

GFL COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday March 8, 2022
DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC MEETING TOOK PLACE VIA TEAMS MEETING
6:30 pm

MINUTES

ATTENDEES:

Members: Sarah Solter (SS), *Community Representative*
Chris Hagg (CH), *Community Representative*
Jeff Isowa (JI), *Community Representative*
Councillor Brad Clark (BC), *City of Hamilton, City Representative*
Councillor Maria Pearson (MP), *City of Hamilton, City Representative*
Vince Ramelli (VR), *Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board*
Cam Galindo (CG), *Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board*
Michael Durst (MD), *Supervisor, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks*
Lorenzo Alfano (LA), *GFL Environmental, Regional Operations Manager*

Regrets: Stephen Burt (SB), *District Manager, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks*

Assisted By: Kim Bailey

1. Welcome, Advice on Public Delegations for Consideration

Sarah Solter welcomed the committee and asked the community members to declare their residency. There are no changes, all community members continue to reside at the address stated when they joined the committee. For the community not to lose two members at the same time, it was suggested to have one of the new community members take on a three-year term while the other stays for four years. Chris Hagg will commit to a three-year term and Jeff Isowa will commit to a four-year term.

No requests for public delegations currently.

No additions or deletions to the agenda currently.

2. Matters Arising from December 2021 Meeting

Review Operating Guidelines for the CLC: The Operating Guidelines were reviewed by the committee members with a couple of suggestions to add to the document. Councilor Clark suggested to put a "Revised Date" at the bottom of the document. Sarah Solter suggested to add a line under the "Accessibility" heading for on-line meetings. Both suggestions will be added, and Kim Bailey will send out to the committee via e-mail for approval. Once approved the updated guidelines will be posted on the CLC's website.

Explanation from MECP on the placement of the PM10 Monitoring Station: Michael Durst spoke with MECP Air Quality Analysts as well as the Supervisor for Air & Pesticide Section regarding why only one PM10 Monitoring station on site and the reason for its location on the site. Michael Durst showed a slide of "Wind Rows" given by MECP Air Quality Analysts. The location of the monitoring station is based on prevailing wind direction, location of operations and the location/proximity of receptors. Councilor Clark asked how does the monitoring of this landfill differ from other landfills? Mr. Durst explained the data is collected in real time, 7 days a week by a Third- Party Consultant. Results of these readings are emailed to the MECP, and reports are filed. The company reports on exceedances at each CLC meeting and Rotek is invited to present on how the monitoring station works each year. There have been no concerns over the last year as there have been less than six exceedances that were not related to landfill. Councilor Clark mentioned community members have raised concerns about winds blowing in the direction of the school, judging by the wind rows this should not be a concern? Michael Durst explained the wind direction is predominately SW but will take this concern back to the Air Quality Analysts for review and will report back to the CLC in June.

Councilor Clark mentioned the possibility of placing a PM10 Monitoring Station at the corner of Trafalgar and Mud Street, near the stormwater pond the MECP, based on the data, does not feel it is warranted or required.

Jeff Isowa inquired about the movement of dirt on the NE berms near the gas station and how the monitoring stations haven't picked up the activity over the last two months.

Mr. Isowa mentioned the reason for the movement of the monitoring station is to pick up on odours and where the wind was coming from and that it may not be from the landfill site. Lorenzo Alfano explained the monitoring station measures wind speed and direction and it's the data from the PM10 station that we use to help assess and investigate when there is an odour complaint. Michael Durst explained that odour is difficult to monitor, there isn't a monitor that we can use to measure odours. Therefore, the best option if someone smells any odours is to call the landfill office or the MECP who will come out as soon as possible to try and track where the odour maybe coming from.

Sarah Solter inquired about the percentages shown on the "Wind Rows" Graph what does this mean? Mr. Durst explained it the frequency the winds are blowing which when added up should amount to 100%. The MECP looks at the exceedances of air quality levels and will look at the direction the wind was blowing from, the station picks up particulate matter from the entire area not just the landfill. It is up to the MECP to interpret the results to see determine if there is a problem.

Advertising for CLC Members: In the past the CLC placed ads in both the Hamilton Spectator and the Stoney Creek News looking for new CLC Community Members. We found the ads in the Hamilton Spectator brought a small amount of interest and those interested lived well outside the area and therefore did not qualify to apply. Therefore, it was written in the guidelines to advertise in the Stoney Creek News. Kim Bailey will place an ad in the Stoney Creek News in April as well as update the CLC's website looking for community members. There is an issue with delivery of the Stoney Creek News in the immediate area near the landfill, the community is

not receiving the paper at all. Kim Bailey will speak with our contact at the SC News and will share our concerns. Councilor Clark inquired about on-line advertising with the Stoney Creek News, Kim Bailey will inquire about this as well. The CLC's website also advertises for new members. Cam Gallindo suggested we email Principals from the local schools to let their parent councils know of the CLC as well.

Email Address for concerns and questions to go directly to CLC Members: Councilor Clark mentioned there is a way through outlook to have a general email account for the CLC and under the "Rules" tab to set up for general inquires to go to the CLC Members. Councilor Clark will have someone from his office contact Kim Bailey to help set this up.

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 the period:

- Berm relocation and construction, completed in early February 2022.

Review of Monitoring: Particulate Matter (PM10)

December 2021 – 0 MECP 1 HR average exceedances and 0 daily average exceedances

- No Exceedances

January 2022 – 3 MECP 1 HR average exceedances and 0 daily average exceedances

- Exceedances due to fugitive dust from high winds outside of operating hours (two on Jan 11th) and site activity due to construction (Jan 31st)

February 2022 – 4 MECP 1 HR average exceedances and 0 daily average exceedances

- Exceedances due to facility activity due to construction (three on February 15th, one on February 16th)

Jeff Isowa asked is there a setback for the berms on Hwy #20 as the berms on Mud Street are quite further back from the street. As mentioned in prior meetings, Mr. Alfano explained the setback on Hwy #20 is for the company can move their infrastructure to the buffer area as the current infrastructure is in the landfilling area where liner will be built. Once landfilling is completed it will be part of the Closure Plan to decide what to do with the berms. The area will be hydroseeded this summer. Councilor Clark asked if wildflowers can be included in the mix with MTO Grass, Mr. Alfano will speak with the landscapers to see what can be done. Mr. Isowa also asked if the company sprays the berms down prior to moving the dirt and if so where does the leachate go? Lorenzo Alfano explained this material does not get sprayed down as it is excavated material from the old berms and is not dusty to begin with.

Review of Complaints:

No complaints reported during this period.

Status of Applications Pending with the MECP:

No applications pending.

Heritage Green Community Trust Activities Update:

The Trust is looking for a new Trustee, an ad will be in the March 10th edition of the Stoney Creek News. The Trustees approved a grant in the amount of \$53,143.63 to the City of Hamilton for a Wheelchair Swing to be located at the Heritage Green Sports Park. The Trust's Annual General Meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday May 30, 2022, at the updated Valley Park Library.

4. New Business:

Cam Galindo informed the committee members the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board held a Public Information Session with respect to the new school being built on First Road West below Green Mountain Road. There were a lot of questions and concerns regarding their children attending a school near the landfill. Mr. Galindo has requested the CLC ask GFL Environmental to plan and host a Public Information Session explaining how the site operates, safety and air quality and give the community an opportunity to ask questions. Jeff Isowa commented on the traffic situation having trucks coming in the area through Green Mountain Road and First Road W. All trucks coming to the landfill enter the location on Upper Centennial Pkwy, main entrance and exit south on First Road W and are instructed to turn left towards Mud Street.

Vince Ramelli let the committee know that St James the Apostle Elementary School will be undergoing redevelopment. The students have been moved to the old Our Lady of Assumption site and demolition has started at St. James. St. James the Apostle will re-open in September 2023. With respect to busing, children from the north of Green Mountain Road W. are transported to St. James therefore any communication on operations and truck routes from GFL would be beneficial.

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

- MECP to report back regarding air quality monitoring in relation to the proximity of the new school.
- MECP to clarify the data on the "Wind Rows" Graph on how it is read.
- MECP to provide Councilor Clark a summary email on monitoring in the area.
- Results from April advertisement in Stoney Creek News.
- Councilor Clark to give information on email setup for the committee.
- Discuss possible Public Information Session regarding

6. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm

Next meeting: Monday June 6, 2022, at 6:30 pm. Due to COVID-19 where/how the meeting will be held will be determined in May.

