



MEETING DATE: June 20, 2011
LOCATION: Town Hall, Council Chamber
PREPARED BY: Krista Royal, Deputy Clerk

A. Call to Order

- Mayor Anderson called the meeting to order with all members in attendance save Councillor Ardiel, absent due to illness.

Also in attendance was Acting CAO/Director of Engineering & Public Works Reg Russwurm, Director of Finance Rob Cummings, Chief Librarian Carol Cooley, Capital Accountant Darcy Chapman and Manager of Solid Waste & Environmental Initiatives, Jeffery Fletcher.

- Council then paused for a moment of Personal Prayer or Reflection.
- Approval of Agenda:

Moved by: John McKean Seconded by: R.J. Gamble

THAT the Agenda of June 20, 2011 be adopted as circulated, including any revisions to be made, Carried.

- No member declared a pecuniary interest with any matter as listed on the Agenda.

B. Deputations/Presentations/Public Meetings

B.1 Long Term Solid Waste Disposal Needs – Update Report on Financial Considerations

Manager of Solid Waste & Environmental Initiatives, Jeff Fletcher then spoke reviewing the nine areas of discussion for the Town’s long term solid waste needs. 1) background, 2) overview of scenarios, 3) summary discussion of scenarios, 4) cost review, 5) risks, benefits and other considerations, 6) finding savings, 7) contingency, 8) next steps, 9) questions/comments.

Jeff then reviewed the presentation in detail with Council, outlining the financial, operational and environmental impact for all four expansion scenarios as well as the two export scenarios. Jeff advised that the expansion scenarios would require installation of a liner which increases the cost.

Deputy Mayor McKinlay questioned how the Town would determine what is municipal or commercial waste. Darcy Chapman, Capital Accountant advised that Staff have not determined what constitutes commercial waste, further noting the Town is mandated to look after the municipal waste stream only and as such, the cost reported has been determined based on those needs. Darcy further advised the rates must be set based on the total long term cost of operating the site together with all post closure liabilities. Darcy noted as long as the Town charges a per tonne rate that captures the repayment of all necessary costs, both residential and commercial waste can be accepted. Darcy further noted the only decision Council will need to make is regarding the overall lifecycle of the landfill, it being noted that accepting commercial waste will reduce the landfill life expectancy by roughly 40%.

Councillor Martin advised that Council needs to determine if large commercial users are acceptable, perhaps a policy needs to be in place, Town must be sustainable and furthermore to look into the legal side. Michael further advised that it is important to continue residential waste collection, but the Town is not in the business of looking after the commercial portion.

Councillor Halos referenced the mapping circulated in the report and questioned the distance required from the creek. Jeff replying the ideal distance is 500m away from the creek as well as any residential wells.

Joe then questioned the 60% waste diversion outlined in the report. Jeff advised 40% is diverted right now and noted if the organics collection is implemented an additional 20% diversion could be reached.

Joe then questioned if new technology could resolve the problem and if the Town addresses this again in two years that new improvements at that time could benefit the Town. Jeff noting the stewardship program assists with waste diversion and are working in the right direction, but it is still up to the individual to recycle.

Jeff then reviewed the contingency measures advising the existing Site has one year left of capacity. Jeff then advised that Council must decide on the following options: 1) Export curbside and multi-unit waste, 2) ban Industrial, Commercial and Institutional disposal at the landfill, 3) Apply for Emergency Certificate of Approval from the Ministry of Environment (MOE) and meeting timelines with the MOE for approvals to allow for an 18 month extension. Jeff then further advised that aboriginal consultation is required which could take approximately six months.

Jeff noted that consultation with First Nations are still to occur and suggested that First Nations comments will be considered by the MOE. Jeff indicated that a Public Information Centre (PIC) is planned to bring forward the issues with the public and that the public feedback will be shared with Council. Michael then spoke suggesting the First Nation review and the PIC to occur concurrently providing the public with updated information.

Council reviewed the different scenarios questioning costs and process options. Duncan suggested Staff should discuss with Golder & Associates the option of phasing in the mining process. Councillor McKean then suggested asking Golder & Associates if the clay liner would be thrown away if the option to phase in was considered. Jeff advised that he will discuss this concern with the Consultants.

Acting CAO, Director of Public Works, Reg Russwurm thanked Jeff and Darcy for developing the costing and scenarios, which was a difficult task and has been distilled down to give an overview for Council. Mayor Anderson also thanked Staff for taking a complicated process and outlining the material for Council to understand more clearly on the issues facing the current status of the landfill site.

Duncan noted there are some matters to be dealt with in the interim and would it be Council's wish to have further discussion at the Infrastructure & Recreation Committee level to bring back to Council.

Councillor Martin then noted that he is in support of the Infrastructure & Recreation Committee bringing forward recommendation related to a contingency plan for options to extend the existing capacity for consideration by Council.

Council concurred that this matter be addressed at the next Infrastructure & Recreation Committee.

C. Adjournment

Moved by: Joe Halos Seconded by: Michael Martin

THAT this Council does now adjourn at 9:30 p.m., Carried.

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Ellen Anderson, Mayor

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Krista Royal, Deputy Clerk