

## WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES DIVISION

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

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Meeting Notes from the Niagara Road 12 Landfill Citizens Liaison Committee held via Zoom on February 8, 2024, commencing at 7:00 p.m.

#### ATTENDANCE

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

Regrets:

Councillor Mike Rehner, Town of West Lincoln  
Councillor Jacob Baradziej, Town of Grimsby

Staff: Andrew Winters, Program Manager, Waste Disposal Operations  
Sherri Tait, Manager Waste Policy & Planning  
Kate Ashbridge, Supervisor, Waste Disposal Operations  
Sandy Sawatzky, Waste Management Clerk/Program Administrator

#### 1. Distributed at meeting:

Agenda  
Minutes for November 9, 2023, meeting

#### 2. Approval of Agenda:

The agenda was approved and accepted by the Committee, and the meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Moved by: Councillor Don Howe  
Seconded by: Robert Lee

Carried.

#### 3. Approval of Minutes from November 9, 2023:

Moved by: Councillor Bob Hildebrandt  
Seconded by: Councillor Greg Reimer

#### 4. Business Arising from previous meeting:

- November 9, 2023, Action Items will be discussed throughout meeting.

#### 5. Update on Blue/Grey Box Transition – Sherri Tait

- Regulation 391/21 Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act, 2016 [O. Reg. 391/21: BLUE BOX \(ontario.ca\)](#)

##### Presentation

- An overview of the blue box regulation and its move to full producer responsibility was provided, including the background context, decisions the Region made, an overview of communications and next steps.
- As of January 1, 2024, Niagara Region is no longer responsible for the curbside residential recycling program and will not have control over this program moving forward. Circular Materials Ontario (CMO) is the organization representing the Producers responsible for this program.
- CMO reached an agreement with the existing collection contractors, Miller and GFL to provide recycling collection on their behalf from January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2025. As a result of that agreement GFL and Miller are to provide all customer service functions. With having the existing contractors supplying the service, it was a smooth transition to the new curbside program.
- Residents in Grimsby, Lincoln, Pelham and West Lincoln, are to contact GFL with any questions or concerns about recycling of blue/grey box materials at [niagararecycling@gflenv.com](mailto:niagararecycling@gflenv.com) or 1-855-769-3760. Alternately, a website form is available at <https://gflenv.com/canada-recycles/>. If residents want to escalate issues, they can contact CMO at <https://www.circularmaterials.ca/contact/>.
- Municipalities in Ontario are transitioning at different dates to Producer Responsibility. By 2026 all municipalities in Ontario will have transitioned to Producer Responsibility, and it is anticipated that a greater variety of materials may be collected under the blue/grey box program. There may be additional or different contractors in 2026.
- Niagara Region is currently providing collection of recycling at the drop-off depots/landfills and is being compensated for this work by CMO. It is

important to note that producers are only responsible for providing recycling collection at depots where there are curbside collection services until December 31, 2025.

- Regulation 391/21 does not include commercial properties and beginning in 2026 CMO will not allow collection contractors to co-collect recycling from residential properties with commercial properties. If the Region wants to collect commercial recycling it would need to send out separate trucks.
- Niagara Region has approximately 212,000 residential units and approximately 9,000 businesses, however not all businesses use Niagara Region collection services. The amount collected from businesses is minimal compared to the residential tonnage. (i.e. approximately 1,000 tonnes vs 37,000 tonnes).
- Large Item Collection – the Region is still responsible for large item collection which can be booked at [Large Item Collection - Niagara Region, Ontario](#)

## **6. Clerk's Office Response on TOR**

- In the November 9th meeting, a member asked for clarification in the Terms of Reference on what is classified as three unauthorized absences in consecutive meetings, as we are having issues recruiting the public to this committee.
- Clarification "Absence", 3 consecutive meetings:
  - No RSVP and a no show are an "Unauthorized" absence,
  - An RSVP to decline a meeting is an "Authorized" absence.
  - This has never been an issue with this Committee.

## **7. Clerks' office response of new citizen members**

- The Clerks office will be advertising again for interested public members to apply to the CLC committee in the next few months in the hopes of attracting additional public members.
- If anyone is aware of a public member interested in joining this committee, we can send the committee member the link to the Clerks office application form.
- If any public member is interested in joining the CLC and would like to attend the CLC meetings, they are welcome to do so as a guest until they can officially register as a member through the Clerks office.

## **8. Update on End-Use Markets for Divertible Materials**

- Follow up from November meeting.
  - See attachment of end markets for divertible material.
  - Discussion – construction and demolition (C&D) materials are stockpiled on site and twice a year a contractor with grinding equipment comes to the site and grinds the C&D stockpiles. The equipment has a magnet that removes all metal objects including nails. The C&D woodchips are used as part of our operations, including when the roads are wet/muddy or for daily cover.
  - Mattress recycling has started the beginning of February at the NR12 site.

## **9. Update on Projects for 2023/2024**

- Office building improvements
  - Completion has been delayed, some additional work to be completed by the contractor.
  - Anticipating the office will be completed by the next meeting.
- Drop-off Depot improvements
  - Majority of the planned work has been completed.
  - The new onsite concrete dump pad was created to provide a purpose-built solution for dump trailers. Previously one bay of the drop-off depot was being used as a dump pad, which was causing damage to the wall. Some minor adjustments to the new concrete dump pad will be required in the spring to complete this project.
- Compost Pad Improvements
  - The compost pad is the original pad, with minor repairs being done over the years since it was first built in 1995/1996.
  - Project includes major repairs and paving a portion of the pad.
  - Tender closes end of February, construction work to start in spring.
- Removal of Soil by Marz Homes – follow up from November 9, 2023, meeting.
  - Rankin Construction (Rankin) was retained by Marz Homes to remove approximately 50,000 cubic meters of excess clay stockpile located in cell #5 and cell #8. Only the stockpile in cell #5 was removed in the fall of 2023. Marz Homes asked Niagara Region if they could delay the removal of the second stockpile in cell #8 until the spring of 2024, which Niagara Region approved.
  - Rankin conducted the removal of approximately 25,000 cubic meters of soil from cell #5.

- In the process, the operator performed an over-excavation of approximately 3-4 meters below ground level with the aim of reaching virgin soil.
- The excavation was halted by region staff, who deemed it too deep for the intended purpose.
- During the process, a unique “lasagna” layer consisting of clay and topsoil was unearthed, proving unsuitable for the planned Marz Homes development. Without informing Region staff, Rankin rerouted the excavated material to an alternate site.
- The Region has advised Marz Homes that no further diverting of material is acceptable once excavation of the next stockpile commences and agreement will be updated to reflect this requirement.

#### **10. Update on NR12 Operations – Tonnage review Kate Ashbridge**

- Tonnages attached:
  - 2023 Summary Outbound Recycling
  - 2023 Summary Inbound Residential Material
  - Member asked if we could congratulate residents on recycling results in a promotional message.

**Action:** Region to provide an update to residents in outreach/promotional materials for increasing diversion at drop-off depots.

#### **11. Other Business**

- Chair announces International Farm Fair 2025 will be held across from the Niagara Road 12 site at the West Lincoln Fairgrounds.
- Notice - On February 12th tipping fee increased for mixed waste from \$122.50 to \$125.00 / tonne.
- Public notices were released on social media and the Region website, as well as letters emailed/mailed to commercial accounts.
- Fee increase shown in Table below.

RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL WASTE	CURRENT FEE	NEW FEE
Garbage, construction and demolition material	51 kg and above \$122.50/tonne	51 kg and above \$125.00/tonne
Minimum Fee - 50 kg and below	\$7.00	\$8.00
Shingles	\$80.00/tonne	\$85.00/tonne
Commercial leaf and yard waste	\$70.00/tonne	\$75.00/tonne
Mattress Disposal		Surcharge of \$10/mattress
Appliances containing CFC's	\$20/unit	\$22/unit
Concrete and asphalt	\$25/tonne	\$30/tonne
Commercial clean soil	\$39/load	\$10/tonne

**12. Next Meeting**

- May 9, 2024 (alternate date May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024) – in person and/or Zoom.

**13. ADJOURNMENT: 7:25 pm**

Moved by: Councillor Don Howe

Seconded by: Councillor Bob Hildebrandt

Carried