

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 November 6, 2025, 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 Greg Reimer, Town of Lincoln
Councillor Jacob Baradziej, Town of Grimsby

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 June 19, 2025, meeting

2. Approval of Agenda:

The agenda was approved and accepted by the Committee, and the meeting was called to order at 7:11 p.m.

3. Approval of Meeting Notes from June 19, 2025:

Approved and accepted by the Committee

4. Business arising from the previous meeting:

- No business arising from the previous meeting.

5. Update on Projects at NR12 for 2025:

- Update on Waste Management Strategic Plan (WMSP)
 - Public and Local Area Municipality (LAM) engagement is finished as of June 6 – look for the engagement summary report and video of one of the public webinars on the project website over the next few weeks ([Waste Management Strategic Plan - Niagara Region, Ontario](#))
 - WMSP was presented at the August Public Works Committee (PWC) to update the committee on actions, targets
 - Draft report will be presented to WMPSC in the fall (December)
- Anticipating approval at PWC by Feb 2026
- Committee discusses strategic plan
 - Will be a 25-year plan
 - As part of the plan, new technologies will be explored as possible options to manage any remaining residual waste
 - Committee member noted that originally the NR12 location was selected for the Landfill due to it being in a rural setting.
- Well Removal
 - There are generally 2 bedrock wells at each monitoring location.
 - There is a shallow bedrock well that monitors the potential for shallow bedrock groundwater impacts.
 - The groundwater monitoring program was optimized with approval from the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) with wells decommissioned in March 2025.
- Paving Inspection Condition
 - Collaborating with the Transportation Division on this project, assessments on road conditions
 - NR12 – repairing roads to extend the longevity of the site
 - First time working with Transportation on this type of project, but will be continuing at other sites
 - Work coordinated through Transportation, contractors are completing the actual paving work

6. Update on International Plowing Match (IPM)

- September 11 – 20
- 18 loads (8.02 MT) of mixed waste were sent to NR12 Landfill for disposal

- No tour of the NR12 Landfill site took place
- Committee discusses IPM Event
 - Organizers and attendees collected all returnable bottles and cans and recycled them through the Beer Store. Niagara Region supplied the recycling containers for the blue/grey box material.
 - Attendance was lower than anticipated

7. Contract Transition Update

- Future Waste as of September 1, 2025
 - Councillor Rehner raised a concern that the previous contractor was putting aside usable items to be reused by other residents, but this practice is not continuing with the current contractor.
 - Staff – agrees none of us want to put good materials into the waste stream; however, the Salvation Army reusable goods building that is located at the front of the site serves this purpose. Furthermore, the waste management by-law prohibits the removal of material from the site, unless the material has been designated for reuse.
 - By-law 2022-32 section 38 Scavenging
 - 38.1 No Person shall, without the written approval of the Region, Scavenge, interfere with, pick over, disturb, remove or scatter any Material set out for collection.
 - 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.

Action: Submit request - “The Niagara Road 12 Citizen’s Liaison Committee moves for Waste Management staff to review By-Law 2022-32- Waste Management System, signage on site and previous practice to allow the setting aside in a safe manner, useable items in good condition at the drop-off depot designated for the landfill for potential reuse by others in order to reduce waste and save landfill space.”

Moved by: Councillor Mike Rehner, Town of West Lincoln

Seconded by: Councillor Don Howe, Town of Grimsby

Carried

8. Update on NR12 Operations – Tonnage Review:

- Tonnage spreadsheets – Inbound and Outbound (attached)

Action: Send slides to the committee, including Meeting Notes (Sandy)

9. Other Business:

- Committee member asks if the new Blue Box recycling contractor will continue picking up from seniors' homes, churches, etc?
- Staff – Blue Box program is now a producer responsibility program.
 - Blue Box collection remained unchanged in 2024 and 2025
 - As of 2026, the Blue Box program will be fully under producer responsibility, and they will be making decisions on what properties are collected, i.e. residential properties are collected while commercial and institutional properties are not required under the regulation.
 - The Region, as well as other municipalities, have engaged with the Province about the challenges, and although all of the final details are unknown, it is anticipated that the program may change in 2026.

10. Next Meeting

- February 19, 2026 - in person and/or Zoom.

11. ADJOURNMENT: 8:12 pm