

## MINUTES

### CENTRAL NEWFOUNDLAND SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

### PUBLIC MEETING WITH MUNICIPAL REPRESENTATIVES

#### TRAYTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE

MARCH 17, 2004 AT 7:00 P.M.

Committee members in attendance:

Allan Scott, Chair  
Maxine Gordon  
Angus McLouglin  
Jeff Saunders  
Wayne Manuel, Bae Newplan

Municipal attendee's 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.

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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.

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The meeting was then opened for questions.

Question:

Your cost breakdown does not support your numbers. The tipping fee should be higher.

Answer:

The revenue generated for the industrial and commercial sector is not shown and that tonnage should be deducted from the total.

Question:

If a community is paying a small fee now, who will pay the increase in fees to operate this new facility and how will costs be controlled.

Answer:

The costs to operate the facility will come from revenue generated by tipping fees. This is a not for profit operation and the governing authority consists of members of elected officials representing municipalities in the region. There will be cost increases due to inflation.

Question:

This process is great when you have a large tax base but is difficult for small towns.

Answer:

This is not quite true. Larger areas have a large tax base but also pay a higher tax rate.

Question:

We understand this is government driven and it is a good plan but it will be difficult to get more money from the taxpayer. If people don't pay their share, who collects?

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Answer:

The regional authority will have the power to collect under the Services Board Act from municipalities. It will be the responsibility of the municipality to collect from its residents.

Question:

Is this process going to be for the entire province?

Answer:

Yes. The new Waste Management Strategy is for all Newfoundland and Labrador.

Question:

We had a letter from Norris Arm stating they do not want the facility close to their community. How is this going to be addressed?

Answer:

This process has been completed under guidelines and regulations developed by the provincial government and the site selected meet these requirements. The concerns expressed by the residents of this area will be addressed in detail as part of the Environmental Assessment process. Residents of Norris Arm are concerned with what will be coming into the area and impact the region but all residents should be concerned on what is going into their present landfills.

Question:

If we reduce our quantity going to the landfill, will this affect our price?

Answer:

Your municipality will be charged based on the tonnage you deliver to the site. The less you generate, the less you will pay. There are no amortization costs included in the tipping fee. The Committee has assumed that other levels of government will cover the capital costs. The authority will be

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responsible for operating costs and this can be controlled depending on the quantity of waste to be processed.

Question:

Recycling and finding markets for recyclables is going to be an important aspect of this process.

Answer:

Yes. We have had discussions with M.M.S.B. and suggested that they play a more active role in the recycling process.

Question:

Will everyone in the region be paying the same?

Answer:

If the authority accepts the curbside collection report and has it implemented across the region, then all municipalities will be paying the same cost per tonne.

Question:

What happens with the existing landfills?

Answer:

Government has draft guidelines for closeout of existing landfills. The authority will not be assuming any responsibility in connection with the existing site. The operating municipalities in consultation with government will be responsible for existing sites.

Question:

Will existing sites be closed out prior to start up of local waste management facilities.

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Answer:

Not necessarily. The existing sites will be the responsibility of the operating community.

Question:

If you use one truck to service several communities, how will you determine tonnage for each community for invoicing?

Answer:

The new trucks will have on board scales.

Question:

Who charges the businesses in the community?

Answer:

This will be the responsibility of the community. In most cases the business owner will contract their waste to a commercial hauler.

Question:

Have you considered the impact of an increase in indiscriminate dumping?

Answer:

Yes. There is an education and enforcement component as part of our proposal. This will be critical for the implementation of the new strategy.

Question:

If recycling revenue was higher, it may result in an increase in recycling.

Answer:

If residents participate in the school recycling program through M.M.S.B., then the revenue will double and the school benefits.

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Mr. Scott concluded the meeting by stating that the figures have been presented that will ensure the Central Region meets the strategy. The present Committee is nearing the end of its mandate. There will be an authority set up after the Environmental Assessment is registered to continue the process. The only way to proceed is with a regional approach to waste management.

Mr. Scott thanked Traytown for hosting the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Community</u>
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Glenn Arnold	Sandringham
Dave Brown	Salvage
Robert Brown	Salvage
Shirley Oldford	Burnside
Kenneth Lane	St. Chads
Francis Matchim	Sandy Cove
Lisa Napier	Sandy Cove
Carl Turner	Happy Adventure
Mary Heffen	Cull's Harbour
Malcolm Babstock	Happy Adventure
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