

**MINUTES**  
**Central Newfoundland Waste Management**  
**Executive Committee**  
**Thursday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.**  
**Gander Town Hall**

<b>Present:</b>	<b>Allan Scott</b>	<b>Chairperson, Town of Gander</b>
	<b>Cluny Matchim</b>	<b>Town of Gander</b>
	<b>Jeff Saunders</b>	<b>Town of Grand Falls-Windsor</b>
	<b>Angus McLouglin</b>	<b>Town of Norris Arm</b>
	<b>Derek White</b>	<b>Town of Lewisporte</b>
	<b>Harry Winter</b>	<b>Town of New-Wes-Valley</b>
	<b>Maxine Gordon</b>	<b>Town of Glovertown</b>
	<b>Catherine Armstrong</b>	<b>Musgrave Harbour</b>
	<b>Greg Stuckless</b>	<b>Town of Grand Falls -Windsor Regional Services Board</b>
<b>Guests:</b>	<b>John Scott</b>	<b>CEO, Multi Material Stewardship Board</b>

**The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.**

**Previous Minutes** The minutes of the previous meeting, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2004 were reviewed. It was moved by Harry Winter and seconded by Maxine Gordon that the minutes be approved as presented.

Motion carried

The minutes of the previous two Technical Committee meetings held on November 17, and 25<sup>th</sup>, 2004 were reviewed. It was moved by Jeff Saunders and seconded by Catherine Armstrong that the minutes be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

**Environmental Registration** A request was received from Mr. Ken Dominie, Assistant Deputy Minister of the Department of Environment, asking that our Environmental Registration for the main facility at Norris Arm be withdrawn to give Government time to complete it's program review. The registration was submitted by Bae Newplan on January 14, 2005.

Since we are working to achieve a Government waste management strategy, we have no choice but to withdraw the application until Government announces its plan to manage solid waste for the Province. The Committee will review its position on the Environmental Registration and overall objectives after the 2005 budget is approved.

Moved by Harry Winter and seconded by Jeff Saunders that the Environmental Registration be withdrawn for a period of three (3) months.

Motion carried.

It was also felt that a meeting should be held with the Ministers of the Department of Environment and Municipal and Provincial Affairs before the budget process goes any further to give some input into the overall strategy.

Moved by Maxine Gordon, seconded by Angus McLouglin that a delegation meet with the ministers as soon as possible.

Motion carried.

**Operational Plan**

The proposed operational plan that would see the Committee through the next three to four years was drafted by the Technical and Finance Committee's. It was also reviewed by Mr. John Scott and it appears to be acceptable to the MMSB for their support. Some small changes were suggested by Mr. Scott and these changes will be completed by the Technical Committee over the next couple of weeks. The document will then be ready for submission to MMSB for funding.

Jeff Saunders gave an overview of the plan to the Committee and the changes that were suggested by Mr. John Scott. The plan is not submitted for funding at this time but changes will be made and the plan will be held until the next meeting of the Committee when the Environmental Assessment is reviewed after the budget is approved by Government.

The proposed operational plan, before changes, is attached.

**NEIA**  
(Newfoundland and Labrador Environmental Industry Association)

The Newfoundland and Labrador Environmental Industry Association will be holding its annual environmental conference and trade show again this year on March 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> in St. John's. This conference is normally attended by a couple of members of this Committee.

Moved by Cluny Matchim and seconded by Angus McLouglin that Mr. Allan Scott and Mr. Jeff Saunders attend the NEIA conference on behalf of the Committee.

Motion carried.

**Public- Private Partnerships**

An email was received from Mr. Paul Antle of *Island Waste Management* outlining their wish to become involved in waste management in central Newfoundland. They are willing to study our proposals and submit a plan that they believe will work, at a reasonable cost, through a public-private partnership. They are willing to meet with this Committee at any time during the summer months to present their findings.

It was agreed that this is a good avenue to explore and *Island Waste Management* will be contacted to meet with the Committee at a later date.

**Greater Avalon  
Waste  
Management  
Committee**

The Greater Avalon Waste Management Committee has received notification that they will be receiving approximately \$ 350,000 from the Municipal Green Fund to aid in their operational plan over the next few years. The Committee took note that this is another source of funding and this avenue will be explored once Government announces a strategy to go ahead with waste management for central Newfoundland.

**MMSB -  
Composting  
Program**

MMSB is in the preliminary stages of developing a province wide backyard composting project. As part of this endeavor, MMSB plans to submit an application for funding to the Federal Government to implement a backyard compost project with regions and municipalities. We were asked as a Committee to support the program and give an estimate of the number of composters that may be placed in our region. The Committee agreed that we would support the program in principle but no firm commitment was made on the number of composters that could be distributed at this time. Mr. Scott gave the board a number of 10% of the households could be accommodated.

**Voluntary  
Business  
Partnership  
Program**

The *Terra Nova National Park Heritage Foundation* is proposing once again to partner with the Central Newfoundland Waste Management Committee (CNWMC) to introduce a pilot project for the proposed Terra Nova Waste Management Region. This will be a voluntary Business Partnership Program that will aid the businesses in the area of waste minimization and green house gas reduction. They are asking the CNWMC to support the project in their application to MMSB for funding.

Moved by Harry Winter and seconded by Jeff Saunders that the CNWMC support the Heritage Foundation of Terra Nova National Park in their application.

Motion Carried.

If this project is successful in gaining funding and is implemented, the model could be used throughout the regions for businesses to reduce their waste and green house gas reductions.

**Heritage  
Foundation  
Education  
Program**

Maxine Gordon gave an overview of project that was completed between September and December of 2004. Forty-Four (44) presentations were made throughout the region an average of 30 people in attendance at each presentation.

This has been a very successful partnership between the Heritage Foundation and the CNWMC and we should explore all avenues in the future to continue this relationship. A full copy of the report is attached.

**NLFM**

Allan Scott expressed concern with NLFM's participation in solid waste management.

Claude Elliott reported that he had raised the issue at the last NLFM board meeting. He was told there was no point in discussing it because the president was told by a Government source that the program is not a reality.

Allan questioned if the NLFM is prepared to walk away from the program.

Mr. Elliott said NLFM is committed to solid waste management and he will raise the issue again at their next board meeting.

Allan will write a letter to the NLFM expressing concerns over the position being taken and ask that they support the strategy.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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**Allan Scott, Chairperson**