

Halifax Regional Municipality Ragged Lake Source Separated Organics Composting Facility

Community Liaison Committee Meeting # 3

May 31, 2018



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Meeting Agenda

#	Agenda Item	Presenter	Time
1	Introduction of new CLC public member: Mr. Bob Dooley		5 minutes
2	Review of Summary Notes of CLC Mtg # 2; March 1, 2018	All	10 minutes
3	Discuss Action Items from CLC Mtg # 2, Mar 1, 2018: 2.4: Public access to CLC documents and posting a notification in the Prospective publication 2.6: Posting of a public notice advising of the Compost Facility and contact information at the Circle K. 2.7: Discuss desire/dates for facility tour(s) 2.9: Proposed monthly ops reports	All	45 minutes
4	Discuss Odour Complaints: 2018 Complaint # 2: April 20, 2018 2018 Complaint # 3: May 9, 2018	All	15 minutes
5	Review Final status of facility repairs from damage caused on Dec 25, 17 and Jan 4, 18	AIM	5 minutes
6	Update in-ground biofilter media replacement	AIM	5 minutes
7	Discuss public compost giveaway program	All	15 minutes
8	Open discussion, Q&A	All	20 minutes

Introductions

New Public Member – Mr. Bob Dooley; Ace Upholstery

Review Summary Notes of CLC Mtg # 2

- Hardcopy of summary notes available
- Any final comments?
- Vote to approve and finalize Summary Notes of CLC Mtg # 2

Action Item from CLC Mtg # 2

CLC Mtg # 2 Summary Notes Item 2.4:

2.6	Regarding the sharing of Committee information with the public, D. Perlotto offered to host CLC information on AIM's website. M. Yeadon suggested contacting Shirley Jollimore at the Prospect Community Center (Prospect Road Community Center) to enquire about posting an AIM/HRM/CLC notice containing a link to AIM's website in their publication called "Prospective". The Committee agreed this should be pursued.	AIM to contact Prospect Road Community Center AIM to post CLC documents on its website
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Action Item from CLC Mtg # 2

CLC Mtg # 2 Summary Notes Item 2.4 cont.:

- CLC Documents: CLC Meeting Summary Notes and Presentations - now available for download at aimgroup.ca
 - <http://aimgroup.ca/en/community-liaison-committee-documents/>
- Discussions held with Prospective; arrangements have been made to include a CLC notice in the next publication; August/September
 - AIM will circulate a proposed notice in June for review CLC members
 - AIM suggests posting in the next two publications

Action Item from CLC Mtg # 2

CLC Mtg # 2 Summary Notes Item 2.6:

2.6	<p>D. Perlotto proposed a notice that could be posted at the Circle K/Irving informing the public of the existence of the facility and providing contact information should they want to lodge an odour complaint or provide other feedback to the facility. It was also suggested that “business” cards could be available to be given to patrons who raise concerns about the facility and want contact information. T. Seguin stated he has permission from his employer to participate. The Committee agreed that for the purpose of the notice and card, another HRM contact phone number such as 311 should be included along with the AIM Ragged Lake CLC email address and the Plant phone number. HRM will recommend an appropriate additional contact number. T. Seguin also offered to keep a log book where his employees would note any comments regarding the Facility, including comments about odours, that may be made by customers.</p>	HRM/AIM
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Action Item from CLC Mtg # 2

CLC Mtg # 2 Summary Notes Item 2.6 cont.:

2.6	<p>The Committee agreed that the proposed notice, business card and log book approach would be more effective than posting a sign at the roadside.</p> <p>It was agreed that once information on the additional contact number was provided, the notice could be finalized and placed without waiting for the next CLC meeting to further discuss and approve.</p>	HRM/AIM
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- Notice has been posted as presented during CLC Mtg # 2
- Circle K is keeping a log book at the counter for any comments/concerns
- Circle K was recently provided “Ragged Lake Contact Information” cards to hand out upon request

Action Item from CLC Mtg # 2

CLC Mtg # 2 Summary Notes Item 2.6 Cont.:

- notice as placed →
- a smaller business card sized document is available for people to take with them upon request.

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Action Item from CLC Mtg # 2

CLC Mtg # 2 Summary Notes Item 2.7:

2.7	Plant tours were offered to community CLC members. Dates for groups or individuals could be offered by contacting D. Perlotto. Alternately, individuals could simply contact D. Evans at the plant directly to arrange a quick tours as a tour could be arranged in as little as only one business day of advanced notice.	HRM/AIM
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- Discussion on desire for/scheduling of tours for CLC members

Action Item from CLC Mtg # 2

CLC Mtg # 2 Summary Notes Item 2.9:

2.9	D. Perlotto presented an example of a Monthly Facility Report that will be provided to the Committee. The community members were happy with the report and proposed content. Reports for November, December, January and February will be circulated electronically for further comment and when finalized posted on the AIM Website for download	HRM/AIM
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- CLC Documents: CLC Facility Monthly Reports- now available for download at aimgroup.ca
- <http://aimgroup.ca/en/community-liaison-committee-documents/>
- Reports will be posted monthly moving forward

Production							
PROCESSING STATISTICS - April 2018							
	Incoming Source Separated Organics (SSO)			Compost Product	Waste		
	Residential Tonnes	Industrial Commercial Institutional Tonnes	Total Tonnes	Compost Tonnes	Front End Residue Tonnes	Back End Residue Tonnes	Leachate & Biowater Litres
Month	1,220.3	690.9	1,911.2	645.0	22.5	110.1	853,280
Year To Date	3,014.9	2,106.2	5,121.1	1,287.5	84.7	206.6	3,154,570
<p><i>Tonnes: 1 tonne (metric) = 1,000 kg</i></p> <p><i>Front End Residue: Non compostable materials removed from incoming SSO - disposed of in landfill</i></p> <p><i>Back End Residue: Non compostable materials removed from screened compost - disposed of in landfill</i></p> <p><i>Leachate: Liquids captured from composting container process, process building floors and other contained source - taken off site to wastewater treatment</i></p> <p><i>Biowater: Liquids collected from odour control biofilters - taken off site to wastewater treatment</i></p>							
Environment							
<p>2018 Odour Complaint # 2: April 20, 2018:</p> <p>The complainant noted odour at the Irving Gas Station at Prospect Road and Evergreen Place at approximately 3:30 p.m. The Plant had completed operations for the day – no trucks and no processing. No outside odours were detected on site and none were detected in the surrounding area immediately after the incident. The staff at the Irving had not detected any odour that day. The wind was gusty and strong and was recorded to be in the general direction of the Irving in relation to the plant at that time.</p>							
Other							
<p>AIM/HRM Composting Facility contact information notice now prominently posted at the Irving Gas / Circle K location.</p> <p>A more permanent patch was installed covering the entire width of the screening building to replace the temporary patch installed to address damage caused on December 25, 2017.</p>							

2018 Odour Complaint # 2: April 20, 2018

- Complaint filed by email from a patron at the Irving Station at 15:32
- AIM advised and investigation began at 15:43
 - No unusual processing at plant; no trucks being received at that time
 - wind was very strong and choppy, gusting between 25 – 30 km/h; from the N- NW -W
 - Physical visits to Irving and nearby areas
 - Nothing out of ordinary noted
 - Irving staff did not indicate any unusual conditions
- In-ground biofilter media replacement had recently been completed
- Report filed with NSE as per operating permit requirements

2018 Odour Complaint # 3: May 9, 2018

- Complaint filed by email from a patron at the Irving Station at 13:46
- AIM advised and investigation began at 14:00
 - No unusual processing at plant; no finished compost trucks being loaded but typical receiving activities underway
 - The wind direction was from the N-NW winds at approximately 5 km per hour.
 - Physical visits to Irving and nearby areas
 - Nothing out of ordinary noted
 - Irving staff did not indicate any unusual conditions
- Report filed with NSE as per operating permit requirements

Final Status of Roof Repairs

- Curing building roof replacement completed Tuesday Feb 27, 2018
 - Final roof panel placed Friday Feb 23 and fully secured Monday Feb 26
 - Mechanical connections completed Feb 27
 - Facility back to normal operations as of Wednesday Feb 28
 - All that remains to be done is a final re-tightening of panels
 - Building is currently safe and secure
 - Likely to occur in June 2018
 - Contractor has work backlog due to significant storm damage
- More permanent patch installed on screening building
 - Installed overtop of existing temporary patch

Screening Building Repair Update

More permanent patch



Temporary patch



Inground Biofilter Media Replacement

- two cells changed in Q4- 2017
- other four done by April-2018



Public Compost Giveaway program

Open discussion

Open Discussions/Q&A

Thank you all for your commitment to public service.