

**WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES DIVISION**

**CITIZENS LIAISON COMMITTEE (CLC) - NIAGARA ROAD 12 LANDFILL SITE**

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Minutes of a meeting of the Niagara Road 12 Landfill Site Citizens Liaison Committee held at Niagara Road 12 Landfill Site, 7015 Concession 7 Road, in the Township of West Lincoln on Thursday, February 16, 2012 commencing at 7:04 pm.

**ATTENDANCE**

Committee: Mr. A. Witteveen, Chair; Councillor Larry Clark, Town of Pelham; Allard Colyn; Ken Durham; Robert Lee; Alderman Alexander Micallef, Town of West Lincoln; Lloyd Regnerus; Councillor Dave Thompson, Town of Lincoln;

Staff: Mr. Andrew Winters, Program Manager, Ms. Eckhart-Oettinger, Administrative Assistant

The Chair welcomed the members and called the meeting to order. Two business items were added to the agenda.

New Quorum Requirements – Staff  
Sewer main – Ken Durham

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Minutes of September 29, 2011

Staff suggested the following change to the minutes in order to clarify the information on the safety barriers which were recently installed and subsequently modified:

*“A 1.1 metre high railing is installed at the residential recycling and waste drop off depot. The Region has set up a spot down below the Depot where residents can unload their waste if the new set up restricts them from utilizing the Drop off Depot.”*

The final version of the September minutes will reflect this change.

Moved by: Alexander Micallef  
Seconded by: Ken Durham

That the minutes of Niagara Road 12 Citizen’s Liaison Committee meeting of September 29, 2011, with suggested revision be approved.

Carried.

## **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

### **Business Arising from Previous Minutes**

Safety barriers were discussed. In response to customer complaints, modifications were made and a picture of the current railing was distributed to members to show the new access with sections of the railing removed. Complaints have stopped since these modifications were made. There is still a section below the container station available for customers to drop off.

A member inquired about ice/snow removal on site. This is under contract with requirements to be cleared by certain times of the day.

Tipping fee changes:

Staff distributed pamphlets with new fees to members. These fees are in line with other municipalities and local private sites. For small loads there is no charge, trailer/pickup loads are charged \$10.

Discussion took place on soil brought in to the landfill site and soil being hauled between private properties as fill in the West Lincoln area.

This site has no need for additional soils. There are receiving protocols in place at the site, although the quality of soil cannot be tested before dumping. Customers bringing in volumes of soil are to call the site ahead of time so staff can try to determine the source and any possible contamination. If a vehicle came in with multiple loads, it would raise a flag to staff and further inquiry would take place. Commercial loads in dump trucks are required to get prior approval before bringing soil to the landfill. Some township loads could contain minimal amounts of asphalt.

Staff will advise landfill attendants to ask about the source of loads of soil.

Surface water report:

Staff's investigation found that the cause of the spike in total phosphorus is due to sediment and small bits of vegetation being scooped into the sample bottle during the sampling procedure. This is evidenced by the extremely high Total Suspended Solids level. The acid added to the sample bottle for preservation causes the solids to dissolve into the water, and this increases the metals concentrations. The consultant has been advised that they should not disturb the bottom sediment when they are sampling surface water.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### 1. New Quorum Requirements:

Staff advised the Committee that on December 2011 Regional Council passed changes to the Region's procedural by-law. The revision included new quorum requirements in order to conduct business at meetings. Discussion followed on procedure and impacts of this requirement. What is the quorum for this committee and is there a distinction of mix of membership? The terms of reference cite by-law 120-2005.

Staff to confirm and report back.

### 2. Forcemain sewer main:

A member asked if the Region could take a look at the sewer main going east of here. It has been reported that manholes are unlocked and left open on Mud Rd., in the area between the site and Park Rd.

Staff will investigate and report back.

A guest from a property adjacent to the site was present to raise some concerns.

He stated that there are smells every day.

Staff stated that the site operators are very diligent and no other complaints have been received. Cover is placed every night.

His second concern is the water from recent rains backing onto his property and suggested this is because there is no buffer zone.

Committee requested that Staff meet with the neighbour, put his concerns in writing with pictures for committee to review and work towards a resolution if possible. Some background and history was also requested.

Hours of Operation:

What is the rationale for being closed on Mondays?

The Region has looked into opening on Mondays. With the catchment restriction to four municipalities, the tonnage and materials don't warrant the extra staffing cost. Other sites that are open on Mondays have higher volumes. If other councillors have any inquiries from residents regarding hours of operation, please advise the Chair. It is unknown if there is an impact on illegal dumping.

Staff provided information about a pilot program in PEI for recycling silage wrap and baler twine.

Staff provided correspondence from Clean All Farms stating their intention to explore the silage wrap and twine recycling possibilities in Ontario.

No other business.

Next Meeting: If necessary, a meeting will be called to follow up on the neighbour's concerns. Staff will communicate findings with committee via email.

The next meeting will be June 14, 2012. Agenda items are to be submitted through staff in advance of the meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 8:11 pm

Moved by: Ken Durham

Seconded by: Alexander Micallef