Members noted the following key points that should be considered as a framework for data analysis and assessing what this facility means to the community: location, zoning, environmental assessment, encroachment, and financial incentive.

Tom Musial stepped down from the chair during the discussion to speak to the matter and place a motion on the floor. Kelly Carlton assumed the Chair.

Moved by Tom Musial, seconded by Dusan Soudek,

THAT the Western Common Advisory Committee does not support replacing and enlarging the HRM compost facility at 61 Evergreen Place (Case 21209) for the following reasons:

1. **Location**  
The area has a history of contamination difficulties and offensive smells. Such problems are not good for a sensitive environment, the local community, or a wilderness recreational park.

2. **Zoning**  
Designating a sensitive wetland area I-3 (General Industrial) would be inappropriate and would set a precedent for future heavy industrial use in the area.

3. **Environmental Assessment**  
The WCAC may not have the necessary expertise to do a proper assessment of the data that has been provided for review. Such analysis is best done by Nova Scotia Environment, and NSE has not conducted an environmental assessment of the site of the proposed new facility.

4. **Encroachment**  
The Western Common was set aside as designated Park land in 2002 in part so that it would not be used as a “land bank” from which to borrow land anytime a need might arise. Encroaching on designated Park land would contravene this principle and would set a precedent for future encroachment on Western Common lands.

5. **Financial Incentive**  
The proposal to replace and expand the present facility does not acknowledge the contamination or smell issues that the present site has experienced, does not indicate what remediation (if any) would be carried out, and does not provide any safeguards that would prevent these issues from recurring on an even larger scale. No amount of financial incentive would provide adequate compensation in exchange for the possible perpetuation of these issues.

Councillor Adams joined the meeting during the discussion of the motion but recused himself from the debate citing a conflict of interest.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.