HANOVER-WALKERTON WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday September 12, 2023 | 1:00pm
By Zoom

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ron Cooper I Warren Dickert I Peter Hambly I Nicholas Schnurr | Tim Elphick | Daniel Ferguson | Tanya Patterson, Recording Secretary

1. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None.

2. DELEGATIONS

2.1. Seagull Deterrent Measures

Chris Lesperance of Abell Pest Control provided details of the information he shared for various measures of seagull deterrents, including audio distress systems, pyro services and falconry services.

An audio distress system uses various programmed predator and distress audio calls to assist in pushing seagulls from an area up to 25 acres. The call volume can be set as high as 125 decibels. Cost for a unit is approximately $8,500 to $9,500, plus installation costs and the costs for daily, weekly and bi-weekly services to the unit.

Pyro services include bird bangers, cannons or pyrotechnics that produce loud noises that make birds and wildlife move from an area. The cost of pyro services varies based on the type and quantity purchased.

Falconry services use falcons and/or hawks to create a territorial impression that a bird of prey resides in the area, deterring seagulls from visiting the area. A minimum of two to three daily visits per week is required for effectiveness. The cost for falconry services for a four-month basis is $30,000 to $60,000, plus travel time if there are no falconers in the area.

Mr. Lesperance advised that it would be best to consider using a deterrent in 2024 as it is too late in the season for a deterrent to be effective.

Mr. Lesperance was thanked for his presentation.

3. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Moved by WARREN DICKERT / Seconded by DANIEL FERGUSON

That the minutes of the July 4, 2023 meeting be approved as presented and circulated.

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING

None.

5. ITEMS FOR DECISION/DISCUSSION

5.1. Letter from Lake Rosalind and Marl Lake Property Owners Association on Seagulls

The committee agreed to provide follow-up communication with the Lake Rosalind and Marl Lake Property Owners Association, explaining compliance of the Hanover-Walkerton Landfill Site with the Integrated Wildlife Management Plan. Ron Cooper will communicate with the Association and provide details at the next committee meeting.

5.2. Private Property East of Entrance

The area east of the landfill entrance is being used as a drop off location for appliances and scrap metal. It was determined by the Municipality of Brockton's by-law services that the area is landfill property.

Staff at the Municipality of Brockton will communicate with the property owner to the east of the landfill, requesting that the customers of their business be advised not to use the area to the east of the landfill entrance as a dumping area.

Staff at the Town of Hanover will arrange for updated "no dumping" signage in the area to the east of the landfill entrance.

5.3. Re-Use Trailer

The committee determined that due to the issues associated with the previous re-use trailer, the trailer will remain closed.

There are various businesses within the Municipality of Brockton and the Town of Hanover that accept donations of clothing, furniture, etc.

5.4. Rates and Fees for 2024

The committee reviewed the rate comparison survey and proposed fees for 2024 and recommended the following increases effective January 1, 2024:

- Garbage (sorted) increase from $135.00 per tonne to $140.00 per tonne
- Garbage (non-sorted) increase from $270.00 per tonne to $280.00 per tonne
- Non-hazardous industrial waste increase from $270.00 to $280.00
- Spring mattresses increase from $20.00 to $21.00
- Brush/wood (over 2" diameter increase from $135.00 per tonne to $140.00 per tonne

6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/CORRESPONDENCE

6.1. 2023 Landfill Budget

The committee reviewed the landfill budget to August 31, 2023. It was noted that there is a shortfall in revenue to date and a large increase to the monthly bank interest. Discussion included salaries percentage to budget used amount, and the composition of the administration fee (internal).

6.2. Landfill Quantities

The committee reviewed the landfill quantities report to July 31, 2023.

6.3. Landfill Operational Report

The committee reviewed the landfill site operations report for June and July, 2023. Ron advised that more signage will be installed for the compost area.

7. NEW BUSINESS

None.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday November 14, 2023 at 1:00pm via Zoom. A meeting invite was previously forwarded to the committee members.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by PETER HAMBLY
That this meeting adjourns at 2:27pm.

CARRIED