Approval of Previous Minutes
Minutes of November 29, 2004 were approved, moved by Andy Fevez and seconded by Brooke Ryan.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. International Waste

Alan Freeman welcomed members of the committee and the public and gave a brief overview of international waste. Alan mentioned that the proposal by Hamilton International Airport (HIA) for the Glanbrook Landfill to accept International Waste was turned down by the GLCC several months ago. However City Council had asked the GLCC to reconsider accepting it at the landfill after inquiring with several sources and having a public meeting (February 7, 2005) to seek input from the local community.
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A motion recommending that the GLCC not accept International Waste at the Glanbrook Landfill was moved by Andy Fevez and seconded by Brooke Ryan. The motion is attached at the end of these minutes. There was some discussion on this issue by the GLCC members. Councillor Mitchell mentioned that he would vote in favour of the motion in order to represent his community’s wishes.

The members of the public present at the meeting spoke out in favour of not accepting International Waste at the Glanbrook Landfill. Beth Goodger mentioned that the City’s Solid Waste Management Master Plan Steering Committee has been kept apprised of the International Waste issue and they would support the GLCC’s decision on the issues of International Waste. Beth also mentioned that HIA has satisfied City staff from a technical standpoint that Health and Safety issues can be addressed so that the waste can be safely disposed at the Glanbrook Landfill. In addition the Canadian Food Inspection Agency has been satisfied that the waste can also be safely disposed at the Glanbrook Landfill. However the City considers social, community and political feedback in addition to the technical issues when making a staff recommendation. Beth mentioned that she will forward the GLCC motion to the Public Works Standing Committee and they will vote on it in April.

Job Manning mentioned he visited the airport on Feb 1, 2005 to look at international waste and after observing it he did not think it looked particularly fearful in terms of infectious related risk.

Following the discussion, the motion was voted on and carried. Job Manning abstained from the vote.

2. Status of Leachate Mound

Dave Kerr provided an overview of the leachate mound at the landfill and mentioned that since the remedial work undertaken in 2002/2003 the leachate mound has been dropping in most areas of the landfill. However, there is an area around the southeast portion of Cell 1 where leachate has not been draining into the collection system effectively. The proposed hydraulic connections to be excavated / constructed in this area should address this localized problem where perched water appears to be occurring. Graph’s showing leachate levels in the landfill were handed out.

Members of the GLCC requested that cross-sections of the landfill showing leachate levels in relation to grade base of landfill and top of landfill be prepared and e-mailed to members.

It was also agreed that the City would provide a regular update at each GLCC meeting updating the status of the leachate mound.
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3. Stage 3-Update.

Craig Murdoch provided an update on Stage 3. Craig mentioned that Dillon Consulting is finalizing the Operations and Development report after which the City will put in an application to MOE to amend the C of A for the site. Craig mentioned that at this juncture we are not going looking at Stage 4. Based on the consultant’s recommendations, 4-5 yrs capacity in Stage 1 could be regained. Based on current diversion and filling rates, it is expected that it will be 5-8 yrs before we are ready to go into Stage 3. The site life of the landfill is directly proportional to the diversion rates.

Sheila May had some technical questions on the Dillon report and it was agreed that she would provide Dave Kerr with her questions in advance. This will enable Dave to, evaluate whether or not assistance from the consultant is required to answer the questions. As agreed with Sheila, City staff would meet at the Glanbrook Community Centre to answer her questions.

4. Attendance at Waste Reduction Task force Meetings

Alan mentioned that the Waste Reduction Task Force, which meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 7 to 9 p.m., needs a member from the GLCC to replace him. He’s been finding it difficult to attend due to work commitments. Brooke Ryan volunteered and all members agreed with Brooke taking this position. Craig Murdoch mentioned that he would get a staff person to put an information package on the task force together for Brooke and have it delivered to Brooke’s home.

5. Frequency of GLCC meetings

Alan mentioned he feels quarterly meetings would be sufficient for the GLCC to meet. It was agreed meetings would be the last Monday of the month in February, May, August and November at 4:30 PM. All agreed with the provision that special meetings can be called on an as needed basis:

OUTSTANDING ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

1. Chlorides.

Dave Kerr provided an update of the chloride criteria amendment progress for the storm water ponds at the landfill. Dave mentioned that City staff had met with MOE and the Conservation Authority and had come up with an approach which was acceptable by all parties. In the short term MOE would approve of the discharge of pond waters to the Buckhorn Creek, on an emergency request basis, if the chloride level was below 100ppm and also below background or upstream chloride concentrations. In the longer term the upper limit for chloride in the Site C of A will be amended to allow the discharge of the pond water. The upper limit for chloride will be established by reviewing year’s worth hydrometric data from both the Buckhorn Creek and Welland River. For the Welland River there already is a hydrometric station and Dillon consulting will assist the City in establishing a hydrometric station on Buckhorn Creek. There was some discussion about the length of time it would take to obtain an emergency approval and Joanne Placko mentioned that it should not take too long.
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Sheila May had asked what the impact of the Flowing spring has on the water quality. Dave mentioned that there is some effect as the spring is likely from the bedrock and the bedrock water quality is naturally very sulphurous. However at the property boundary there is no significant impact to surface water quality.

2. Construction of Building Addition:

Craig Murdoch mentioned that the roof is now sealed and windows are in. The schedule for completion is 4 to 6 weeks.

3. Landfill Cover.

Staff have received a request to look at the Eco-Seal Alternative Daily Cover (ADC) material which is a spray on cement type material. Staff had previously looked at similar materials during the study for ADC however it was not further considered at that point due to mechanical issues i.e. spray nozzles freezing in the winter. Staff will revisit the suitability of this technology to the Glanbrook Landfill Site as technology has improved since then and perhaps Eco-Seal has found some solutions.

Dave mentioned that we are trying to use the plastic as much as possible.

At the present Ron mentioned that the plastic deployer is now fixed and should be operational by the end of the week. The unit was down for 2 months due to a blown engine. A replacement had to come from England.

It was requested by members that the City provide a report at each GLCC meeting on what type of cover has been used on a daily basis. Ron Wright has agreed to prepare this report and update the City on a monthly basis. This will be a recurring item on the GLCC Agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Beth provided an update on Waste Management activities in the City. The City’s Composting facility is scheduled to open next spring. The Niagara Hamilton Waste Plan Terms of Reference has been approved by the Minister of the Environment. There has been a strong focus on diversion and using the Blue Box. The waste management calendars will be distributed to homes in the City very shortly. Remediation is being undertaken at a number of the other landfills within the City. Andy Fevez mentioned that he feels the recycling staff is careless with emptying out his blue boxes as they throw them around and they get broken. Beth mentioned that if anyone experiences or observes these types of things going on they should phone in their complaint. Craig mentioned that if anyone has lost their blue box they should call 546-CITY and the City will provide a new blue box to the homeowner on the next collection day or they can pick one up at the Municipal Centre.

2. Craig informed those present that as a result of the upcoming spring melt the litter will look worse at the landfill and is normal when the snow disappears, but Ron Wright will be doing everything possible to ensure that it will be cleaned up ASAP.
3. Craig also mentioned that Jacquie Wilson is Craig’s new secretary and that she would send out the GLCC minutes and that if there were any questions concerning the minutes or the agenda that she could be contacted at 905-546-2424 ext. 5490 or at jawilson@hamilton.ca

4. Brooke Ryan asked about odours at the landfill. Ron Wright mentioned that there are aerosol sprays that can be used for the composting area.

5. Allen Freeman asked if the bird control system is still working. Ron mentioned that the bird control system continues to work well and that the falcon is on site 3 times per week.

6. Allen Freeman asked about the storm water pond upgrades. Craig explained that the existing ponds were designed for a 2 year storm and that they were being expanded to handle on 5 year storm as a pro-active measure.

Next Meeting: May 30, 2005 4:30 p.m. @ Glanbrook Municipal Office

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