

GFL COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday December 12, 2022

VIA TEAMS MEETING

6:00 pm

MINUTES

ATTENDEES:

Members: Chris Hagg (CH), *Community Representative*
David Schoenholz (DS), *Community Representative*
Councillor Jeff Beattie (JB), *City of Hamilton, City Representative*
Councillor Brad Clark (BC), *City of Hamilton, City Representative*
Vince Ramelli (VR), *Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board*
Michael Durst (MD), *Supervisor, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks*
Lorenzo Alfano (LA), *GFL Environmental, Regional Operations Manager*

Regrets: Sarah Solter (SS), *Community Representative*
Jeff Isowa (JI), *Community Representative*

Assisted By: Kim Bailey

1. Welcome, Advice on Public Delegations for Consideration

In Sarah's absence Kim Bailey facilitated the meeting. Kim welcomed the committee members as well as guests Richard Leitner, Stoney Creek News & Community Member Dave Strecker.

No requests for public delegations currently.

No additions or deletions to the agenda currently.

2. Matters Arising from September 2022 Meeting

- Open Community Representative position
- Questions regarding the 2021 Annual Report
- Discuss possible Public Information Session for the new school being built near the landfill.
- E-mail account setup from GFL

Open Community Representative Position: The position has been filled by a gentleman by the name of David Schoenholz. Mr. Schoenholz was late attending the meeting as it was close to the end when he was able to join the call.

Questions regarding the 2021 Annual Report: A link to the full Annual Report was sent to all of the committee members as well as a copy of the 2021 Highlights Report for review. Mr. Hagg asked “Can anybody tell me how we are getting DDT and PCB’s in the leachate?” “DDT was banned a long time ago why is there any at all? Mr. Hagg also mentioned there is animal fats as well, which does not bode well with what you say is actually in the landfill.” Mr. Alfano responded the concentrations are very minute. GFL receives waste from Industrial, commercial and institutional locations. Some of these locations are old and require remediation and therefore remnants from different sources may be detected.” Councillor Clark asked that the company representative have a more fulsome response to Mr. Hagg’s concerns. Mr. Alfano said the two parameters mentioned are well within the acceptance criteria for this location but I will have a proper response by next meeting.

Mr. Hagg inquired about the berms and why they have not been vegetated yet? Mr. Alfano said the berms have been hydroseeded but unfortunately, they did not take properly. The landscaping company will come back in the spring to hydroseed again.

Discuss possible Public Information Session regarding concerns of landfill in proximity of the new school being built: Cam Galindo is no longer a Trustee with the Public School Board. Kim Bailey reached out to see who would replace Mr. Galindo but there was no response at the time of this meeting. Councillor Clark reiterated that it was not the CLC’s intention to organize and run a Public Information Session but the committee is willing to work with the School Board.

Email setup for the CLC: Kim Bailey reiterated GFL’s IT Department oversees all email account & website setups, this is not done by any of the sites. Outside emails addresses will not be added to the GFL site. We have changed the email address to clc@gflenv.com. As always all concerns and inquiries are shared with the committee members and will continue to do so.

3. Site Update:

Quarterly Update of Operational Activities at the Landfill:

Site activity has been busy over the past 3 months. Current incoming volumes are from regular baseline customers (primarily AMD) and construction event volumes.

Construction activity during period:

- Cell/Liner construction is complete. We are conducting several infrastructure projects such as (final cover, waste relocation and backfilling) as part of the ongoing development of the landfill.

Review of Monitoring: Particulate Matter (PM10)

September 2022 – 2 MECP 1 HR average exceedances and 0 daily average exceedances

September exceedances due to very dry conditions

- Sept. 21st & 25th. Facility activity a contributing factor (construction activity, excavating clay for liner construction).

October 2022 – 3 MECP 1 HR average exceedances and 1 daily average exceedances

October exceedances due to very dry conditions and wind gusts

- Oct 5th & 12th. Facility activity a contributing factor (construction activity, excavating clay for liner construction).

November 2022 – 2 MOE 1 HR average exceedances and 0 daily average exceedances

November exceedances due to very dry conditions and wind gusts.

- Nov. 9th, 10th. Facility activity a contributing factor (construction activity, excavating clay for liner construction).

In order to help keep dust down an extra water truck was used during those exceedances.

Review of Complaints:

No complaints to report.

Status of Applications Pending with the MECP:

No applications pending.

Heritage Green Community Trust Activities Update:

The Heritage Green Community Trust at their meeting in November gave a \$10,000.00 cheque to the Stoney Creek Santa Claus Parade Committee. This is an on-going partnership with the Parade Committee. As of January 1st the Trust will accept scholarship applications from local students. An ad will be placed in the Stoney Creek News.

4. New Business:

Councillor Clark brought up concerns and complaints his office has received regarding the dirt along First Road West, it seems to be coming up and sticking to the cars driving by the site. Councillor Clark asked how often the road is swept understanding the company can't spray the roads down during this time of year. Mr. Alfano replied the road is swept continuously throughout the day, nonstop. Staff is monitoring the road at all times for any sort of drag out. Councillor Clark asked if trucks were still required to go through a vehicle wash? Mr. Alfano confirmed all trucks must go through the wheel wash before leaving the site. There are times when material does get stuck between the axles where the wheel wash doesn't hit and may end up falling off onto the road. This is why we have a sweeping system in place to try and keep the roads free of debris. Councillor Clark mentioned the white lines on the road are a mere shadow of what they used to be. Mr. Alfano replied that original lines were a raised retroreflective application used by the City. We explained this would not work with the work being done on this road so City staff had it removed and painted white lines instead. Councillor Clark will speak with the City of Hamilton, Roads Department about this.

Mr. Hagg asked if the landfill accepts biosolids from the sewage treatment plant? Mr. Alfano's response is "no we do not." Councillor Clark mentioned the biosolids from the sewer treatment plant is going to another company who runs a biosolids drying facility and turning the biosolids into fertilizer pellets and then selling them on the open market.

5. Determination of Agenda Items for December 2022 CLC Meeting:

- Response to Mr. Hagg's questions regarding DDT & PCB results in the Annual Report.

6. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm

Next meeting: Monday March 13, 2023, at 6:00 pm via Teams Meeting