

# NS Regional Coordinators Committee - Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 22, 2021

Microsoft Teams – Virtual Online &

Valley Waste – 90 Donald Hiltz Connector Rd, Kentville

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**ATTENDEES:**

Roschell Clarke	Region 1 - <i>CBRM</i>
Nicole Haverkort	Region 2A (left at 1:50)
Deborah Searle	Region 2B
Andrea Trask	Region 3 - <i>East Hants</i>
Darlyne Proctor	Region 3 - <i>Colchester</i>
Brenda Rioux	Region 3 - <i>Cumberland</i>
Shannon Betts	Region 4 ( <b>Secretary</b> )
Andrew Garrett	Region 5 ( <b>Chair</b> )
Christine McClare	Region 6
Amy Hillyard	Region 7
Kathryn Bremner	Divert Nova Scotia 1:30
Ashley David	NS Environment 1:15

**REGRETS:**

Erin Gillis Region 1 - *Rurals*

**A SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS IS INCLUDED ON THE LAST PAGE OF THESE MINUTES.**

1. Call to Order - Welcome
  - 1:00 p.m.
2. Approval of Agenda
  - Moved by Deborah to approve the Agenda. Seconded by Darlyne. Motion carried.
3. DataCall
  - Stacey Breau is managing the project; Andrew followed up with her and Emily
  - The software allows for a number of reports; additional reports would need to be generated by Divert.
    - Would an alternative be a 'data dump' to a spreadsheet?
  - Andrew did follow-up with Don regarding flow-control and how materials originating in another region are disposed of.
4. Regional Chairs Actions/Updates
  - a. *Debrief – Orientation, March 5*
    - Bob's presentation was a good overview of EPR and there was good discussion following this.
  - b. *Meeting March 26*
    - Deborah will give a presentation to give update/overview of the Strategic Focus Areas of the Chairs Committee
    - Executive are meeting today to review agenda.

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- Andrew will address the idea for a secure website during the Coordinators update.

### 5. Approval of Minutes

#### a. *February 24, 2021*

- Moved by Amy to approve the February 24, 2021 minutes, Seconded by Christine. Motion carried.

#### b. *Business Arising from the Minutes*

- Draft of sorting guide will be circulated later this week.
- Andrew will forward the template that is used by a few regions.

### 6. Divert NS Updates – Kathryn

#### a. *F2022 Agreements*

- Sent the documents for the Coordinators this morning, so Regions should have all of the documents now.

#### b. *Online Video Series*

- In final stages of script development; 3 videos of 3-5 minutes on Food Waste; roving reporter style
  - During production – TapRoot Farm and Found Forgotten Food
  - Retail side – Sobeys and Feed Nova Scotia
  - At Home – touch on composting; local company that turns into soups and purees
- Each video will have activities connected; curriculum links connected to Grade 6 but applicable to the general public

#### c. *Other*

- April 1<sup>st</sup> is the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Divert and the creation of the waste regions. A new logo is going to be designed for this and shared.
- HHW payments were sent out last week.
- Trying to raise profile and recognition of the partnerships Divert has. If posting about Summer Interns for example, please remember to tag Divert NS.
- Reminder to update the list of social media accounts that Kathryn circulated. Divert is active on all platforms (even Tic Tok).
- Kathryn wants to check in with each Region to see how things are going as far as going out into the public
  - Valley: Tours up to 10 peoples; presentations to groups who permit them in
  - Waste Check: are presenting in public and following protocols; have done some outside
  - Colchester: mix of in person and virtual
  - Pictou: similar to Colchester
  - Halifax: still mainly virtual; conducting any visits deemed operation requirement
  - Region 6: no cold calls;
  - Cumberland: Will go if invited, but have not had many requests; enforcement will do inspections, and education will do follow-up
  - East Hants: similar to Halifax bubble; haven't had a lot of interest going in; trying to book things that are outside

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- CBRM: combination of virtual and going to community groups/schools if they are invited; conducted custodian workshops; in person private schools

### 7. NSE Updates - Ashley

#### *a. Newspaper*

- Has been discussing with newspapers to request whether there are areas or changes they would like to suggest being changed and discuss how well the agreement is working for them.
- Checking in with Divert on whether they planned to continue as signatory where they no longer receive the credits.
- Review required regarding litter management and complaints around flyer delivery.

#### *b. Other*

- Have not briefed new Minister yet, but do hear that he has an interest in solid waste
- There has not been any new information on the proposed C&D regulation changes. These will have to be presented to the new Minister.
- No new information from New Brunswick on EPR.
- Ashley will give an overview of the Newspaper agreement and C&D regulations at Regional Chairs

### 8. New Business

#### *a. Pick-Me-Up program bag supply*

- Delivery of bags is delayed. Amy is wondering if Regions still have bags left from last year or if they need a supply. All Regions seem to be fine in the short term.

### 9. Other Business

#### *a. Farm Market Packaging Samples*

- Perrenia has another webinar upcoming; Andrew has kindly offered to participate in this session as spokesperson.
- Andrew showed some samples sent to him by Perrenia; some have a PLA liner

#### *b. Municipal Programs Spreadsheet*

- A few Regions have accessed the spreadsheet and begun to update. If anyone has suggestions or ideas, please share them with the group.

#### *c. Other*

- Still an issue with sharps not consistently being accepted. Also seems to be confusion over disposal of some new styles of syringes/lancelets.
  - CBRM recently issued a ticket for loose needles in garbage. Will share more once the case goes to court. Pharmacies have been turning people away saying they do not have containers. CBRM accepts sharps from pharmacies free of charge the third Wednesday of each month.
- Seems to be a lot of bio-bags out on the shelves.

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## 10. Correspondence

- None

## 11. Next Meeting - Date and Location

- Special meeting to discuss DataCall on Monday, March 29, 1 to 4 pm
  - Municipality of Colchester - 1 Church Street, Truro - 3rd floor - Council Chamber
- It was decided all Coordinators meetings would be moved to Thursdays. Next meeting will be April 29<sup>th</sup>: Time/location TBD

## 12. Adjournment

- Moved by Darlyne to adjourn at 2:45 pm. Motion carried.

<b>Action Item Summary</b>		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Assigned to</b>	<b>Status</b>
Put together an example of what a common provincial sort guide could look like.	Nicole and Amy	To be circulated this week

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