

NORTH RENFREW WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD

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

Date: December 06, 1999
Time: 5:00 P.M.
Location: Council Chambers, Village of Chalk River

Chairperson	Dierdrie Burton	Village of Chalk River	Present
Councilor	Craig Robinson	Twps. of Rolph, Buchanan, Wylie, McKay	Present
Councilor	Denise Walker	Town of Deep River	Present
	Bruce Bigham	Site Liaison Committee Chairperson	Regrets
	Steven Testart	Waste Management Coordinator	Present
	Dan Patrick	Janota Patrick	Present

Chair Burton called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

Chair Burton asked Dan Patrick for information regarding the beaver dam beside Bagg's Road.

Dan Patrick read the letter he had prepared for the Board. Contacts with Ducks Unlimited and MNR provided the following information. Ducks Unlimited may or may not approve funding of up to \$5,000.00 to match financial contributions from private property owners. If they decide to become involved in the project they would design a control device specific to this beaver pond. Projects must be approved by MNR. MNR advised that the beavers would move on when the food supply is depleted or when they can no longer control the water level. Any work on the dam will require three or four approvals, which normally take three to four months.

A discussion followed regarding the danger of the road being washed out by the dam breaking and who is responsible. Dan Patrick noted that the beaver pond covers an area of 11 acres, and was concerned that attempts to lower the water level too quickly could result in the dam washing out. The Board agreed to extra work by Smith's Construction to place riprap and geo-textile along the ditch beside the beaver pond. The estimate for this additional work is in the order of \$5,000.

Councilor Walker stated that the Board's position was to minimize the impact on the property owner and asked what engineering solutions were available for the long-term safety of the road. Dan Patrick said there were two options: Control the water level by installing a "Beaver Baffle" or destroy the dam. Ducks Unlimited's estimate for the "Beaver Baffle" is \$12,000. Members discussed a temporary solution of slowly lowering the water level using a backhoe and installing a pipe to maintain the water level.

Councilor Robinson was concerned that the Board wasn't made aware of the problems associated with the beaver pond at an earlier stage. Councilor Walker noted that had the Board been aware of the beaver pond and rock blasting issues during the design stage they could have revisited the choice of access routes. None of the current Board members or staff was on the Board at the time the access route was chosen. Dan Patrick agreed to request from Gartner Lee any documents that explain the choice of access routes.

The extra work of placing additional riprap where water was coming out of the bank further along the road was also estimated at \$5,000. This work was found to be necessary after the ditching revealed the extent of water flow.

The Board agreed to temporary measures to control the water level in the immediate future. Dan Patrick will contact MNR and Steve Testart and Chair Burton will meet with the property owner for approval to install a pipe and screen in order to lower the water level approximately two feet. Steve Testart will ask the Townships Road Superintendent to carry out the work and invoice the Board.

The Board members noted that the road and landfill site looked good but asked about the landfilling base being only a metre below grade and the apparent lack of sufficient cover material. Dan Patrick advised the Board that the berm created along the southwest corner amounts to 1100 cubic metres and the decision not to put in a gravel perimeter road resulted in a shortage of 5600 cubic metres of excavated cover material. Other excavated material was used in the roadwork. Steve Testart was concerned that there wasn't sufficient cover material stockpiled to avoid importing cover material for operations. Dan Patrick agreed to do calculations on the amount of cover material available and the amount required for the life of the site.

Dan Patrick left the meeting at 6:38 P.M.

Steve Testart submitted invoices from David Cox, and personal mileage.

Chair Burton directed Testart to verify the dates on the Cox invoice and report back.

Steve Testart was directed to draft a letter to Janota Patrick regarding the beaver pond, the rock removal, and cover material.

Steve Testart was directed to prepare a draft budget for the January Board Meeting.

Next meeting: A special meeting will be held at Deep River Room 208 at 6:00 P.M. Wednesday, December 22, 1999.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 P.M.