



NORTH RENFREW LANDFILL OPERATIONS BOARD

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North Renfrew Landfill Operations Board

Minutes of Meeting

Date: September 25, 2006
Time: 7:30 P.M.
Location: Point Alexander Meeting Room

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

1. Call to order.

The Chair called the Meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

2. Declarations of interest.

None.

3. Adoption of the Agenda for the current Meeting.

Moved by: Dave Ethier
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 July 24, 2006.

Moved by: Dave Ethier
Seconded by: Jim Boulanger

That the Minutes of the July 24, 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. Email discussion re HHW Depot accepting fluorescent lights from residential sources only and information from Waste Care's Jim Halloran re removal of fluorescent lights.

Chair Adams stated that he and James had discussed this topic in recent emails. The Chair had noted that the new C of A Amendment allows fluorescent lights to be accepted from domestic households only. Commercial and institutional sources of HHW materials, including fluorescent lights, cannot be accepted at the Site's HHW Depot.

The MOE was contacted to determine what non-residential users are supposed to do with their spent lights as the Board had decided earlier to ban the landfilling of them at the Site since they are a hazardous waste and as such they cannot be accepted as landfill. The MOE's Marc LeSieur stated that all HHW Depots are only permitted to accept domestic/residential hazardous wastes including fluorescent lights. We cannot change definition (j) of the C of A so that commercial hazardous wastes are included. Commercial/institutional generators of these lights should store them up to a maximum of 5kg and then have a licensed carrier remove them. Keeping mercury out of landfills is the environmentally correct practice.

Chair Adams noted that during the July 24, 2006 Meeting the Board had decided that once the current C of A Amendment is approved, it would ban the landfilling of fluorescent lights. Board Members discussed how these extra disposal/recycling costs for these lamps might affect local businesses. Although businesses do pay high taxes, they also produce extra garbage. Chair Adams stated that businesses and institutions often re-lamp their entire building(s) at one time. Dave Ethier suggested that the company that re-lamps a building should have to take the used lamps back with them.

James stated that he had contacted Waste Care's Jim Halloran, the licensed carrier that our HHW currently uses, to determine if they would pick up waste fluorescent lamps from local commercial sources. Jim Halloran agreed to do the pickups. This would minimize or eliminate transportation costs when a non-residential establishment has enough lamps for a pickup. The establishments would have to pay for the recycling/removal costs. Jim Halloran informed James that he would try to obtain and send information about an option to allow temporary storage of lamps from commercial and institutional sources. There is a document about establishing a transfer station for lamps from commercial users that might be locatable at our Site. James had not yet received the

information. James was instructed to send the Board the information when it is received and decisions on banning and advertising the ban on landfilling fluorescent lamps would then be made.

The issue of solubility of elemental mercury and its compounds in lamps and their affect on the environment when they are compacted and landfilled, was discussed. Chair Adams suggested that James look into these mercury release/solubility environmental impact problems since we have apparently been receiving waste fluorescent lamps mixed in with other waste from commercial sources for over three years.

b. Request to Robinson Consultants' Frank Hendriksen re budget for survey for 2006 Report.

James stated that during a recent conversation with Frank Hendriksen, the Board's 2006 Budget for a Landfill Area Survey for lift development, design sections and waste contours was discussed. The budgeted amount is \$1,000 and a January 2006 quote from Robinson Consultants for this work was \$2,500. Frank has agreed to have the job done for \$1,000.

c. Complaint from Beaumen re garbage and waxed cardboard mixed in with cardboard in bin.

James reported that Beaumen had found some waste other than recyclable cardboard in the cardboard bin from the Site. Included were old couch cushions, blankets and waxed cardboard. The material was likely thrown into the bin when the Site Attendant wasn't looking and later covered with recyclable cardboard. The Site Contractor and workers were notified and directed to check loads of cardboard closely and to monitor what is being added to the bin. There has not been a recurrence of this problem to date.

Beaumen was requested to return the waste to the Site during the next bin pickup and this has been done.

d. Call from Wayne Blimkie re carpet found in Baggs Road ditch.

James stated that Wayne Blimkie had called and informed him that he had found a folded orange carpet in the Baggs Road ditch adjacent to the corner of his property and Site property. James had the carpet removed immediately. Members discussed waste and litter on Baggs Road. James stated that the road and ditches were checked at least weekly for litter and when found; the Site Attendant is directed to remove it. The Board requested that James check the Operations Manual and assure that the road and ditches are inspected at the required frequency and that cleanups are done when waste and litter are found.

8. Finance.

a. Financial Report.

James distributed copies of the current Reports and noted that Steve Recoskie has provided a Report labeled "Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual" and a report labeled "Profit and Loss Prev Year Comparison". Steve prepared the two Reports as there were difficulties in preparing a single report that would contain all of the requested information. Members reviewed the Financial Reports and discussed the suggested addition of a column with the previous year's actual amounts. Chair Adams

directed James to ask Steve Recoskie to delete the % of Budget column and replace it with the previous year's amounts. He added that James should request that the Financial Reports be emailed to Board Members so that they could examine them prior to the upcoming Board Meeting. A mechanism to create an emailable file is to select printer as an Adobe PDF file that could then be attached to an email.

Members discussed the Reports and Chair Adams pointed out that the amount already expended to date for Tire Removal exceeds budget. The Chair noted that during the July Meeting, the Board agreed that some funds from the HHW Pickup line would be used for an additional tire removal.

Chair Adams stated that the line for Building Maintenance was \$430 over Budget and he requested that James determine how these funds were used.

Members agreed that the amounts on the Reports indicate that spending appears to be on track with the Budget.

Moved by: Jim Boulanger

Seconded by: Hank van der Horn

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

b. Application for fourth quarterly funds from Towns.

James reported that Steve Recoskie had recommended that James make the fourth 2006 applications for funds. The applications had been made and each Town had recently made their payment. Funds were necessary, as Board spending is not dispersed evenly throughout the year.

9. Update from the Site Liaison Committee.

a. Details of September 11, 2006 SLC Meeting.

SLC Chair Gust presented two motions to the Board from the September 11th Meeting. A copy of the motions from the Draft Minutes was distributed. The motions were from section 4. items d. and f. are as follows:

“d. Item from Nora Waddell re article “Loeb to recycle plastic grocery bags”.

The article was discussed. Nora displayed an example of a reusable shopping bag that is available for \$1.00 at the local Giant Tiger store. James stated that he had also looked into availability of reusable shopping bags and determined that two other local businesses sell these bags for about \$5.00 each. One grocery store in Pembroke also sells reusable bags for \$1.00.

Moved by: Anne Oesinghaus

Seconded by: Nora Waddell

That the Board be informed that the SLC recommends that the Board or the SLC promote the use of reusable grocery bags and inform residents of the businesses that sell them. Carried.

Chair McBride suggested that the Giant Tiger Manager be contacted about promoting these bags. Perhaps he would consider giving one reusable bag to each family.

f. Results of query re current disposal methods of ink cartridges in the Towns.

SLC Members continued the discussion about disposal of ink cartridges and cell phones. Nora Waddell stated that two local businesses accept these materials for recycling. The following motion was then made:

Moved by: Nora Waddell
Seconded by: Anne Oesinghaus

That the Board be requested to advertise or ask the SLC to advertise that ink cartridges and cell phones can be brought to local businesses for recycling. Carried.”

Chair Adams stated that the SLC had only received approval to advertise and educate residents about the benefits of recycling and composting from one of the two Towns and until the second Town approves, it must go through the Board with these matters. He added that the local liquor store also sells reusable shopping bags that are made of canvas and cost \$4.95.

Jim Boulanger agreed that the SLC’s recommendations be addressed. Hank van der Horn suggested that a press release would be the best way to get this information to residents. James was directed to contact Hank and jointly prepare the press release.

Chair Adams raised a concern about what happens to the spent cell phones’ batteries. He requested that James contact the local businesses that collect cell phones to determine what happens to the batteries, as they should not be landfilled.

10. Other Business.

a. Receipt of Amendment to the C of A re HHW materials dated August 1, 2006 and reply from MOE re the numbering of the Amendments.

James stated that the HHW Depot/Area can again accept the HHW materials that are listed on the original MOE Generator Registration Number assigned to Baggs Road Landfill Site HHW Depot on October 10, 2000. The Amendment to the C of A that approves this was dated August 1, 2006. A copy was given to Board Members.

James discussed the error in the numbering of the C of A Amendments with the MOE’s Marc LeSieur. They are numbered 1, 1, 2, 3, and 4. Marc informed him that we need not be concerned about this error as Amendments that are not very noteworthy are frequently not numbered or are not numbered correctly. The most important way if identifying an Amendment is the date. No change is necessary.

b. NOTICE ad run in the NRT re HHW materials now accepted and suggestion by Hank van der Horn to run another notice.

After the approved Amendment was received, the NOTICE ad was run in the NRT. Hank stated that the Amendment and the NOTICE had been discussed at the last tri Council Meeting and the recommendation to run the notice again was made during that Meeting.

c. Information re upholstered furniture no longer being accepted at the Miller Road Site.

Chair Adams stated that in a recent email from James, he was informed that the Baggs Road Site Attendant informed him that the Miller Road Site Attendant has contacted him about changes to what is accepted at Miller Road. Deep River's Superintendent of Works decided that all couches/sofas, chairs, along with mattresses and box springs must be sent to Baggs Road. Although Deep River had originally included furniture on the C&D waste list of materials to be accepted at Miller Road, he has apparently changed what is now accepted. This is troubling as we know the cost of each cubic meter of Baggs Road Landfill volume. There had been no communication between the Superintendent and the Board or the Town of Laurentian Hills. In a reply to James and Board Members, Chair Adams stated that Hank has advised James that he will speak to the Town Superintendent to determine why the change was made. James was advised to add this matter to this Meeting's Agenda so we could get an update on where we stand.

Chair Adams noted that if a tipping fee is paid to Deep River for furniture for disposal at the Miller Road Site and it is then turned away because it was upholstered, it would be then sent to the Baggs Road Site to be landfilled. That fee would have been paid needlessly, and collected by Deep River regardless of the residency of the individual. All wooden furniture is still sent to Miller Road. He added that although Deep River Council have decided that they would waive tipping fees for the material picked up in the Spring and Fall cleanups, that is strictly their own internal decision, and Laurentian Hills could do the same if they were to decide to make such a Spring or Fall pickup. Hank stated that he had not yet had a chance to discuss this issue with the Deep River Superintendent. Hank is aware that some of the Deep River spring pickup material has been sent to Baggs Road and he added that he does not agree with this as Deep River's spring pickup material had always been sent to the Miller Road Site. He added that he would follow up on this issue. Dave Ethier stated that the Board does require some confirmation about this change to the list of C&D waste and we should not turn a blind eye to what is being sent to the Baggs Road Site.

James noted that the request for a list of C&D wastes had been sent to him by Larry Simons in July 2004. James had prepared the list and sent it to Robinson Consultants' Andrew Buzza. Andrew was the engineering consultant for local landfill sites for the Board and the Towns of Deep River and Laurentian Hills. Andrew replied that he agreed with the list. The List was sent to Larry Simons and was used for C&D waste for the Miller Road Site. Waste furniture was included on the list.

d. Reply from Air Cycle's Ryan Evans re answers about the Bulb Eater.

An information brochure about Air Cycle's Bulb Eater was distributed. Members discussed the information. James emailed a number of questions to Ryan Evans and Ryan answered some of them. He has not yet provided us with contacts of Bulb Eater owners in Ontario or elsewhere in Canada and he did not reply to the question re required approvals to operate the apparatus in a HHW Depot. James later sent Ryan a second email with questions but has not yet received a reply.

During a recent conversation with OVWRC's Sue Campbell, she informed James that they had looked into purchasing a Bulb Eater for their HHW Depot. After contacting the MOE, they decided against the purchase as an Air Emissions Permit would be required. They currently store these lamps, from residential sources only, in lamp boxes and have them picked up twice a year. Many of the lamps collected for their HHW Depot are collected during HHW Mobile Events.

Members discussed the Bulb Eater and James was instructed to contact the MOE for details of approval and recommended options for this apparatus.

e. Details of materials turned away from the Site.

James summarized two recent events of waste turned away from the Site. One person with HHW/old gasoline was turned away for not first having paid a tipping fee. The fee was then paid and the waste was accepted.

A Bin Master load from AECL with garbage and C&D waste from AECL through M. Sullivan and Sons Ltd. was unloaded and they were told to leave the regular garbage and reload the C&D waste and take it to Miller Road.

Prior to adjourning, Chair Adams stated that one of the purposes of having an annual meeting at the Site is for the Board to see the Site. Having the meeting in late September when it gets dark early defeats this purpose. He recommended that the 2007 meeting at the Site be held in July as it was originally scheduled for 2006, and as it was held in 2005. Hank van der Horn stated that he does not think that a meeting should be held at the Site as each Town has better and more comfortable offices for meetings. The Chair disagreed saying that the Board should have a meeting and be able to see the Site. The Site office was constructed to allow Board and MOE meetings to be held at the Site. The office should always be kept in decent condition.

Dave Ethier suggested that a once-a-year special Site Meeting be held earlier in the evening. Jim Boulanger agreed and stated that the Board should be able to view the Liebherr in the daylight. Chair Adams agreed and directed James to make notes to the new Board recommending that a Site Meeting be held in a late afternoon in July, 2007.

11. Adjourn.

The next regular Board Meeting will be held on November 27, 2006 at 7:30 pm in the Town of Deep River Meeting Room.

Chair Adams noted that the November 27th Meeting would be the last regular Meeting for the current Board.

Moved by: Hank van der Horn

Seconded by: Dave Ethier

That the Meeting be adjourned at 8:45 pm.