



Minutes of the Special Town Council Meeting

Place: Conducted through Zoom streamed to YouTube, per the authority provided by direction by the Minister of Municipal Affairs while under a State of Emergency on March 22, 2020, under the authority provided in Section 14 of *the Emergency Management Act*.

Date: Thursday, June 25, 2020

Presiding Officer: Mayor Patricia Stewart

Councilors Present: Councilors Dave Clark, Dawn Thompson, Rick Draper, Wade Adshade, Wendy Sweet-Kontuk and Brenton Colborne

Regrets: Nil

A quorum was present throughout the meeting.

Staff in attendance: CAO - Rachel Jones and Deputy Clerk - Linda Cloney (recording secretary)

1. Call to Order

Mayor Patricia Stewart called the meeting to order at 7:18 pm.

2. New Business

2.1 Solid Waste Management Issue

The following synopsis of the issue being presented to Council was read aloud:

The Town of Amherst, the Town of Oxford and the Municipality of the County of Cumberland are taking steps to ensure that the region's solid waste disposal system continues to deliver good service at favourable cost.

The three municipalities propose to issue a Request for Proposals to companies that may be interested in buying the waste disposal system that serves the region.

It is proposed that the administration of the RFP will be guided by the following guiding principles:

1. With high fixed costs, the solid waste business is essentially a volume business and, given demographic trends in Cumberland County, per unit costs for waste disposal are

likely to rise. The three municipal Councils are collectively of the opinion that being good stewards requires them to explore solutions that will allow the citizens and businesses of the region access to per unit costs that reflect the advantages of higher volumes.

2. All efforts should be made to ensure continuity of existing facility expertise and knowledge through retention of existing staff.
3. A favourable long-term royalty and tipping-fee arrangement for the three (3) municipalities that provides long-term disposal for the municipalities over the life of the facility.
4. Development of a communication plan to keep citizens informed about the sale and the continuation of waste management programs and services.
5. Optimizing proceeds of sale based on an asset valuation and a business valuation approach to the divestiture of the facility.
6. The interest of the three municipalities to divest themselves of any environmental liabilities regarding past, present and future operations and solid waste facilities located at Little Forks.
7. Ensure the facility maintains the necessary environmental approvals and meets all applicable environmental laws and regulations.
8. The Committee makes all decisions by consensus, with the understanding that any final agreement must be approved by all three (3) municipal councils.

It was moved and seconded that Council approves the issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFP), jointly with the Councils of the Municipality of the County of Cumberland and the Town of Amherst, for the (i) divestiture of Cumberland Central Landfill assets and (ii) a long-term waste/resource benefits agreement for the future operation of the facility; and

That the current Steering Committee consisting of the Warden of the Municipality of the County of Cumberland, the Mayors of Oxford and Amherst, the Chief Administrative Officers of all three municipalities and the General Manager of the Cumberland Central Landfill be tasked with administering the RFP process together with the Lead Negotiator and making a recommendation back to the Councils; and,

That Council approves the Guiding Principles attached to this resolution, jointly with the Councils of Town of Amherst and the Municipality of the County of Cumberland; and,

That any sale or long-term agreement waste/resource benefits agreement resulting from this RFP requires the prior approval of ALL of the Councils; and,

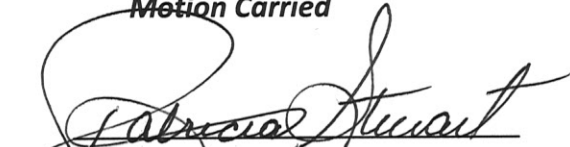
That the (i) selection of a preferred proponent and (ii) any sale or long-term agreement waste/resource benefits agreement resulting from this RFP requires the prior approval of ALL of the Councils.

Motion Carried

3. Adjournment

At 7:25 pm, it was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried



Patricia Stewart, Mayor



Linda Cloney, Recording Secretary