City of Hamilton  
Public Works Department  
WASTE MANAGEMENT DIVISION  

MINUTES

Glanbrook Landfill Coordinating Committee  
Monday November 29, 2010  
Glanbrook Landfill Meeting Room  
4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Attendees:  
Members  
Allan Freeman, Chair  
Andy Fevez  
Brooke Ryan  
Councillor David Mitchell

City of Hamilton, Waste Management  
Emil Prpic, Manager of Recycling & Waste Disposal  
Frank Falcone, Project Manager - Landfills  
Rob Conley, Supervisor of Landfills

Ministry of Environment  
Joanne Placko (Resource)

Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority  
Joshua Diamond (Resource)

Waste Management of Canada Corporation  
Ron Wright (Resource)

Regrets  
Craig Murdoch, Director of Environmental Services

Review of Minutes from Previous Meeting

The minutes of the August 30, 2010 meeting were approved by the GLCC and submitted to Council.

It was mentioned that Sheila May passed away in September and that a dedication tree would be planted in her honour.

It was agreed by committee members that the debate of the frequency of these meetings would be better deferred until the next meeting when the new committee will be formed.

ITEM  

1. Storm Water Ponds – Valve Inspection Report

Rob Conley reported that all the retention pond valves were inspected and there were no new issues to report. The only outstanding issue was related to pond one and that was addressed by having the valve fully replaced. There are no issues with the rest of the ponds.
2. Re-Org Update

- Rob Conley indicated that the landfill technologist job has still not been filled. The City of Hamilton is still actively searching for a successful candidate.

- The committee members asked why it is taking so long to find a successful candidate. Rob Conley replied that the difficulty with this is that there is a shortage of trained professionals who specialize in landfill operations. The City of Hamilton has made a couple of offers to candidates but the candidates unfortunately decided to go elsewhere.

- The committee members stated that they have been doing so well in the last six months without someone in this position, could you not operate without this position?

- Rob Conley and Emil Prpic replied that they have been managing however a permanent staff person is needed in this position in order to build a rapport with the neighbouring residents, be able to conduct onsite inspections, ensure that the site is operating in compliance with the C of A and allow better communication. Both the Ministry of the Environment and Waste Management of Canada Corporation (WMCC) representatives confirmed that the landfill operates more effectively when a permanent staff person is located at the site.

3. New Business

- Rob Conley informed the committee that the City partnered with WMCC for a submission to be certified with the Wildlife Habitat Council. Rob Conley and Ron Wright were congratulated by the committee for their hard work to achieve the certification in one year instead of the normal two years. The site is now certified with the Wildlife Habitat Council.

- Rob Conley and Ron Wright also realized the potential for making this a certified pollinator site as well. They will look into changing the plan around the site to allow it to have more native species and better for pollinators.

- The committee discussed the possibility of working with the Community Outreach team, the Conservation Authority and the local media to spread the message that they are not only operating a responsible landfill but they are also trying to attract native wildlife and native plant species back to the area.

- Councillor David Mitchell wanted to know if they have had any noise complaints regarding the generators. Emil Prpic replied that we have had one complaint from a Haldimand resident but no residents of Glanbrook. Emil Prpic stated that the City of Hamilton has done a lot of work at the Landfill Gas to Energy Facility in conjunction with Hamilton Resource Power Inc. This year, additional silencers were installed and the fans were changed. The consultants are in the process of having the sound tested and the City is waiting for the report’s findings. Joanne Placko added that the consultants will also be looking into the testing of the low frequency generators and that this will also be in the report.

- Josh Diamond stated that the Conservation Authority is finishing their fall sampling.

- Allan Freeman asked if a summary of all operations including the leachate systems, the generators, and the tonnage could be made available for the next committee meeting. Rob Conley will provide this summary.

NEXT MEETING: February 28, 2011    Glanbrook Landfill