



## **NORTH RENFREW LANDFILL OPERATIONS BOARD**

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### **North Renfrew Landfill Operations Board**

#### **Minutes of Meeting**

**Date:** July 24, 2006  
**Time:** 7:30 P.M.  
**Location:** Point Alexander Meeting Room

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| <b>Chair</b>      | <b>Fred Adams</b>        | <b>Town of Laurentian Hills</b> | <b>Present</b> |
| <b>Vice Chair</b> | <b>Jim Boulanger</b>     | <b>Resident/Board Member</b>    | <b>Present</b> |
| <b>Councillor</b> | <b>Paul Rochefort</b>    | <b>Town of Deep River</b>       | <b>Present</b> |
| <b>Councillor</b> | <b>Dave Ethier</b>       | <b>Town of Laurentian Hills</b> | <b>Present</b> |
| <b>Councillor</b> | <b>Hank van der Horn</b> | <b>Town of Deep River</b>       | <b>Absent</b>  |
|                   | <b>Earl Gust</b>         | <b>SLC Chair</b>                | <b>Absent</b>  |
|                   | <b>James Leon</b>        | <b>Coordinator</b>              | <b>Present</b> |

1. Call to order.

The Chair called the Meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

2. Declarations of interest.

None.

3. Adoption of the Agenda for the current Meeting.

The date of the last Board Meeting of the year was discussed. Chair Adams noted that that Meeting was scheduled for November 27, 2006 and this would be after the Municipal Elections; however the current Councils serve until the end of November. Current Board Members should attend the November Board Meeting(s) and continue to participate in Board matters until replacements have been appointed. Two new Board Members will be appointed by each new Town Council and a fifth Board Member will be elected in early 2007. It was deemed unnecessary to add this topic as an Agenda item for this Meeting.

Moved by: Paul Rochefort  
Seconded by: Jim Boulanger

That the current Agenda be accepted as presented. Carried.

4. Delegations.

None.

5. Review and acceptance of Minutes of Meeting of May 15, 2006.

Moved by: Dave Ethier  
Seconded by: Jim Boulanger

That the Minutes of the May 15, 2006 Board Meeting be accepted as presented. Carried.

6. Business arising from previous Minutes that is not dealt with elsewhere in the Agenda.

None.

7. Correspondence.

a. Correspondence from and to the MNR's Eric Howe re decreasing the amount of daily cover at the Site.

Chair Adams stated that James had summarized this topic in a recent email to Board Members. Eric Howe, a MNR Black Bear Analyst, proposed that an agreement could be made with the MOE through the MNR to allow the Board to decrease the amount of daily top cover used by 50%. The MNR Wildlife Research and Development Section believes that a working and well-maintained electric fence system keeps bears and other large mammals out of landfilling areas. This could be used to demonstrate that savings in the amount of top cover required is one of the main benefits to installing an electric fence. Having an electric fence operating successfully at the Baggs Road Site for over three years makes our Site a good candidate for this project. If decreasing top cover used does not cause problems, then a permanent change to our C of A will likely be made. This change in top cover volume could add three years to the life of the Landfill. The Board would not have to pay for an amendment to the C of A.

James replied to Eric Howe's questions and the request to the MOE was then sent. Eric added that he would keep us posted on any developments.

b. Letter to Beaumen's Dan Minard re renewal of agreement for the collection of cardboard.

James stated that the letter requesting a two-year renewal of the agreement for the collection of cardboard had been both mailed and faxed to Beaumen on May 31, 2006. This agreement term would begin on August 24, 2006. After several calls, James received a reply from Dan Minard on July 24, 2006. Dan stated that he will keep the cardboard pickup going until he and James have a meeting to discuss a fuel surcharge, depending on how high the costs of fuel goes. The cardboard agreement will remain valid so the Board need not worry about it. The current value of recyclable cardboard is \$85/ton, while the pickup charge reduction trigger is \$100/ton.

Board Members discussed the possible fuel surcharge and set a maximum allowable weekly charge that could be accepted by management. If the amount requested by the contractor exceeds this maximum, the Board would have to be contacted for a decision.

- c. Reply from the MOE's Andrew Neill re Draft Amendment to the C of A, and response letter.

James reported that Andrew Neill had sent the Draft Amendment for review. James prepared a letter of reply detailing omissions in the list of HHW materials that are allowable on the Draft and requesting other clarifications. The letter was reviewed by the Board's Consultant and sent to Andrew Neill. James has since called Andrew and left messages for a status report, but has not yet received a reply from him. Chair Adams directed James to continue to push this Amendment through quickly so that most HHW materials can again be accepted.

- d. Correspondence with AECL's Bart Campbell re cardboard recycling, C&D waste, other materials that CRL is permitted to bring to Baggs Road Site, and call to Beaumen re weekly pickup at the Site.

James stated that AECL's Bart Campbell had contacted him to determine if AECL could begin bringing waste cardboard to the Baggs Road Landfill Site. Bart was informed that AECL could take cardboard to the Site but once the bin was filled then they must wait until the recycler has emptied it before bringing more. The cardboard must be flattened and free of contaminants including waxed cardboard. Because the cardboard bin was being filled quickly, James contacted the recycler and they are now doing a weekly pickup of the bin at the Site. James added that a recent complaint from the recycler about a high content of waxed cardboard is currently being addressed.

Bart also had questions about C&D waste/the Miller Road Site and materials that are acceptable in the Baggs Road Re-Use Area. James replied to these questions to Bart's satisfaction.

## 8. Finance.

- a. Financial Report.

Members reviewed the current Financial Report and discussed the suggested addition of a column with the previous year's actual amounts to the Report. James stated that he had requested that Steve Recoskie add this column to future Reports. Steve did not have time to address this request for the current period; however he would work on it for the next Financial Report. For the current Report, a copy of the 2005 Report was included for comparison purposes. Chair Adams noted that it might be an easier task to add the column if legal size paper were used. The addition of an extra column should be doable in QuickBooks.

Members examined the Report and Chair Adams pointed out that the amount used on the Tire Removal line was already nearly \$3,300 of the \$4,000 provided in the Budget. He and James had discussed this earlier and determined that one more tire pickup would take us over Budget. The Chair noted that there is \$8,000 in the 2006 Budget for HHW Pickup and only \$388 was used to July 21<sup>st</sup>. He suggested that some of the \$8,000 could be used for tire removal. Members noted that more tires are being brought to the Site because the tipping fee schedules for both Towns for tires allow residents to dispose of tires with up to 20" rims without having to pay a fee, there is no limit on the numbers of these sized tires for residents, and until recently there had been an annual limit of four tires per residence.

Chair Adams stated that although we can legally store up to about 6,000 tires, there is a health hazard in that mosquitoes breeding in the water contained in the tires might increase the risk from the West Nile Virus. Members discussed and agreed with the Chair's suggestion that some funds from the HHW Pickup Budgeted amount be used to fund an additional tire pickup.

Paul Rochefort suggested that the amount for Tire Removal in the 2007 Budget be set using the amount required in 2006. Paul noted that the overall level of Budget spending appears to be on track.

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| Moved by:    | Dave Ethier    |
| Seconded by: | Paul Rochefort |

That the current Financial Report be accepted for information purposes. Carried.

b. Details of tire recycling costs in 2006 to date.

This topic has already been addressed.

c. Application for third quarterly funds from Towns.

James reported that the third 2006 application for funds had been made and each Town had recently made their payment.

9. Update from the Site Liaison Committee.

a. Update from the June 5, 2006 SLC Meeting.

Chair Adams suggested that as the SLC Chair was not present, we move on to the next Agenda item.

b. Suggestion by SLC Chair to tour the Site/neighbouring property lines with the Coordinator.

James reported that during the last SLC Meeting, the SLC Chair, Earl Gust, offered to tour the Site area including neighbouring property lines with the Coordinator. James added that this was useful for litter cleanup in and around the Site. Jim Boulanger stated that that was a good idea as Earl is very knowledgeable about the geography of that area.

c. Presentation of composting brochure suggested by SLC for possible distribution.

Board Members examined the new composting brochure. James stated that the preparation and possible distribution of the brochure had been discussed during the June 5<sup>th</sup> SLC Meeting. He had gathered some of the information to be included in the brochure and Laurentian Hills' Sherry Batten offered to prepare it. Board Members approved of the contents and layout of the brochure and

requested that James thank Sherry for a job well done. Paul Rochefort asked James if he had contacted other possible suppliers of composting containers, and James replied that he had called several possible suppliers but that most of them no longer sell composting containers. Paul stated that the brochure is non-controversial and suggested that it be printed and distributed in both Towns. James was requested to proceed with this project.

10. Other Business.

a. Details of queries re fluorescent lights disposal and article re Hg Madness.

James stated that during the May 15<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting he had been instructed to get information about what happens locally to waste fluorescent tubes and small new-style fluorescent light bulbs. He visited the local Canadian Tire and Home Hardware stores and spoke to the managers. The managers both said that they do not have a return/recycling policy. They place their own waste fluorescent tubes into their garbage bins for garbage pickup. They have no knowledge of what happens to these products after customers purchase them. They agreed that this is a problem that the Towns should address.

James also contacted Sue Farr at AECL to determine what they do with these tubes. Sue said that historically, the tubes were treated as garbage and landfilled. AECL Waste Management is currently examining a product called a “Bulb Eater”. It attaches to a standard 205-liter drum and crushes a variety of sizes and lengths of fluorescent tubes and captures the mercury vapors released. Each drum when full will hold 500 – 1350 crushed tubes.

Members discussed this product. If AECL purchases it, perhaps the Board could use it or even store it for AECL and dispose of the spent fluorescent tubes from AECL and ones that are accepted at the HHW Depot. However, as the Site does not have hydro, a portable generator would be needed to run the product.

Chair Adams stated that although the Board does not have authority outside of the Landfill Site, it does have the duty, responsibility and authority to not allow hazardous materials to be landfilled. Thus, waste loads that have hazardous materials mixed in with garbage could be turned away. The Board decided that when the MOE approves our current application to amend the C of A re the list of HHW that we can accept, we will then stop accepting loads of waste that have fluorescent tubes and bulbs, thermostats, Hg switches and other mercury-containing materials. The Towns, garbage contractors and users of large numbers of tubes and bulbs would then be informed.

James distributed copies of an article titled “Mercury Madness – Mercury product management in Canada” from a recent publication of Solid Waste & Recycling.

b. Acknowledgement by MOE’s Marc-Etienne LeSieur re receipt of 2005 Annual Report.

James stated that the letter from Marc-Etienne LeSieur dated July 11, 2006 acknowledged the 2005 Annual Status Report and 2005 Monitoring Report. In March 2006 Andrew Polley acknowledged the same Reports. Marc-Etienne LeSieur is the new Ottawa District Senior Environmental Officer.

11. Adjourn.

The next regular Board Meeting will be held on September 25, 2006 at 7:30 pm at the Landfill Site Office, Baggs Road.