

WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES DIVISION

CITIZENS LIAISON COMMITTEE (CLC) – NIAGARA ROAD 12 LANDFILL SITE

Minutes of a meeting of the Niagara Road 12 Landfill Citizens Liaison Committee held via Zoom on December 10, 2020 commencing at 7:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Committee: Ken Durham
Robert Lee
Peter Forsberg
Councillor Bob Hildebrandt, Town of Pelham
Brian Jaworsky
Victor Dirksen

Regrets: Mayor Jeff Jordan, Town of Grimsby
Councillor William Reilly, Town of West Lincoln
Councillor Greg Reimer, Town of Lincoln

Staff: Andrew Winters, Program Manager
Emil Prpic –Associate Director, Waste Disposal Operations and Engineering
Sandy Sawatzky-Upper, Waste Management Clerk/Program Administrator

1. Distributed at meeting:

Agenda
Minutes for January 30, 2020 meeting

2. Approval Agenda:

Moved by: Bob Hildebrandt
Seconded by: Brian Jaworsky

Carried

3. Approval of Minutes from June 28, 2018:

Moved by: Robert Lee
Seconded by: Peter Forsberg

Carried.

4. Business Arising from previous meeting:

- Comments regarding incinerator moved to “Other Business”

5. Draft Terms of Reference (TOC) for CLC

- Terms of Reference sent to committee with changes highlighted.
- Changes to coincide with HS PLC
- Committee can discuss tonight or committee can send comments to Region to incorporate and will resend to committee for approval
- Next step - approval from clerks, then PW then Council then new TOR will be implemented
- Comments from committee
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- Staff response: the terms for this committee are to deal with issues of the landfill itself something like this is more the mandate of planning steering committee that deal with landfill issues from a long range stand point. For this committee it is dealing with our landfill, we can make recommendations through motions to make comments and investigate. Committee is not setup to deal with larger waste management initiatives. If we put it in here it could be seen as committee promoting incineration or other initiatives. We can take concept of incineration to the program planning group, what we can learn from other municipalities

Action: Niagara Region to look into issue if the mandate of the CLC can expand beyond the scope of Niagara Road 12 Landfill Site.

- Committee -need to insert that word and discuss
- Staff response: understand what the committee is saying but a little leery of having it in the TOR, I don’t think it needs to be identified, need clarification from clerks, do not want to link this site to incineration at this site in future. The landfill life for this site as in the Annual

operations report identifies the at NR12 close has 40yrs of capacity remaining , the new ECA for Humberstone Landfill added an additional 25-30 years capacity plus Walkers landfill contract which ends in 2031 . Therefore talking a minimum of 25yrs down the road to determine which technology will be used for future disposal..

- Committee member notes in part 2.2.2 of TOR – the wording is intention to look at not an intention to implement at the site. Look around the world at what is happening our inputs incineration is an option to look at, that we can discuss it.
- Discussion of submitting a motion deferred to “Other Business
- Committee member is glad we are looking at it and brought it up before, it’s great to keep an open mind. Sooner put it on the table to discuss better all involved

6. Impact of COVID on Landfill Operation

- Impact on site operations, March 14 drastic change state of emergency
- Operational adjustments – Limited number of vehicles to facilitate physical distancing.
 - Humberstone – Coordination with platform attendant to have a total 10 vehicles allowed for unloading at the platform in addition to vehicles dumping at the stockpiles and tipping face.
 - NR 12 – Coordination with platform attendant to have a total 7 vehicles allowed for unloading at the platform in addition to vehicles dumping at the stockpiles and tipping face.
 - Bridge Street - Coordination with platform attendant to have a total 5 vehicles allowed for unloading at the platform in addition to vehicles dumping at the brush pile. No soil, dirt and/or concrete accepted
- A lot of signs physical distance, encourage use of tap for payment
- At the height of state of emergency, vehicle line ups down to highway 30-35min wait times
- Daily average Mar to May 250 cars on site, people still coming to bring items that could be picked up curbside
- GBF shut down Mar-Aug, recently opened 1 day operations, now Tuesday, Friday and Saturday
- Don’t see it changing, GBF store having challenges and reflects at the depot
- Vehicle counts 300-400 now, impact is operating bypass at additional costs extended to end of Nov

- Incurred extra costs for bypass, contractor
- All contractors and staff submit a daily screening
- No slowing down but will not be relaxing COVID precautions

- Committee member asks, are resident required to wear masks?

- Staff response: it is recommended but not enforced, it is a provincial requirement, we remind and maintain physical distance, we are not assisting with items just directing, encourage workers to maintain distance

7. Summary Landfill Operations

- Waste received in 2020 – summary sent out to members
 - Monitoring report 1st line consistent over past years
 - From operations, 2019 construction of cell 4 on north side of site completed end of August and waste brought in beginning of September
 - 2019-2018 - 75,248 vehicles up over 2000 consistent, each year see typical increase in traffic, about 5% increase
- Summary of broken down tonnage items
 - HHW up
 - Mattresses started recycling
 - Identified decrease in items ie shingles, new player in NF offers late night contractors can drop off waste. All sites have seen decrease in shingles
- Capitol projects, 2019 Cell construction, upgrading pump station, enlarged storm pond to 100yr storm
- Committee member comments, looking at waste and recycling tonnages for 2019 surprised given the increase that grey/blue box have decreased by 24% doesn't make sense, do you have clue as to why the decrease
- Staff Response: these numbers reflect what is collected at the depot not what is collected curbside, hoping more residents are using the curbside collection program, no reason why people would bring us items that can be picked up curbside.
- Committee member would like to see curbside collection numbers but that is not reflected in TOR but would like to discuss curbside collection at this committee

- Committee member comments: with several private sites open and easily accessible will that impact the Regions sites?. If contractors are using these sites?
- Staff response: we find at the sites we typically do not get much of the commercial waste, most is residential. Private sites are going after larger contractors. We have smaller contractors with smaller loads. We are a set rate private contractors can set price and they have already been around awhile

Action: Staff will bring back to planning and policy group, but are sure they are aware that some Municipalities use private contractor over the region's contractor because it is cheaper

Action: Curbside Collected Recycle Materials to be included in 2020 Operations report

8. Update on Capital Projects for 2020

- Pump Station upgrades
 - Started late summer 2019 – upgrade pumps and hardware in pump stations adding SCADA
 - We pump into Water Waste Water (WWW) force main, issues with odor, suggest we put chlorine into leachate to eliminate the odor
 - Project finished early 2020 and running smoothly
 - WWW have identified when Smithville pump station not running the leachate pumped in can sit for hours causing odors
 - It is meant to minimize the stagnant leachate odor
- Drop off Improvements
 - Capstone replacement
 - Existing materials that constitute the bunkers edge of DOD
 - 54 capstones replaced and completed and replaced 10 curbstones, remaining item is new curbstones need to be painted yellow
 - Drop-off modifications, most significant, lower dump pad can tip at a different area, separate people from equipment in design stage, next stage tender
- Scale house addition

- Completed, extension of scale house, complications with accessible ramp and will be second phase of project.
- Pond enlargement
 - Storm pond under MEPC want ponds to represent 100yr storm capacity, completed summer 2019, pond has been empty since then

9. Curbside Collection Contract update

- Bi-weekly garbage collection
 - i. GFL and Miller region divided into 2 portions.
 - ii. Transition has been smooth, 1st couple weeks some hiccups,
 - iii. Biggest change is Every other week (EOW) garbage collection to help promote organic collection, from a public standpoint most people on board and not much push back
 - iv. Peel saw big change, took over a year to adjust to EOW in Niagara seemed to do it in a few months really surprised, waiting for challenges
- Impact on landfill
 - EOW collection more efficient trucks are in and out of the site quickly, not getting stuck , these are rear packers in and out in a few minutes, old contractor could be there 15min getting load out, this will help getting trucks out and collection completed on time
 - Committee member comment – with the old contractors it wouldn't have taken much to improve, new contractor is improved. Natural gas not diesel and think people realize. If we could put the words for GFL – “Green for Life” new trucks new fuel and green for life on side of trucks a good reflection
 - Staff response: not familiar with the vehicles may be a requirement for the contract
 - Committee member compliments previous contractor, they did a good thing on last run around. Sent a pickup truck to collect everything. Only seen 1 or 2 hiccups with new crew but nothing to complain about.
 - Committee member comments, new contractor good job, but when trucks come the schedule is not consistent, when people get used to a certain time it can be frustrating. Hope they can stabilize and come at same time in the areas

- Staff response: New contractors getting used to routes and figuring out most efficient

Action: Andrew to enquire

10. Other Business

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- Discussion of draft TOR, clarification
 - Draft eliminated vice chair and committee can nominate a chair for current meeting, that’s what is highlighted and is what we are looking to get back from the committee.
- Committee member comments: A vice chair should be on every committee and be able to be chair the meeting when the chair is not available. Add in the TOR we elect a vice chair
- Staff response: it is up to the committee, if the chair is not available can elect a chair for that meeting. We can nominate a vice for the term or nominate at a meeting where the chair is not present
- Committee member asks if chair becomes permanently un-available will there be a requirement to fill by the vice chair?
- Staff response: we would look at committee to nominate a new chair
- Committee member read that a Niagara Region councillor is to be on our committee?
- Staff response: it was left it up to Regional Council to nominate for this committee, and this term it was decided not to nominate a Regional Councillor to this committee
- Committee members concerned that could imply there could be a potential of up to 5 councillors on this committee
- Staff response: a resident would be chair not a councillor
- Committee discusses make up of committee and can have up to 7 members of the public, we currently have 5. If there was a contentious issue, the Regional people could out vote the regular people.

- Staff response: it is always a possibility, the reasoning the 4 municipalities are represented is it was those 4 municipalities that started the site and those municipalities wanted a representative, it is nice to have a regional counselor representing this committee so that can be brought to council.
- Committee member suggests in our membership composition 4.1 can agree the municipalities that serve this landfill have councillors plus a Regional councillor then should we be increasing # of residents.
- Staff response: that is one way to approach, it has been a struggle to get residents to represent this committee, it would be up to the committee
- Committee members discuss composition of committee
 - consider putting 8 in there if, we have always been able to talk regardless of who they are and what they represent maybe look at increasing to 8? Just wonder the future of the committee if we go in this direction.
 - looking at beyond COVID-19 – the room for physical meeting is already crowded and would not promote of increasing
 - what we have works well, with regional councillors it is difficult, this committee is one of the best enjoyable, leave it the way is
 - Are counselors compensated?
 - Regional councillors seemed to be treated differently, paid for meetings etc.....
 - impression not have another councillor elected member but invited to attend
- Staff response: we will remove that, leave it as it was
- Committee member comments does province have mandates for RD12 CLC
- Staff response: Other committees are PLC, the COA mandates NR12 always has a CLC where does that fit into the preamble, it is in the EA process that this committee is formed, the CLC is identified throughout the document so it does not change, we can put it in the preamble if want
- Staff response: Any recommended changes to the draft TOR send to us through email

Action: Committee to review draft TOR and email comments/suggestions to Sandy/Andrew, will add changes and send out for review, if we do at next meeting or through emails and have comments and can have approval electronically

- Committee puts forward motion to include in TOR wording, last paragraph of article 1 before etc. “incineration for discussion by the CLC”

- Staff response: would probably put it in section 2 our mandate and add a line after 2.2 make up 2.3 discussion of waste management issues including incineration and other

Seconded: Brian Jaworsky

Carried

11. Next Meeting

- Leave till spring time
- Committee member comments - mandate is to up to 4 meetings a year and this is our 2nd of the year
- Staff Response: start of lockdown, meetings were put on hold not discontinued
- Next meeting March 25th 2021
- With at least 1 face to face meeting when/if permitted.

12. ADJOURNMENT: 9:00pm

Moved by: Peter Forsberg

Seconded by: Robert H

Carried