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CENTRAL NEWFOUNDLAND SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PUBLIC MEETING WITH MUNICIPAL REPRESENTATIVES NORRIS ARM SOUTH BOYS & GIRLS CLUB MARCH 16, 2004 AT 7:00 P.M.

Committee members in attendance:

Allan Scott, Chair
Cluny Matchim, Town of Gander
Angus McLouglin, Norris Arm
Randy White, Norris Arm North
Jeff Saunders, Technical Chair
Claude Elliott, N.F.L.M. Central Representative
Wayne Manuel, Bae Newplan
Thirty (30) Council Representatives from 17 Communities

(Municipal attendee list is attached.)

Allan Scott called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance. He gave a brief outline of the agenda and how the meeting would proceed.

Mr. Scott gave an overview of the meeting with the provincial government. This meeting was arranged to inform the new government on where the Central Nfld. Waste Management Committee was with our plans to meet the Waste Management Strategy. As well we wanted to know the position of the new government with respect to the Waste Management Strategy.

Government stated that they support the strategy 100%. They have proclaimed the Services Board Act, which will allow for authorities to be set up to run the Waste Management Program in each region. They understand that all municipalities, local services districts, etc. must be part of the strategy or it will not work. They do have concerns with the time line and funding and government will be announcing an implementation plan very shortly.

Wayne Manuel presented the Phase II report and the report for curbside collection. He explained the process for the strategy and all components and the goal to be met by the region.

The proposed site for the main facility is in the Norris Arm North area. This was identified after a lengthy process through constraint mapping based on criteria established by the provincial government.

The costs for the main facility and seven local waste management sites were prepared and the proposed tipping fee is \$34.91 per person per year.

The project for Central will be phase in as follows:

1. Environmental Assessment
2. Landfill constructed and those municipalities who truck directly to site will use facility.
3. Local waste management facility to be constructed and start using main facility.
4. Construct compost facility.
5. Construct material recovery facility.

Total capital cost is estimated at 42 million and is not included in any tipping fee. It is assumed that government (other than the municipalities) will fund the capital construction.

Mr. Manuel presented the findings on curbside collection. They looked at the status quo, all communities being responsible for their own collection and delivery to the main facility or to the local waste management facilities and the option of having the authority be responsible for all collection.

The cost associated with the authority being responsible for collection is the most economical at \$17.59 per person as compared to an average cost of \$23.20 per person for the status quo.

Total cost for solid waste management including curbside collection is estimated at \$52.50.

Close out of existing sites will be approximately 9 million and is not included in any costs. This will have to be the responsibility of government and the municipalities who presently operate these facilities.

The meeting was then opened for questions.

Question:

Can you guarantee there will be no leakage from the landfill?

Answer:

No. This is the technology that has been selected by government. The policy on liner design has not yet been finalized but there will be a double liner and a collection system for treatment of leachate.

Question:

Norris Arm South Council has reviewed the document and has numerous questions related to site

location, ground water levels, leachate, our municipal boundary, etc. Can these be addressed?

Answer:

The document as prepared meets all government guidelines and regulations. The Environmental Assessment will be the place for you to have your concerns investigated in more detail.

Question:

Norris Arm South is suggesting that they meet with Norris Arm North and have a Committee review the document in detail and make a presentation to the appropriate authorities as part of the E.A. process.

Answer:

This would be the right approach to have your concerns addressed.

Question:

There is a sawmill in the Millertown area and they take their wood waste to our landfill. What will they do when the existing facility closes?

Answer:

There will be a wood waste area at the new local waste management site and they can bring it there. The sawmill operators must be aware that there will be a tipping fee to dispose of this waste at the new site.

Question:

Was there another site approximately 7 km east of the Lewisporte intersection that was closer to the centroid?

Answer:

There was an area identified but it did not meet all criteria as part of the evaluation process. It was a smaller site and fill material for landfill cover was a problem.

Question:

The people of Norris Arm North do not want this facility at the selected location. Why doesn't this Committee tell government that this site is not acceptable?

Answer:

This committee used the criteria as developed by government for the selection of the site. We did not arbitrarily change or add criteria to change the site selection process. We were instructed to follow the approved guidelines. If the residents of this area have concerns with the site selected and feel they will be negatively affected, then they should prepare a presentation to the appropriate government departments as part of the Environmental Assessment process. This will ensure that the concerns are addressed.

If the site is rejected for any reason, government may have to relax their existing criteria in order to select an alternate site.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

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