



## Waste Check Authority Meeting, January 10, 2023

### Meeting Notes

#### Attendees:

Board Members – Linda Gregory (Chair), Ted Saulnier, Guy Surette, Carl Deveau, Angela Thurber, Loren Cushing, Sheri Hurlburt, Paul Saulnier, Mike Bartlett, Gil Dares, Heather Hatfield

Municipal CAO's/Support Staff/Other – Tyler Pulley, Glendon Ring

Waste Check Staff – Gus Green, Amy Hillyard, Nicole Hazlett (Recorder)

The meeting was held in person at the Waste Check office and virtually through Zoom.

- 1. Approval of Agenda** – No conflicts were declared. Black bags were added under Policy Committee (Agenda item #7). The agenda was approved as amended. (moved by Gil Dares, seconded by Angela Thurber) M/C
- 2. Approval of Minutes –November 8, 2022** (moved by Carl Deveau, seconded by Paul Saulnier) M/C
- 3. Business Arising from minutes** – Mr. Ted Saulnier clarified how he shares a green cart with his neighbor. The Chair, Ms. Gregory explained that if neighbors want to share it is completely acceptable but it is nothing that Waste Check would mandate as neighbors don't always get along. The General Manager (GM) noted that a lot of residents do share carts.  
Ms. Gregory noted that the Town of Digby is rotating their committee appointments. Mayor Ben Cleveland will be replacing Councillor Paul Saulnier on the Waste Check Board.
- 4. Acceptance of the Review of Expenditures** –Expenditures dated January 10, 2023 in the amount of \$22,256.50 were approved as circulated. (moved by Guy Surette, seconded by Mike Bartlett) M/C
- 5. Staff Reports (Waste Check Connections)** – There were no questions. Mr. Bartlett noted that Tideview Terrace was very excited to have received Divert NS' mobius award. The Chair did comment that she had some positive comments from residents on both the Bylaw Enforcement Officer and the Recycle Coach app. The report was approved as circulated. (moved by Carl Deveau, seconded by Mike Bartlett) M/C
- 6. Regional Chairs Update** – The next meeting is scheduled for January 27<sup>th</sup>. There was more discussion at the meeting on the upcoming regulation change to Construction & Demolition Debris. The GM also noted that there was a discussion around the diversion credit smoothing formula. The GM explained that this is the formula Divert NS uses to determine what funding is available for three years so Regions know how much money will be available for diversion credits. Anything they receive over this amount goes in the bank to offset the other years if it's needed. There is currently a surplus with this formula and our Chair, Ms. Gregory was instrumental in getting a motion passed that a portion be distributed to increase the diversion credit funding to 5.5 million this year up from 5 million the previous year.
- 7. Policy Committee** – The next meeting is scheduled for February 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Chair noted that the Committee met in November and they are still working on some policies.

#### Black Bags

The Chair wanted to have a discussion on black bags. There are many areas of challenge such as apartments, private lanes and cottage areas where collection takes place all in one spot. These locations often have more black bags than allowed and it's difficult to determine who is over the limit even with education. It was felt that it was time to eliminate the use of black bags and move to a kitchen catcher size solid bag inside the clear bag for privacy like some other Regions in the Province are doing. There was a lengthy discussion on this and concerns

were raised on the challenges of implementing this. The GM explained that even if something was approved, the change would be implemented over time with considerable coverage of the change. This is not something that would change overnight. The Chair wanted to make sure the Board was in favour of considering this before the Policy Committee spent any more time on discussing the topic. The majority of the Board was in favour of continuing the work.

- 8. Construction & Demolition Debris – regulation change** – The GM noted that the Regions are still waiting on the Department for the definition of “treated wood”.
- 9. Green Carts** – The GM reported that the demand for carts hasn’t slowed down and another order was required. The cart prices have not changed but the cost of freight was slightly lower bringing the overall cost down. The cost for a shipment of both sized carts is \$67,159.14 for 810 carts (405 of each size). The purchase of the carts was approved as recommended. (moved by Loren Cushing, seconded by Gil Dares) M/C
- 10. Correspondence** – There was no correspondence.
- 11. New Business** – There was no new business discussed.
- 12. Next Meeting – Tuesday February 14, 2023 at 10:00.**
- 13. Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m. (moved by Heather Hatfield, seconded by Carl Deveau) M/C