

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 September 30, 2013, commencing at 7 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Committee: Albert Witteveen, Chair; Ken Durham; Robert Lee; Lloyd Regenerus
Councillor Alexander Micallef, Township of West Lincoln; Councillor Dave Thompson, Town of Lincoln

Staff: Andrew Winters, Program Manager
Lynne House, Administrative Assistant

Regrets: Councillor Larry Clark, Town of Pelham
Councillor Dave Kadwell, Town of Grimsby

1. Distributed at meeting:

Agenda for September 30, 2013
Minutes for February 27, 2013 (Draft)
Minutes for July 5, 2013 (Draft)

2. Approval of Minutes from February 27, 2013:

Moved by: Councillor Dave Thompson
Seconded by: Councillor Alexander Micallef

3. Business Arising from previous meeting:

Noted: At this time there has been no replacement for Mr. Colyn.

Approval of Minutes for July 5, 2012

Moved by: Ken Durham
Seconded by: Councillor Dave Thompson

4. MHSW Report:

October 4, 2012: A presentation for the MHSW was given by Bob Vanyo to the CLC. At the time, the CLC did not have quorum. From that information session, the CLC requested the

Region to follow the protocol established from a 2006 CLC resolution about notifying the four local municipalities in writing about the intent to open up the service area for the MHSW at the NR12 depot.

November 23, 2012: The Region notified the four municipalities of its intention to open up the service area for the MHSW at the NR12 landfill site.

January 21, 2013: The Region received correspondence from the Township of West Lincoln that the letter of November 23, 2012, was deferred until the CLC meets and clarifies some concerns raised by West Lincoln Council.

February 27, 2013: The CLC met and Bob Vanyo gave his presentation to the CLC. From this meeting, the CLC made a resolution for the Region to proceed with the Region to make a submission for an ECA amendment to increase the service area to be all of Niagara for only MHSW.

April 15, 2013: Catherine Habermebl and Silvio Mucciarelli made a presentation for the MHSW to the Township of West Lincoln Council.

May 28, 2013: The Region received correspondence from the Township of West Lincoln regarding issues arising from the presentation.

June 19, 2013: The Region responded back to the Township of West Lincoln addressing concerns raised from their letter dated May 28, 2013.

Councillor Micallef thanked the CLC and apologized for not being able to attend the February 27, 2013, meeting and for their patience on this issue.

Councillor Micallef requested clarification of the dates of when residents outside the four local municipalities would be able to use the permanent depot at NR12.

The Region's intention was to allow residents an option to dispose of their MHSW during times of the year when no HHW days are available, from December to March. An amendment to the ECA would be submitted by the Region to open up the service area to all of Niagara region for only MHSW. The ECA does not restrict during certain times of the year, so it would be available year-round to the Niagara residents. The Region does not anticipate the residents using the NR12 depot from April to November because they have access to HHW days.

Councillor Micallef noted concern for the potential increase in illegal dumping if the Region proceeds with opening up the service area. He is looking for reassurances that appropriate procedures are in place to deal with evidence of illegal dumping. An example provided by Councillor Micallef would be if a certain radius around the landfill would be the responsibility of the Region to pick up the waste.

Albert Witteveen noted the Region's objective was that if someone is moving in January with hazardous waste materials, that the Region has an option to give these residents a solution of where they can take it. The Region had identified in their presentation that they would be informing residents that it is only hazardous waste that can be delivered to NR12.

The issue of the Region implementing a second permanent depot within the Region was discussed and is currently being evaluated by the Region.

Illegal Dumping:

Councillor Thompson asked for the recorded quantity of illegal dumping across the Region. Staff noted that that information can be provided to the CLC, but believes that the tonnages for illegal dumping have remained unchanged over the years.

Albert Witteveen noted the WMAC meeting last week indicated they are working on a public campaign to reward people for reporting illegal dumping with a monetary reward and posting generic signs to make it easy to report and make individuals responsible for reporting dumping. In addition to this, the Region has promoted on their website and in the *Green Scene*.

Andrew noted the Region just launched an illegal dumping website where individuals can click on a tab or call a phone number to file a report. Fines are now up to \$500 for illegal dumping. By-law officers are sent out to search for names, etc. The Region has contacted each municipality to set up a working group to deal with illegal dumping and identify hot spots to tackle the problem. Currently, if illegal dumping is found on a regional road, the Region picks up; and if a municipal road, the municipality picks up.

Councillor Micallef noted one of the major concerns being the potential for more illegal dumping and is looking for more reassurances from the Region. Councillor Micallef noted another question asked of him today – is there a requirement for a triple majority before an item is passed? Albert Witteveen noted that a report would go through Public Works Committee and Council for approval.

Albert Witteveen suggested that when this matter is brought up by Councillor Micallef at the next West Lincoln meeting, that he notifies the Region so the Region has representation there to further answer any items requiring further clarification.

Albert noted E-day was held at the Region with 1500 vehicles and a good response, so the public is aware of and support these programs.

Battery Recycling:

Albert Witteveen noted the battery recycling pilot program was very successful in Pelham. He noted the Region wants to do pickup once or twice per year because people collect batteries and perhaps when the time changes and batteries are changed, the batteries can be collected at nominal charge so no extra collection is needed.

Ken Durham suggested promoting battery recycling throughout the Region and to have battery drop-off locations in all municipal office buildings. Andrew advised Ken there is website called “Orange Drop,” a provincially run program, for input of a postal code and the type of waste, and it will tell you the closest location that accepts the MHSW material.

5. 2012 Annual Reports – Summary

Distribution of the 2012 Annual Monitoring Report and Operation Report; there are no significant changes from the previous year.

Highlights of some of the changes from previous reports were discussed; highlights included overall tonnages were down, overall traffic was down, and the implementation of the recycling of shingles. It was noted that a new landfill contractor started in December 2012.

6. Other Business:

Discussed: Contractors from other municipalities working in West Lincoln.

Councillor Micallef expressed concern about contractors from other jurisdictions working in West Lincoln and having their waste accepted in West Lincoln, noting in particular, the waste from the new turbines.

Andrew noted that the waste must be generated in the four municipalities to be accepted at the NR12 site.

Robert Lee commended the Region for its initiatives on illegal dumping.

Councillor Micallef will advise council that he has approached CLC, identified concerns, and noted precautions taken and to be taken regarding illegal dumping and also the CLC's position opening up NR12 to the rest of the Region.

Ken Durham noted a recycling audit took place in West Lincoln a couple weeks ago and asked if Andrew had results; results are not yet known; Andrew will enquire and report back to CLC.

7. Next Meeting – TBA

8. ADJOURNMENT:

8:30 P.M.