

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 at Niagara Road 12 Landfill Site, 7015 Concession 7 Road, in the Township of West Lincoln on Wednesday, February 27, 2013 commencing at 7:00 pm.

ATTENDANCE

Committee: Albert Witteveen, Chair; Robert Lee; Lloyd Regenerus, Alderman
Dave Kadwell, Town of Grimsby; Councillor Dave Thompson, Town
of Lincoln

Staff: Andrew Winters, Program Manager
Bob Vanyo, Contract Manager
Silvio Mucciarelli, Associate Director, Waste Disposal Operations

Regrets: Ken Durham; Councillor Larry Clark, Town of Pelham; Alderman
Alexander Micallef, Township of West Lincoln

1. **Membership**

Committee was notified that Mr. Allard Colyn has resigned from this Committee.

PRESENTATION

2. **Municipal Hazardous or Special Waste Program (MHSW)**

Bob Vanyo, Contract Manager Waste Management Services, provided Committee members with a presentation respecting the MHSW program.

Presentation highlights were as follows:

In 2012, Niagara Region:

- Held 28 Mobile Event Days from April to November
- Operated one permanent MHSW depot at the Niagara Road 12 landfill
- Promoted MHSW collection via Orange Drop Program Brand

Last year, staff reviewed efficiencies of the MHSW program and, in October 2012, reported to Regional Committee and Council with options for service levels. In the report to Committee and Council, staff recommended consolidation of 28 mobile events to 17 mobile events per year and consideration of accepting MHSW materials at the Niagara Road 12

permanent depot from residents of the remaining eight Niagara municipalities pending consultation with the Niagara Road 12 Citizens Liaison Committee and approval by Ministry of the Environment.

Regional Council approved Public Works Committee's recommendation and authorized staff to explore potential opportunities to establish an additional permanent MHSW depot and determine any further changes to the MHSW program.

Rationale for Program Changes:

- Funding gap exists
- Capacity at 17 event days to effectively service existing program uses
- Return to retail locations more accessible
- Reduce costs by \$159,500 annually (depending on material volumes)

Silvio Mucciarelli, Associate Director, Waste Disposal Operations, provided Committee members with the second part of the presentation respecting the use of the Niagara Road 12 permanent depot.

Presentation highlights were as follows:

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- Staff informed the CLC last October 4, 2012 of the MHSW service level review and recommendation to open service area for residents of other Niagara municipalities for MHSW only
- CLC requested that the Region notify the four municipalities and that the CLC have the opportunity to review the application for service area amendment

Rationale for allowing residents from other Niagara municipalities to use the NR12 permanent depot for only MHSW:

- No MSHW event days between December and March. Need to close the gap and provide other municipalities with continuous all-year service for dropping off MHSW
- Operating cost for Niagara Road 12 site including the permanent Depot is shared among all 12 municipalities
- Niagara Road12 permanent depot has capacity to handle additional volume

No waste or leaf and yard material from other Niagara municipalities. Residents from the other eight Niagara municipalities will not be allowed to dispose of waste at the Niagara Road 12 landfill. They would use first the residential drop off depot operated by Walker or the Humberstone residential drop off depot which is much closer to them.

- Regional Council approved a three landfill disposal strategy: Niagara Road 12 landfill to serve the four municipalities, the Humberstone landfill to serve the south municipalities and the Walker landfill to serve the north east municipalities
- Niagara Region has a 20-year agreement with Walker and must provide a minimum of 25,000 tonne annually to Walker
- Niagara Region has initiated an Environmental Assessment to expand the Humberstone landfill and provide additional Regional landfill capacity for a 25-year period. Once EA is approved, waste from south Niagara will continue to be disposed at the Humberstone landfill. If EA is not approved, the Region would likely divert more waste to Walker because of the long haul distance from Humberstone to Niagara Road 12 landfill. A transfer station would have to be established which is estimated to be more costly than disposing of the waste at Walker.

Minimal increase in traffic and volume of MHSW:

- It is expected that few residents from other Niagara municipalities will make the trip to the Niagara Road 12 permanent depot. The records show that currently very few residents from the Town of Pelham use the permanent depot likely due to the long distance and proximity to the mobile events held in Welland. Staff estimate less than one per cent (Similar to historical data for Pelham)
- Staff estimate 265 to 475 additional vehicles per year to Niagara Road 12 permanent depot. Number of residents from other Niagara municipalities will be recorded in a database and the increase will be monitored
- Staff estimate six to 11 metric tonnes of additional MHSW materials annually
- The reality is that residents from the east and north end of the Region will first drop off their MHSW to the closest collection sites (i.e. Rona for paints)
- If a resident makes the effort to drive the long distance to Niagara Road 12 permanent depot, it is because he wants to do the right thing for disposal of MHSW materials
- MHSW program is promoted through Niagara Region website and Stewardship Ontario Orange Drop website which directs residents to the closest collection site from their place of residence

Illegal Dumping:

- Communication to residents will be clear that they can ONLY bring MHSW materials to the Niagara Road 12 permanent depot. The Region will not permit garbage or leaf and yard waste to be dropped off by residents from the other eight municipalities
- If waste is brought, only MHSW materials will be accepted and the resident will be directed to either Humberstone or the Walker residential waste drop-off depot to dispose of the waste. The license plate number

and description of the waste will be recorded for loads that are refused. This record will be used to determine if the waste is dumped illegally

- Can avail to Municipal By-Law enforcement to minimize illegal dumping

Industrial Hazardous Waste:

- Industrial hazardous waste will not be accepted at the Niagara Road 12 permanent depot
- The Niagara Road 12 permanent depot is not licensed to receive commercial hazardous waste

CLC members' comments/discussion

- Niagara Region should consider establishing a second permanent MHSW depot close to where majority of residents live
- The Niagara Road 12 permanent depot should be used as a temporary measure until a second permanent depot is established
- Extensive promotion and advertising that residents should use their closest collection depot first and if need to go to Niagara Road 12 depot can only drop off MHSW materials
- Will give residents another option and result in good customer service for Niagara residents
- Monitor any impacts and measure the benefits
- An application will be prepared to amend the Environmental Compliance Approval once all four municipalities respond to Niagara Region. The application will be brought to the Niagara Road 12 CLC

RESOLUTION

Moved by: Albert Witteveen

Seconded by: Robert Lee

The Niagara Road 12 Citizens Liaison Committee recommends that Niagara Region submit an application to increase the service area to the remaining Niagara municipalities for only MHSW.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Councillor Thompson

Seconded by: Albert Witteveen

The Committee adjourned at 8:50 p.m. to meet again at the call of the Chair.