

WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES DIVISION
CITIZENS LIAISON COMMITTEE (CLC) – NIAGARA ROAD 12
LANDFILL SITE

Meeting Notes from the Niagara Road 12 Landfill Citizens Liaison Committee held via Zoom and in person on February 19, 2026, commencing at 7:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Committee: Ken Durham – Resident Member (Chair)
Robert Lee – Resident Member
Councillor Don Howe, Town of Grimsby
Councillor Bob Hildebrandt, Town of Pelham
Councillor Mike Rehner, Town of West Lincoln

Regrets: Councillor Jacob Baradziej, Town of Grimsby
Councillor Greg Reimer, Town of Lincoln

Guest: John Ganann

Staff: Andrew Winters, Program Manager, Waste Disposal Operations
Kate Ashbridge, Supervisor, Waste Disposal Operations
Emil Prpic, Associate Director Waste Disposal & Engineering
Sandy Sawatzky, Waste Management Clerk/Program Administrator

1. Distributed prior to the meeting:

Agenda

Meeting Notes for Nov 6, 2025, meeting

2. Approval of Agenda:

The agenda was approved and accepted by the Committee, and the meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m.

3. Approval of Meeting Notes from Nov 6, 2025:

Approved and accepted by the Committee

4. Business arising from the previous meeting:

- Staff summarizes Nov 6 meeting notes.

Discussion regarding reusable items at the Re-usable Materials Drop-off Depot

- By-law states no scavenging but allows for materials to be set aside reusable items.
 - By-law 2022-32 section 38 Scavenging
 - 38.2 No Person shall Scavenge, interfere with, pick over, disturb, remove or scatter any Material at a Regional Drop-Off Location unless the Material has been designated for re-use by the Region and the Person has received permission from the Region.
- Re-usable Materials Drop-off Depot at the site allows residents to donate reusable items.
 - As part of the CLC request in the Nov 6 meeting notes, Niagara Region staff will review:
 - the signage on site
 - promotion of the Re-usable Materials Drop-off Depot
 - work with the on-site contractor, in a safe manner, to maximize the amount of re-usable items being diverted to the reuse depot.
- A CLC member indicated that the diversion of materials is not being practiced by the new contractor.
- Contractor staff have been instructed to direct residents to the Re-usable Materials Drop-off Depot when they notice items in good condition that could be reused rather than sent to landfill.
- Staff gave an overview of tonnages collected at the Re-usable Materials Drop-off Depot. The tonnages have consistently increased by approximately 18% year over year.

5. Update on Projects at NR12 for 2026:

- Update on Waste Management Strategic Plan (WMSP)
 - WMSP went to the Public Works Committee on February 10, 2026, and was approved and will go to Council on February 26 for approval.
- Decking investigation/repair
 - Maintenance project at the scale house and reuse centre
 - Consultants inspected and measured the decking requirements. Currently preparing drawings for the repair/replacement of the decking.

- Timeline – if funds are available in the capital budget, some of the critical work will occur this year. The non-critical work will be completed in 2027.
- Oil Tank replacement
 - Site is replacing an aging **4,500-gallon oil tank** that has been in service for 30 years.
 - Replacement scheduled for mid-March, work will be done on a Monday when the site is closed.
 - Tank replacement is being handled by a different company from the company currently removing the used oil collected.
 - Project is through the procurement process.

6. New Gas Regulation: Installation of a gas collection system

- New Federal regulation to reduce greenhouse gases was passed recently. Based on updated modelling, the Niagara Road 12 landfill will be required to install a methane gas collection system. ((Landfill Methane Regulations: SOR/2025-279))
- The current phase of the project includes the completion and submission of the Landfill Methane Modelling Tool to quantify methane emissions and assess regulatory obligations.
- Anticipated compliance timeline is 2028–2029.
- An entire gas collection system would need to be installed, as there is no existing infrastructure.
- A member suggested it may be prudent to install collection pipes as new landfill cells are developed rather than retrofitting later.
- Under a previous Provincial regulation, the landfill received an exemption because the Region was able to demonstrate that NR-12 posed no significant concern with respect to methane emissions.
- The purpose of the update was to inform the committee of the new regulatory development and the potential to redesign new cells to incorporate a gas collection system.

7. Update on NR12 Operations – Tonnage Review:

- Tonnage spreadsheets – Inbound and Outbound (attached)

Action: Send slides to the committee to be included in draft meeting notes (Sandy)

8. Other Business:

- Landfill Capacity Discussion
- WSP completed a capacity study in July/ 2025. In that report, they have identified that there is 40 years of capacity based on the current tonnages received and landfill operations.
- A question was raised regarding the projected capacity over 40 years, which has not changed over the last several years.
- It was noted that the original design projected a 25-year lifespan.
- Staff responded that formal capacity studies are conducted every three years.
- Further explained that landfill settlement has created additional airspace capacity. Additionally, landfill management practices have contributed to extending landfill capacity.
- Switching to biweekly curbside collection has also reduced the tonnage going to the landfill, which will extend the site's lifespan.
- Staff added that, through the waste audits that the Region is currently conducting, a portion of material in the waste stream is organic waste, which presents further diversion opportunities.

9. Next Meeting

- May 14, 2026 - in person and/or Zoom.

10. ADJOURNMENT: 8:15 pm