

GFL COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday September 12, 2022

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 Maria Pearson (MP), *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: Cam Galindo (CG), *Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board*

Assisted By: Kim Bailey

1. Welcome, Advice on Public Delegations for Consideration

Sarah Solter welcomed the committee members as well as guests Richard Leitner, Stoney Creek News.

No requests for public delegations currently.

No additions or deletions to the agenda currently.

2. Matters Arising from June 2022 Meeting

- Possibility of changing the meeting day from Mondays
- Update from Public School Board's Public Information Session
- Open Community Representative position
- E-mail account setup from GFL

Possibility of changing CLC Meeting Day from Mondays: The CLC held their meetings on the first Monday of the Quarter to accommodate the City Councillors. With the addition of the School Board members these days are an issue. In order to accommodate both the Councillors and Board staff the committee members agreed to change the meeting days to the second Monday of each quarter. Kim Bailey also asked to change the meeting times to start at 6:00 pm.

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

RESOLVED: That the meeting days of the CLC will now take place on the second Monday of each quarter with a 6:00 pm start time be accepted and the same is hereby approved.

Discuss possible Public Information Session regarding concerns of landfill in proximity of the new school being built: Cam Galindo was unable to attend the meeting, therefore this discussion was deferred to the December meeting.

Open Community Representative Position: After many attempts to advertise for the open Community position the suggestion to go directly to the parent councils at the local school to see if there is any interest. Kim Bailey will forward a copy of the advertisement to Vince, Cam and Sarah so they can share with their respective principals. They can report back at the next meeting on any interest.

Email setup for the CLC: Kim Bailey has reached out to GFL's IT Department regarding the setup of a dedicated email address for the CLC. We are still waiting for their response, Kim will report back at the December meeting.

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 continues and is scheduled to be completed in the next 3 to 4 weeks. Once cell/liner construction is completed we will be conducting the relocation of several infrastructure project such as (final cover, backfilling northern buffer zone) as part of the ongoing development of the landfill.

Review of Monitoring: Particulate Matter (PM10)

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

June exceedances due to very dry conditions

- June 3rd, 1 x hrly, Facility activity a contributing factor (construction activity, excavating clay for liner construction).
- June 16th, 1 x hrly, Facility activity a contributing factor (construction activity, excavating clay for liner construction).
- June 21st, 1 x hrly, Facility activity a contributing factor (construction activity, excavating clay for liner construction).

- June 24th, 1 x hrly, Facility activity a contributing factor (construction activity, excavating clay for liner construction).

July 2022 – 12 MECP 1 HR average exceedances and 1 daily average exceedances

July exceedances due to very dry conditions

- July 11th, 8 x hrly and 1 x 24hr, Facility activity a contributing factor (construction activity, excavating clay for liner construction. Strong wind gusts ranging from 35 to 55 km/hr.
- July 20th, 4 x hrly, Facility activity a contributing factor (construction activity, excavating clay for liner construction. Strong wind gusts ranging from 50 to 55 km/hr.

Aug. 2022 – 17 MOE 1 HR average exceedances and 0 daily average exceedances

August exceedances due to very dry conditions

- Aug. 3rd, 5 x hrly, Facility activity a contributing factor (construction activity, excavating clay for liner construction. Strong wind gusts ranging from 45 to 50 km/hr.
- Aug. 4th, 1 x hrly, Facility activity a contributing factor (construction activity, excavating clay for liner construction. Strong wind gust of 35 km/hr
- Aug. 8th, 2 x hrly, Facility activity a contributing factor (construction activity, excavating clay for liner construction. Strong wind gusts ranging from 45 to 55 km/hr.
- Aug. 10th, 1 x hrly, Facility activity a contributing factor (construction activity, excavating clay for liner construction.
- Aug. 18th, 3 x hrly, Facility activity a contributing factor (construction activity, excavating clay for liner construction. Strong wind gusts ranging from 30 to 35 km/hr.
- Aug. 19th, 1 x hrly, Facility activity a contributing factor (construction activity, excavating clay for liner construction. Strong wind gust, 50 km/hr.
- Aug. 29th, 1 x hrly, Facility activity a contributing factor (construction activity, excavating clay for liner construction. Strong wind gust, 50 km/hr.
- Aug. 31st, 3 x hrly, Facility activity a contributing factor (construction activity, excavating clay for liner construction. Strong wind gusts ranging from 40 to 50 km/hr.

Review of Complaints:

There were three complaints received in August, all related to the landfill capping operation.

Status of Applications Pending with the MECP:

No applications pending.

Heritage Green Community Trust Activities Update:

The Heritage Green Community Trust will be starting up on September 19th after being off for the summer. There is nothing new to report at this time.

4. New Business:

Question from Jeff Isowa: The 20K tonnes of contaminated soil at the Kenilworth reservoir from Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons which according to the Hamilton Spectator came from industrial fill (slag) from the steel mills (articles June 11th, May 2nd and Jan 27 2022).

- Is this material being transferred to the GFL landfill site?
Lorenzo Alfano responded to Mr. Isowa's question by saying yes, the material did come to the Stoney Creek Regional Facility. It met all of our acceptance criteria for physicality and chemical analysis. Approximately 3000 MT went elsewhere but that was the City's decision. The article reads the "contaminated soil" not "hazardous", we only accept non-hazardous material here at the site. Councillor Clark let the committee know the City hired and independent third party to test the materials to ensure a fair analysis was taken and had advised they would be sending the material to a non-hazardous landfill which this particular facility is. Councillor Pearson reiterated during a Public Works meeting the issue was the soil had to be removed in order to do the remediation foundation work around the site so staff felt the soil should be removed responsibly so it doesn't become an issue in the future.
- Is this the same/similar material being accepted from the steel mills currently?
Lorenzo Alfano responded by saying the site receives all kinds of different types of waste from the Steel Mills. Once again, the waste goes through a whole battery of tests to meet GFL's acceptance criteria, if it does it is accepted if it doesn't it is not accepted. Councillor Clark mentioned the current provincial government has rules with regard to landfilling materials and they must be end of life materials only. This forces companies to recycle as much material as possible so that the leftover material can be landfilled meeting the parameters of a licensed non-hazardous landfill.

Sarah suggested if anyone reads more stories and have concerns to send their questions to Kim Bailey so we can get answers and discuss at the December meeting.

Jeff Isowa had a question from the owner of the Pioneer Station on Upper Centennial, she wanted to know "now that the berms have gone up she can't see the pipes that come out of the ground that were on fire". Lorenzo Alfano had no idea what she would be referring to and reiterated there are no flares at the site, there is no methane collection system because we are not a putrescible location. Councillor Pearson mentioned there are natural gas fissures through the escarpment, Lorenzo responded this has nothing to do with this location as the site is lined. If something naturally occurs its not from this location. Councillor Pearson confirmed that she has never heard of anything up around the landfill site. Michael Durst also mentioned the officer that covers the landfill site has never mentioned anything regarding this nor has he seen anything when he has visited the site.

Kim Bailey let the committee members know the 2021 Annual Report has been completed and will forward the link to the site's website for the members to review at their leisure.

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

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

6. Conclusion of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm

Next meeting: Monday December 12, 2022, at 6:00 pm via Teams Meeting

