

External Committee Report

Cumberland Joint Services Management Authority

April 2019

The CJSMA Board of Directors met on March 28. The 2019/2020 budget was passed as presented, and staff indicated they expect to end the 2018/2019 year within budget. Councillor Wade Adshade of Oxford will be the new Board Chair as of April 1, and Councillor Paul Porter of the Municipality of Cumberland will be the Vice-Chair.

During the month of March, three loads of fibre materials and eight loads of plastic/containers were shipped to Scotia for process. However, Scotia continues to restrict loads of plastic/container materials due to capacity.

CJSMA conducted a study to examine the diversion of mattresses from landfill. The study found that while mattresses are a difficult material to landfill they are just as difficult to recycle. The study recommends the Province implement a stewardship program similar to the current tire program. If a Maritime-wide program was implemented (to increase volumes), the study indicates that the CJSMA site would be a good location for a processing facility.

The 2019 Solid Waste Newsletters are currently being printed and will be sent out in May.

The next CJSMA Board meeting is scheduled for May 23, 2019 at the Amherst Town Hall.