

GFL COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday March 4, 2024

VIA TEAMS MEETING

6:00 pm

MINUTES

ATTENDEES:

Members: Chris Hagg (CH), *Community Representative*
David Schoenholz (DS), *Community Representative*
Dinesh Fernando (DF), *Community Representative*
Councillor Brad Clark (BC), *Ward 9 Councillor, City of Hamilton*
Vince Ramelli (VR), *Manager of Real Estate, Community Partnerships & Transportation – H.W.C.D.S.B.*
Ellen Warling (EW), *Manager, Planning, Accommodations & Rentals – H.W.D.S.B.*
Stephen Burt (SB), *District manager, Hamilton District – Ministry of the Environment, Conservation & Parks*
Lorenzo Alfano (LA), *District Manager, GFL Environmental,*

Regrets: Jeff Isowa (JI), *Community Representative*
Councillor Jeff Beattie (JB), *Ward 10 Councillor, City of Hamilton*

Moderator: Katrina McCullough, *Community Engagement Specialist & Facilitator, GHD Limited*

Assisted By: Kim Bailey

1. Welcome, Advice on Public Delegations for Consideration

Katrina McCullough started the meeting by asking if there were any requests for public delegations and there were none. There will be an opportunity for the community to comment or ask questions when we get to item #6 on the agenda. This CLC meeting would run in the same format as the December meeting with a slide presentation to start, Katrina asked the CLC members if they agreed, and they all did. After going through the slides Katrina then turned the meeting over to David Schoenholz to chair the meeting.

Community Members to Declare their Residency Status and Review Terms: Kim Bailey asked each community member at the meeting to declare their residency to be within the 1.5 km radius of the landfill site:

David Schoenholz	Residency confirmed	Term End date: December 2026
Chris Hagg	Residency confirmed	Term End date: December 2024
Dinesh Fernando	Residency confirmed	Term End date: September 2027
Jeff Isowa	Unconfirmed	Term End date: December 2025

2. Matters Arising from December 2023 Meeting:

Discussion on Adding an Alternate Community Member to the CLC: The Operating Guidelines for the CLC has a provision for allowing for an alternate community member. Although quorum has not been an issue the CLC members feel it would be appropriate to add an alternate community member to the committee in case a community member is unable to attend meetings.

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED: That advertising for an Alternate Community Member commence, be and the same are hereby approved.

3. Site Update:

Quarterly Update of Operational Activities at the Landfill:

The site activity over the past three-month period consists of construction at the site.

- GFL completed final landfill cap on the east and southeast perimeter of the Site in mid-December.
- GFL continued to prep the northeast corner of the landfill for 2024 cell liner construction.

Review of Monitoring: Particulate Matter (PM10)

December 2023 – 4 MECP 1 HR average exceedances and 1 daily average exceedances.

December exceedances due to:

- Dec. 12th – High winds combined with facility activity due to construction, and fugitive dust were contributing factors.
- 4 x Dec. 14th – Facility activity due to construction was a contributing factor.

January 2024 – 4 MECP 1 HR average exceedances and 1 daily average exceedances

January exceedances due to:

- 5 x Jan. 17th – High winds combined with facility fugitive dust from construction were contributing factors.

February 2024 – 11 MECP 1 HR average exceedances and 1 daily average exceedances

February exceedances due to:

- Feb. 13th – Facility activity due to construction was a contributing factor.
- 8 x Feb. 21st – Facility activity due to construction was a contributing factor.
- 2 x Feb. 25th – Outside Facility operational hours, high winds & fugitive dust emissions were a contributing factor.

Councillor Clark inquired regarding the PM10 monitoring at the site. How soon is an exceedance noted and reacted to? Lorenzo Alfano reiterated the alert is received immediately and GFL will use a water truck to spray down the area to suppress the dust.

Mr. Dinesh asked what is the instrumentation used for odour monitoring? Mr. Alfano advised there is a weather station the records wind direction and speed, temperature, and precipitation in real time.

Review of Complaints:

During the past quarter the site received 144 complaints.

December Complaints (6 odour complaints):

- 2 odour - site activity.
- 3 odour - not enough information provided.
- 1 drag out on First Rd.

January Complaints (39 odour complaints):

- 12 odour - site activity.
- 27 odour - not enough information provided.

February Complaints (99 odour complaints):

- 33 odour - intermittent. The site was not operational.
- 23 odour - intermittent from site activity.
- 43 odour - not enough information provided.

GFL has found some complaints received at the site don't have enough information for an investigation to take place. Mr. Dinesh asked what was missing from the complaints. GFL requires the location and time of the odour to properly investigate, an email address from the complainant is important to be able to provide a response. Mr. Dinesh asked if there can only be odours if the landfill is operational. Mr. Alfano said no but it is difficult to determine the cause if there is no staff on-site at the time of the complaint. Lorenzo mentioned that all odours in the community do not necessarily come from the GFL landfill. There have been intermittent issues with odours. It is not realistic to believe there will never be an odour emitted from the landfill site but understand we do investigate all complaints we receive. The complaint form found on the GFL Stoney Creek website (www.gflstoneycreek.com) has been updated to collect the data required for odour investigations.

Mr. Dinesh inquired about the timing for the construction of the leachate treatment facility. Mr. Alfano advised that plans to construct the new treatment facility are underway. GFL is currently in discussion with the City of Hamilton and the MECP regarding permitting requirements. Depending on the approvals we hope to have the treatment facility operational by the end of year.

Mr. Alfano mentioned the community held a protest on March 1st at the main gate located on Upper Centennial. Police were present during this time. Approximately 20 people were in attendance with the protest starting at 1:00 pm and ending approximately 2.5 hours later without any safety incidents.

Status of Applications Pending with the MECP:

No applications pending.

Heritage Green Community Trust Activities Update:

Heritage Green Community Trust is accepting Scholarship Applications as of January 1, 2024.

Heritage Green Community Trust is now accepting grant applications for funding projects within a 3 km radius of the Stoney Creek landfill.

The Heritage Green Community Trust is currently looking for two community members to replace those trustees whose terms will come to an end in May 2024. Interested candidates should contact Kim Bailey at HGCT@gflenv.com.

The Annual General Meeting for the Heritage Green Community Trust is scheduled for Monday May 27, 2024, at 5:30 pm to be held at the Hamilton Public Library Valley Park Branch.

4. New Business:

Kim Bailey advised the CLC of an update that is required in the CLC's Operational Guidelines. Under the heading "Meeting Procedures" subheading "Procedural Requirements" bullet point #5 regarding a full compliment. Need to update this bullet point to include the members from the Public and Separate School Board as voting members which would change the number for quorum to 5.

*Upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, it was
RESOLVED: That to update the CLC Operational Guidelines to include members from the Public and Separate School Board bring the quorum total to 5, be and the same are hereby approved.*

5. Determination of Agenda Items for June 2024 CLC Meeting:

- Alternate community member

6. Public Participation:

Public participation was deferred to the Community Update Meeting starting immediately after the CLC meeting.

7. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:43 pm

Next meeting: Monday June 3, 2024, at 6:00 pm via Teams Meeting