ELM STREET LANDFILL SITE/COMPOST SITE  
Public Liaison Committee (PLC)  

Notes of Meeting  
Wednesday March 1, 2006  
7:00 p.m.  
Welland City Hall, Room 108, Welland

Present:  
Edward Kaczmarczyk, Co-Chair, Welland  
Dan O’Hara, Co-Chair, Port Colborne  
Gary Bruno, Port Colborne Councillor  
Beatrice Greenizan, Welland  
Allan Labatt, Welland  
Pat Shore, Port Colborne  
Diana Wiggins, Port Colborne  
Jim Larouche, Welland City Councillor

Regrets:  
Bob Saracino

Absent:  
John Mastroianni

1.0 Introductions  
PLC questioned why there was a change in location of meeting because they called the Community Centre and were told nothing was going there.

Introductions were made and there were 2 guests in attendance from Rd 12 PLC.

2.0 Approval of Notes of Meeting February 1, 2006  
First item: correct PLC member asking to step down was Diane Wiggins.

Item 4 not enough detail in minutes.

Would like to see questions with answers.

Would like to see written submission from resident attached to minutes.

Didn’t receive one week prior. No hard copies as requested.

Item 5: Strike distributed. Distributed in December didn’t need again. Already had what they wanted.

*Motion needs correction:* The PLC had reviewed the original landfill utilization strategy report and commented there was nothing in there they had issue with until the Mayor brought to their attention there was a second report. They wanted agreement revoked. In other words do not have buy off.
Chairs received suggestion at meeting with steering committee that specific questions be noted with answers.

**Action: Chair/committee will in future indicate what they want recorded.**

PLC state the minutes are incomplete and many questions were missed. Councillor Bruno indicated that it is not intended to be verbatim minutes.

**D Wiggins requested the rough notes be sent to her via email.**

| Motion: Defer acceptance of minutes until they can find working notes and revise and confirm information. |
| Moved by: Dan O |
| Seconded: J Larouche |

Carried:

**3.0 Business Arising From Previous Minutes**

Discussion: Since joint working group was formed members have been added. More information was expected than the Oct. 2003 memo that was provided. Some members are not part of the Region any longer so want more current list with names, areas they represent and how it is weighted.

**Action: Region to provide complete list names and area of current members.**

Item 10: PLC wants it clear that the invoice be paid using last year’s funds available to them and not taken out of 2006. Discussed amending motion to read pay from 2005 funds so they still have 2006 funds to spend.

In strict accounting practice in terms of fiscal year, this cannot be done.

Agenda item was missed. PLC indicated they wanted the misting system on the agenda for discussion today and is not on there.

Item 3. No records if received. Committee confirmed received.

PLC: Based on documented phone calls the PLC does not want to see a lift at Elm St.

| Motion: Elm St PLC requests the Region not to approve a lift at Elm St. |
| Moved by: G. Bruno |
| Seconded: J Larouche |

Carried:
Request to have misting system placed on agenda was omitted and must be added.

4.0 Terms of Reference Amendment
Original version is still on the Regional website.

*Action: Region will post the new document on the website within a week of today's meeting.*

Revisions were reviewed and committee stated that the changes reflect what was there last time. However, since the revisions, there have been changes to directions of the minutes. All the PLC minutes will go to the Waste Management Planning Steering Committee before they go to the Planning and Public Works Committee.

*Action: Region will revise to reflect committee process change.*

Bylaw 120.2005 re governing meetings is identified in the terms of reference. 
*Action: Copy of bylaw will be distributed to all PLC's.*

Housekeeping items including changes in names of Public Works Committee will not require a motion. Goals and composition remain the same.

*Action: Region will amend terms of reference to make the necessary housekeeping changes.*

PLC: 2006 Meeting schedule. Schedule will remain meeting on the first Wednesday of the month, as discussed at previous meeting.

5.0 Landfill Utilization Strategy
Problems with documents: Don’t agree with it and now there’s another set of draft reports. Until the PLC see the real thing they are not agreeing with anything. Good costing could sway the direction this takes. Don’t think it’s fair to pick the option until the numbers are in.

6.0 Status of RFQ (Alternative Composting Technologies)
Region provided draft RFQ asking for comments by Mar.7
Region’s schedule is to issue RFQ in mid March, RFP in mid April. Staff recommendations are expected by the end of June.

Discussion: Newspaper article about a composting facility in the Lincoln area: The article is reporting on a private sector facility.

PLC: We should be saying we are not in favour of outside of the Niagara region garbage. Compost shouldn’t come in to Niagara until Niagara’s compost is sorted out.
Discussed adding to the motion that as part of their objection to the lift based on the criteria of the RFQ, composting is more than what the current Elm St. is handling.

PLC - Discussion on RFQ:
Like that the finished compost marketing is being shared. May encourage the Region to manipulate the product, more source separation and better end product.

Proposal looks good. Look forward to remaining municipalities coming on stream with organics.

7.0 **RWDI Comments on (Ortech’s) Peer Review**
Not yet available as second draft is still under review by Regional staff. Timeframe is undetermined. There has been no response from the MOE on Ortech’s report.

PLC - budget from last meeting. Will additional funds be available to see RWDI’s response and apply last years’ surplus to this cost? Do we want to pay Ortech to respond? Peer review process was discussed.

MOE was advised that the report was being reviewed by the PLC and they know it is not final.

PLC would like the MOE’s response and if the MOE reply doesn’t include the PLC they would like the response forwarded.

PLC don’t want their 2006 budget affected.

8.0 **Request for Information**

8.1 **Costs Associated With Composting At Elm St For 2004 & 2005**
Green bin purchase: each household had to pay $6. How much did the Region gain from the sale? Where is the indication that they were sold? How much per ton does that work out to?

A: Net expenditures in 2005 include processor payments. Contract services shows $2.2 mil spent for both facilities.

Q: Is there capital costs for Elm St?
A: Staff will confirm with Director.

8.2 **Niagara-Hamilton WastePlan Criteria: How Joint Working Group Was Formed**
8.3 Earth-Works Centralized Composting Facility, 2005 Annual Report
Prepared by Plant’s Choice

PLC Need more time to review document.

Region: The report is by a private company. All data in this report is owned and kept by CMA. MOE approval data is reviewed by Regional staff.

PLC: Appendix 6 compost analysis results are incomplete

**Action: Region will resend Appendix 6.**

PLC member will forward his comments directly to MOE.

Discussion: ash analysis.
Q: What is the criterion specified for ash?
A: It’s not ash coming into the site. Jamie will look into it and talk to CMA re tests and reissued samples as per last 3 page of report.

PLC: Dates don’t match and some missing analysis pages.

A: The Memo sent to PLC with attached reports are based only paperboard material. Guideline limits changed in 2005 and the schedule of parameters and concentration have to be met.

**Action: Region will provide guidelines for before and after and how labeled.**

Sampling techniques were questioned and efficacy. Page numbering questioned. Are the labs accredited and what for?

**Action: Region will provide lab accreditations.**

Q: Is the paper waste considered feed stock? If so it’s stockpiled and it’s not allowed and if it’s a bulking agent, its not part of the CofA. Is the paper mill stuff bulking or feed stock?

**Action: Region will try to follow up.**

PLC want to request the MOE change the CofA regarding how the operator submits samples. PLC would like the lab to go out to do the work and a member of PLC be notified and be present when it is being done. PLC would make a direct request to the MOE.

An application to amend the CofA has to be requested by the Region.
**Action:** Region will ask operator to go to 3rd party for sampling.

### 9.0 Other Business

PLC - Misting system: Warmer weather is coming. In October the use of the misting ended and only 1/3 of area was operational. Adjacent property is affected. If operator increases system to encompass all of the property the adverse effects will multiply. The manual system should be stopped too. Nearby residents experiencing difficulty breathing and it's believed to be associated with it.

| Motion: That as a PLC we want the misting system to be stopped and abandoned, including the use of the portable truck system. We don't have enough information of the effects of the system on the environment and health. Many residents find it a disagreeable and obnoxious odour. It complicates the odour more than anything else and it could mask the effects of the actual odours. |
| Moved by: Bea Greenizan |
| Seconded: Diane Wiggins |
| Carried. |

Further discussion on adverse effects. PLC members feel they should submit an instrument to challenge the validity of the system as an odour abatement tool and address effects some of the residents are having.

Member will draft a submission on behalf of the 2 citizens.

*Manager will talk to Director on the Odour abatement plan of action. If misting is stopped we will need to work harder to find solutions to odours.*

PLC - Residents state that the scent covers odours and doesn’t remove odours. It adds to it. Properly operating windrow system isn’t supposed to smell, so it must not always be operating properly as the system operates regularly.

PLC will wait to see what stopping the system will do. The member will start document to be ready for submission.

*Action: A copy of the Region’s response to MOE will be sent to PLC.*

Final odour survey.
PLC were provided the odour survey report.

*Action: Appendix 1 Table 1 was missing and will be forwarded to PLC.*

The Region and the City of Port Colborne are still working on the waste found outside the boundaries. Once the best way is determined to deal with it, it will go to Council.
Discussion followed on the dead and live storage and ponds. T

**Action:** Region to provide a copy of the application to PLC.

Flare system; Applied for as a contingency if current system totally fails and is still not approved.

**10.0 Confirmation of meeting schedule and next meeting.**
Next meeting: April 5, at Port Colborne. Ed will chair.
Meeting schedule will continue to be on the first Wednesday of the month.

**11.0 Adjournment**

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