emails go to at least one other person at AIM to provide redundancy and backup. | AIM to investigate odour incident and file a formal report per protocol. |

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM

Next meeting is 7:00 PM Thursday May 30, 2019