

**REGION 6 SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT
INTER-MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
IN-PERSON 50 Queens Place Dr Liverpool
& MICROSOFT TEAMS MEETING**

Friday, September 10, 2021
10:00 a.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Elected Representative / Alternate:

Councillor Scott McLean	West Hants Regional Municipality	In-person
Councillor Ed Halverson	Town of Lunenburg	Virtual
Councillor Michelle Greek	District of Lunenburg	In-person
Councillor Wayne Thorburne	Town of Bridgewater	In-person
Councillor Richard Nowe	Town of Mahone Bay	In-person
Councillor Jack Fancy	Region of Queens Municipality	In-person
Councillor David Brown	Region of Queens Municipality	In-person
Councillor Ron Coole	Municipality of Shelburne	Virtual
Councillor Rick Davis	Town of Shelburne	Virtual
Councillor Andrea Mood-Nickerson	Municipality of Barrington	Virtual

Technical Representative / Other:

Angela Taylor	Regional Educator - Region 6	In-person
Christine McClare	Regional Coordinator – Region 6	In-person
Kristyn Remme	West Hants Regional Municipality	Virtual
Scott LeBlanc	Region of Queens Municipality	Virtual
Chris Froetten	Municipality of Barrington	Virtual
Trudy Payne	Municipality of Shelburne	In-person
Diana Gibson	West Hants Regional Municipality	Virtual
Andy Forse	Kent and Duffet Accountants	Virtual
Ken Smith	Municipal Joint Services Board	In-person
Erin Hartley	Shared Services – Shelburne	In-person
Marilynn Hay	Department of Municipal Affairs	Virtual

REGRETS: Councilor Andre Veinotte, Councillor Louann Link and Mayor Cory Nickerson.

1. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am. Chair Wayne Thorburne updated the committee that the new Minister of Environment is Tim Halman. Tom Taggart, Chair of Regional Chairs was successful in becoming MLA for Colchester North. At Chair Wayne Thorburne's suggestion, a letter of congratulations will be sent to Tom Taggart from Region 6 to thank him for his work on behalf of the regions.

ACTION: Send a congratulations letter to MLA Tom Taggart on behalf of R6.

2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of Conflict of Interest.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Thorburne asked for any questions on the agenda or any additions/deletions.

MOVED by Councillor Richard Nowe, second by Councillor Ron Coole to approve the agenda as presented **M/C**

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF April 30, 2021

Chair Thorburne called for approval of the minutes barring any errors or omissions.

MOVED by Councillor Richard Nowe, second by Councillor Scott McLean to approve the minutes of the Apr 30, 2021 Regular meeting as circulated. **M/C**

5. TRAINING SESSION – BOTTLE DEPOSIT – HOW IT WORKS

Angela Traylor and Christine McClare presented on how the Divert NS beverage container deposit and refund system works. In general, 10 cents is paid and 5 cents is refunded. The portion of the deposit that does not get refunded, pays for the ENVIRO-DEPOT™ system as well as funds diversion credits and other municipal funding. A list of what does/does not have a deposit applied, will be circulated following the meeting.

ACTION: Email to all members, the list of what does/does not have a deposit.

6. AUDIT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT

Andy Forse from Kent and Duffet Accountants presented the audit of the financial statement. He described some of the responsibilities of the auditor and our financial services staff with West Hants Regional Municipality.

From their report “***In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements of the Region are prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.***”. Andy Forse complimented West Hants Regional Municipality staff on their financial policies/procedures and adherence to same, as well as providing all information and thoroughly answering all questions required to complete the audit.

Some clarifying questions were posed by the committee members and answered.

MOVED by Councillor Richard Nowe, second by Councillor Ron Coole to receive the audit report. **M/C**

7. LITTER SIGNAGE AND NEW PILOT PROJECT

Angela and Christine described that new anti-littering signage will be prepared using iconic images from each of the R6 units. With their permission, this is based on the Halifax Litter Doesn't Belong Here campaign for social media. Signage will be created and posted in eye-catching areas to try to prevent litter before it happens.

A pilot project for carpool areas will be tested at exit 9 off Hwy 103. A small litter bag dispenser similar to dog waste bags will be placed at the carpool. Signage will encourage users to not litter by using a bag and take their waste home.

8. UPDATES

- A. Diversion and Dairy Credits advance payments have been received. Distribution will occur towards the end of the fiscal year.
- B. Public Bin Funding Approval – Applications have been received and approved for the Town of Bridgewater and the Town of Shelburne.
- C. NS Environment Datacall – as required by NS Environment, each municipal unit must provide tonnage and cost information for waste handling. A regional compilation is submitted once all data is received by the Coordinator. Units have either provided or are in final stages of submitting their data. Diversion credits and Dairy funding are dependent on this data.
- D. Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) – With the change in provincial government, EPR has not been a priority. Regional Chairs have been in contact with the Minister to request a meeting as soon as possible. The Department of Environment staff have had an initial briefing with the Minister and he has expressed that there is urgency to proceed since New Brunswick is moving forward to adopt EPR.

9. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE CHAIR REQUIRED

Chair Wayne Thorburne expressed to the committee the need for a Chair of Region 6 Technical Committee which has been vacant since May. This committee provides direction/recommendations to the elected members of R6. The Chair is the manager for the Coordinator. He asked the members to consider and encourage their staff to volunteer. Should no one step forward, a letter of request will be sent to the CAOs.

10. MEETING LOCATION, DAY AND TIME

Chair Wayne Thorburne opened the discussion on meeting location, day and time. The general consensus was the current arrangement works. The next hy-brid/in-person meeting will be on-line and held at the Queens Place Emera Centre on Dec 3 at 10am.

11. ROUNDTABLE UPDATES/DISCUSSION

Chair Thorburne invited each members present to share their updates. Litter and anti-litter initiatives were a common theme.

ACTION: A request to be made of Councillor Veinotte to have an update on Sustane Technologies, based at the Chester Landfill, for the next meeting.

12. OTHER/NEW BUSINESS

None.

13. IN-CAMERA

None.

14. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING DATE

Next meeting date will be December 3, 2021 at 10 a.m. This will be a hybrid in-person / virtual meeting.

MOVED by Councillor Scott McLean, second by Councillor Richard Nowe to adjourn.

M/C

11:52 am /CMc

Wayne Thorburne, Region 6 Chair

Christine McClare, Regional Coordinator