

# Halifax Regional Municipality Ragged Lake Source Separated Organics Composting Facility

Community Liaison Committee Meeting # 4  
September 13, 2018



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# Meeting Agenda

#	Agenda Item	Presenter	Time
1	CLC Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Membership</li><li>- Documentation on AIM Website</li></ul>	AIM	5 minutes
2	Review and Approval of Summary Notes of CLC Mtg. # 3; May 31, 2018	All	10 minutes
3	Discuss Action Items from CLC Mtg. # 3, May 31, 2018	All	30 minutes
4	Discuss One Year Management Contract Extension	AIM	5 minutes
5	Review of Residential vs. Commercial incoming raw materials	AIM/City	10 minutes
5	Environmental Update	AIM	15 minutes
5	Discuss Odour Investigation Process (and potential odours from other sources)	All	15 minutes
6	Setting Dates for 2019 CLC meetings	All	10 minutes
7	Open discussion, Q&A	All	20 minutes

# CLC updates

## Membership

- Mr. Tom Seguin was transferred to a different location and is no longer a CLC member
- AIM has reached out to the new Circle K Manager about joining CLC
  - New Manger has not yet agreed to join
  - AIM briefly reviewed the poster, handout cards and log book process implemented at the Circle K
  - AIM not aware of any recent odour issues and/or entries to the logbook
  - AIM has not been contacted by members of the public through the posting process

## Document Posting to AIM website

- AIM is behind on posting CLC documentation to the website
- AIM will work to post all documents, including documents of CLC Mtg. # 4 as quickly as practical

# Review and Approval Summary Notes – CLC Mtg. # 3

- Hardcopy of summary notes available
- Any final comments?
- Vote to approve and finalize Summary Notes of CLC Mtg. # 3

# Action Item from CLC Mtg. # 3

## HALIFAX RAGGED LAKE COMPOSTING FACILITY COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE

### Item 3.4 – Notice in the Prospective:

- Full page advertisement →
- Publication date TBD
  - Currently at the printer
- Delivered to 5200 homes
  - Along Route 333
  - Between Goodwood and West Dover

The Ragged Lake Source Separated Organics Composting Facility at 61 Evergreen Place (Facility) is owned by the Halifax Regional Municipality and is operated by AIM Environmental Group (AIM). In the operation of the Facility, both the Municipality and AIM strive for the Facility to be a good neighbour in the community.

The Facility itself has been designed to minimize potential operational impacts such as odour, noise, dust and traffic. While the Municipality is currently evaluating future long-term options for managing its organic waste materials, it is important the existing Facility be operated safely, compliantly and efficiently; all while minimizing impacts to residents and other stakeholders.

Both the Municipality and AIM recognize the value of residents', businesses' and the general community's participation on Committees and have established a Community Liaison Committee (CLC) to allow for information transfer related to the on-going operations of the Facility. This committee has been active since November 2017.

The purpose of the Committee is to act as an advisory body to AIM by providing input on existing or potential concerns of the community with respect to the Facility's activities; and to represent the community's interest by providing an avenue for the mutual exchange of information between the Municipality, AIM and the community with respect to any existing or potential environmental effects of the Facility or its activities.

The CLC is currently made up of eight representatives from the local community, HRM and AIM. The active CLC Members are:

Public: Maureen Yeadon, Frank Johnston, Bob Dooley.

HRM: HRM Councillor Steve Adams, Matt Keliher and Krista Flanagan.

AIM: Dennis Perlotto and Darren Evans.

The CLC meets quarterly and documentation related to the CLC can be found at the following link:

<http://aimgroup.ca/en/community-liaison-committee-documents/>

To contact any member of the CLC and/or to provide feedback regarding the facility and its operations to AIM Environmental Group, the Municipality, or the CLC, please email [raggedlakeclc@aimgroup.ca](mailto:raggedlakeclc@aimgroup.ca) or call 902-876-5185.

# Action Item from CLC Mtg. # 3

## Item 3.6: Facility Tour

- On June 13<sup>th</sup>, tour was conducted
- Not all CLC members were able to attend
- Do any other member wish to tour the facility?
  - Tours can be arranged from Mon-Friday (anytime between 9-4) with at least one day of notice

# Action Item from CLC Mtg. # 3

## Item 3.12 – Compost “Giveaway” in Spring 2019

- AIM will be the operator in Spring 2019
- AIM and City to review details and provide update at next CLC meeting

# Action Item from CLC Mtg. # 3

## Item 3.13 – AIM Community Sponsorship

- AIM still investigation options and will provide detailed update at the next CLC meeting
- AIM is focusing on evaluating options for community-based support vs supporting a single sports team



# Management Contract Extension

AIM was recently advised that it had been granted a one-year extension of its Management Contract

- Contract now expires March 31, 2020
- HRM has the right to extend for another year

CLC Votes required to:

- Continue CLC process to March 31, 2020?
- Extend current memberships to March 31, 2020?

# Residential and Commercial Raw Materials

- Note that information presented was updated in CLC Meeting # 5
  - Please see presentation from CLC Mtg # 5, Dec 6, 2018

# Environmental Update

## Odour Complaints:

- No formal odour complaints related to Facility since May 9, 2018

## Nova Scotia Environment Update:

- NSE has requested additional work be carried out beyond permit requirements
  - Leachate and bio-water sampling
  - Inspection and updating of drawings for storm water drainage system and bio-water/leachate collection systems
  - Evaluation and additional reporting related to groundwater sampling results
  - Additional surface water sampling location to be added to existing sampling program
  - Revise timing of existing surface water sampling events
  - Updated reporting of analytical data in future reports

# Odour Investigation Process Review

Process AIM follows in potential complaint about facility is received:

- If potential complaint is received in “real time”
  - If not onsite at time of complaint, AIM management personnel travels to Facility to conduct investigation; performing odour patrol on way to site.
  - Thorough investigation of site conditions
  - Neighborhood investigations to evaluate off-property odours
  - Review of Facility weather station data and preparation and submission of written report for submission to NSE, with copy to HRM
- If potential complaint received “afterwards”
  - Review available operating information and on-site weather station data if time/date of odour event is known to determine if Facility could have been the potential cause

# Proposed Dates for 2019 CLC Meetings

2018:

- December 6

2019:

- Feb 28, May 30, Sept 12, and Dec 12

2020:

- Feb 27
- Remainder of dates to be determined if operating contract is extended

# Open Discussions/Q&A

Thank you all for your continued commitment to community service.