

NORTH RENFREW WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD

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**North Renfrew Waste Management Board Meeting
Minutes of Meeting**

Date: 1997 June 26

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Townships RBWM, Municipal Office, Meeting Room

Attendance:

Councillor T.A. Nicks, Townships RBWM, Chairman

Councillor D. Burton, Village of Chalk River

Councillor R. Roiha, Town of Deep River

Mr. B. Bigham, Site Liaison Committee Chairman

Mr. M. Richardson, Works Superintendent, Town of Deep River

Ms. A. LeClair, NRWMB Project Coordinator

Mrs Iona Blimkie, Messrs. Sydney and Wayne Blimkie

Messrs. Brian and Earl Gust

1. Review and Acceptance of Minutes of Last Meeting

Chairman Nicks suggested a word change on page 2 - "fielded" to "prompted". Councillor Roiha motioned to accept minutes as revised, Councillor Burton seconded, minutes accepted.

2. Correspondence

Ms. LeClair reported that , in addition to the list of correspondence received/forwarded by the Board this month, several pieces of correspondence were received by the Board within the last week.

3. Business Arising from Last Meeting

EA - Native Land Claim Issue

Ms. LeClair reported that a meeting between Mr. J. Shore (Chief Federal Negotiator for Algonquins of Golden Lake Land Claim) and the Algonquins of Golden Lake was held on May 22, 1997, adding that Mr. Rabishaw in a recent discussion stated that receipt of letter addressed to AECL was to have followed, outlining the Algonquins final position on the matter. However, AECL has yet to receive the letter.

Ms. LeClair reported that, based on a recent discussion with Mr. Bullen, EA Coordinator for the MOEE, the Minister will not likely approve the undertaking with the Native Land Claims issue left unresolved. However, Ms. LeClair further explained that another window of opportunity exists during the 15 day comment period following the release of the Minister's Notice of Acceptance, which would allow the Algonquins to submit their position. Typically, formal notification of the Minister's decision is reserved for the proponent, agencies or members of the public who have formally submitted objections to the process during the government review. The Algonquins did not submit their objections during the review, however, Ms. LeClair reported that Mr. Bullen would consider contacting the Algonquins directly on an informal basis, notifying the band of the Minister's decision, which could prompt a response by the band.

Public Meeting - Postponed to Aug/Sept.

Ms. LeClair reported that due to conflicting priorities of key participants in the proposed Public Meeting, being equally involved in the Buchanan Landfill Site Environmental Assessment Hearing occurring on the same day, a decision to postpone the Public Meeting was made. Board members agreed to reschedule the public meeting when summer activities subside in August/September.

Municipal Compensation

Councillor Burton reported that the matter of municipal compensation was brought forward to council members and what ensued was a recommendation by Reeve Tennant and Councillor Swift that an agreement on municipal compensation is not required. Councillor Roiha confirmed that the Town's position on the matter points to the same conclusion. Chairman Nicks suggested and to place closure on the issue. The move was affirmed by all members. Ms. LeClair suggested to obtain closure by requesting agreement by all councils in the form of a resolution, to forgo the requirement of a municipal compensation agreement. Members conceded, and Chairman Nicks directed Ms. LeClair to draft an appropriate resolution for members to review and agree upon. Once agreement on wording is reached, the resolution would then be forwarded to each council.

Property Owner Compensation - Status on Release of Responses

Ms. LeClair reported that Mr. Cox provided his comments prior to the meeting, in the morning, however, suggested that the Board review legal counsel's comments before releasing the responses. Board members were reminded that several commitments on the submission of the responses have already been made to the property owners, which the Board has missed, and underlined the importance of finalizing the document as soon as possible. Board members agreed to arrange a mutually agreeable time and date to finalize the document for its release.

Letters of Opinion

Copies of Letters of Opinion were distributed to the property owners and Board members. Property owners reviewed the contents of the letter and provided to following comments:

Letter of Opinion , dated June 24, 1997, re: Blimkie Family concerns

Mr. Wayne Blimkie stated that the letter does not address the family's concerns adequately. It is felt that the letter contains a loophole and further added that it fails to provide the assurance that

the Board will not come back to the family and hold it responsible for contaminating the new landfill site (the source of contamination arising from leachate migrating from their former landfill site).

Ms. LeClair asserted that the potential for leachate contamination on the landfill site property, arising from the former landfill site is remote, and believed that the letter explains why and further adds that the results from the background chemical testing at borehole #2 (closest to the Blimkie family property boundary) reveals no evidence of contamination. Mr. Wayne Blimkie remained unsatisfied and asserted that the Board provide the family a written guarantee that it will not hold the family responsible any time during the life of the landfill site. Mr. Bigham summarized the issue stating that the family is concerned about being held accountable and finance an expensive technical study to provide evidence to the municipalities to the effect that their former landfill site is not affecting the new landfill site. Mr. Bigham suggested that an indemnity clause could be included in the compensation agreement between the Board and the Blimkie Family.

Letter of Opinion, dated June 24, 1997, re: Gust Family concerns

Mr. Brian Gust expressed a concern over the contents of the letter, stating that it neglects to specifically address the family's concern regarding the potential for contamination at a spring located on their property on the west side of the ridge.

Ms. LeClair reported that as stated in the letter, there is strong evidence to suggest that the groundwater flow is directed eastward towards Maskinonge Lake. Typically, consultants examine technical information on the study area, and do not focus on the area surrounding the study area. However, Ms. LeClair reported that the consultant may be able to address your concern in a more detailed manner, by way of visual observation and inspection of area maps and air photographs to evaluate the potential for contamination, however, Mr. Gust was cautioned that the consultant would be limited in his evaluation due to limited access to technical information. Mr. Gust was agreeable to pursuing this avenue.

Project Coordinator Contract Renewal/Performance Appraisal

Discussion on the renewal of the contract and performance appraisal was deferred to a later date.

4. EA/EPA Review and Approvals Processes - Update

With respect to the EPA review, Ms. LeClair reported that Mr. Ibrahim (EPA coordinator) has yet to forward the Board comments from the Ministry's formal review. The EPA Approvals Branch is awaiting feedback from the Kingston District Office. Mr. Brian Kaye, responsible for the review of the proposed design/operations plan of the landfill site and the groundwater and surface water assessment has been unable to review the reports due to his involvement with the Buchanan Landfill Site Environmental Assessment Hearing.

5. Land Acquisition (CONFIDENTIAL)

6. SLC Update

Mr. Bigham reported that the Committee opted to take action on several issues that were raised at the last SLC meeting held in mid-May. SLC members and property owners in attendance at the meeting expressed concerns over the chronic lack of control of litter at the existing sites, and the possibility for radioactive contamination at the proposed landfill site. Letters will be forwarded to the municipalities and to AECL requesting further action. Ms. LeClair offered to the property owners a letter addressed to AECL on the issue of the potential for radioactive contamination, for their review and signature. Property owners discussed the contents and suggested changes. Ms. LeClair committed to revising the letter for their signature before the end of the meeting.

Firebreak

Mr. Wayne Blimkie informed the Board that AECL has created a firebreak along the boundary of Lot 5, Concession 11 raising a concern that the firebreak might now affect the site's potential for providing a noise barrier. The Board committed to investigating the matter.

7. Financial Update

Account Balance/Payables/Receivables

Ms. LeClair reported that a financial update could not be provided at this time.

8. Other Business

Cardboard Pickup - Termination of Contract

Mr. Richardson informed the Board that the Town of Deep River opted not to recycle cardboard. Mr. Richardson added that the recycling cardboard is voluntary for the Town and that the expense of cardboard pickup to the taxpayer does not justify the worth considering the minimal amount (about 1/2 truckload/week) that is actually collected. The result of discontinuing cardboard pickup will have very minimal impact on landfill capacity at the Miller's Road site.

Ontario Municipal Board Hearing on Townships 500 m Setback Bylaw

Ms. LeClair reported that an Ontario Municipal Board Hearing was held at the Townships of Rolph, Buchanan, Wylie and McKay to hear arguments against and in support of the amended 500m setback bylaw. The amendment bylaw which was approved by council in 1996 to replace a more restrictive by-law, was contested by Townships residents. The main issue related to the intent and wording of the by-law and its effectiveness in providing a clear and consistent interpretation and application. The Chairman of the Ontario Municipal Board Chairman concluded the hearing by requesting final arguments from both parties and committed to providing a final decision on the matter within a month of receipt of final arguments.

Municipal Restructuring Revisited

A copy of an article pertaining to the issue of municipal restructuring was distributed to Board members to raise awareness that the Town of Renfrew has opted to pursue the matter of governance further with the Minister of Municipal Affairs. Board members discussed the Town of Renfrew's decision to request the appointment of a commissioner to recommend the governance model for the county.

Next Meeting

Board members agreed to hold an afternoon “in camera” meeting on July 11, 1997, to finalize the property owner responses and project coordinator contract renewal. Time and location of the meeting to be determined. Councillor Roiha directed Ms. LeClair to inform Ms. Labine to put the meeting details on his meeting card.

NRWMB CORRESPONDENCE - 1997 June (Revised)

Received

Diversion

May 20,

*From Townships RBWM
RE: April 3/97 Minutes*

May 30,

Copy of Letter to Clerk/Treasurer, Deep River
RE: Cardboard Pickup; Notice of Termination of Agmt.

For
Discussion

Forwarded

Land Acquisition

June 11,

Letter to G. Sayer, AECL
RE: Response to request for Clarification of Points
re: Proposal

F.Y.I.

Finance

June

Letters to Clerk/Treasurers
re: Second Quarterly Report/Audit Report

F.Y.I.

Property Owner Compensation

June

Letters to Property Owners
re: Update on Activities

F.Y.I.

June

Memo to R. Curtis
re: Update on Activities

F.Y.I

June 24, 1997

Letter of Opinion re: Blimkie Family Concerns

For

June 24, 1997

Letter of Opinion re: Gust Family Concerns

Discussion

News Articles

June 14, 1997

*Municipal Restructuring: Town Asks Province
to Step In*

For

Daily News

Discussion