Glanbrook Landfill Coordinating Committee Meeting  
Monday, May 26, 2008  
Glanbrook Landfill Meeting Room

ATTENDEES:

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

WASTE MANAGEMENT, CITY OF HAMILTON  
Craig Murdoch, Manager of Waste Disposal  
Fabiano Gondim, Supervisor of Landfills  
Frank Falcone, Project Manager, Landfills

WASTE MANAGEMENT OF CANADA CORPORATION: Ron Wright (Resource)

REGRETS: Sheila May, Dan Rodrigues (WRTF), Joanne Placko (Resource) (MOE), Joshua Diamond (Resource), Reid Cleland (WMCC)

Review of Minutes from Previous Meeting

Allan Freeman asked the members if there were any comments on the previous minutes and stated that the previous minutes have already been circulated and have been approved. There were no additional comments.

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1. Landfill Gas Project Update

Craig Murdoch updated the GLCC on the landfill gas project. Craig indicated that project is moving again. Hydro One has given the highest priority to our application. 

There are several aspects remaining in the project:

- Electrical panel where the electricity is uploaded to the grid
- type of communications to use to control equipment; it has been decided to go wireless because of unreliable telephone service in this area
- 7 km hydro pole line to bring three phase power into the site.
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- The remaining equipment has been ordered.
- Go live date for the engines is September 15. The official date to upload electricity to the grid is October 15.
- Hydro One will try to have the pole line constructed by the time we go live.
- Hydro One will not supply the pole line on the City property (landfill) therefore CRA is subcontracting the work to have the pole and line go across the property to the engines.
- Craig advised that he will keep the GLCC updated.
- There will be an official opening/ribbon cutting in September or October.

2. **Pond Data**

- Pond data document information was distributed to the committee by Fabiano.
- There are no changes and the City will continue to monitor the ponds.

3. **Landfill Open House**

- Fabiano advised that the City is planning a landfill open house which will be held on June 21, 2008.
- It will be a City wide event and advertised in The Spectator and Glanbrook Gazette.
- People will be provided transportation to the Landfill from the Glanbrook Service Centre parking lot.
- Staff plan to have various displays by the City, Waste Management of Canada Corporation, Toromont-Cat, bird control and tour of the landfill.
- This will be an operating day for the Landfill so people will be able to see what goes on during the day.
- There will be an opportunity for people to ask questions on any of the waste management programs.
- Allan Freeman suggested that the buses may have to run out of the Fairgrounds if there are any soccer tournaments that day at the Glanbrook arena. City staff will look into this before the advertisements go out.

4. **Landfill Operations contract update**

- Craig advised that the RFP for the operation of the Transfer Stations/Community Recycling Centre and the landfill/composting area is now out.
- There was a mandatory bidders meeting and thirteen companies picked up the package. The companies’ names are on the City’s website.
- The RFP will be open for another five weeks, bidding closes the last Friday of June.
- The RFP has been well received, and there haven’t been many questions from the potential bidders.
- The GLCC will be updated as to who has submitted bids at the August meeting.
- The recommendation for award will go to council in November 2008.
- Brooke Ryan asked if the GLCC motion would go to Council in


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November.

Craig advised that it already went to Council and the outcome was to not extend the existing contract.

There was a short discussion with member(s) giving their opinions about one contractor operating the system as opposed to two or three contractors where there may be operational upsets resulting from disagreements between contractors.

Ron Wright requested the link for the bidders.

F. Gondim

5. Report to Council re: Internal Costing for Landfill

Craig advised that the report recommending staff do an internal costing of the Glanbrook Landfill Site and Leaf and Yard Waste Facility was approved by Council in April 2008. Council approved the recommendation that staff proceed with internal costing of the Glanbrook Landfill Site and Leaf and Yard Waste facility in parallel with the Request for Proposals process. The possibility exists that if the City’s RFP review team feels bringing the operations in-house would have benefits to the City, a recommendation could be taken to Council outlining the benefits. Many factors would be considered as part of this review including things such as cost, staffing, experience and timing.

The report to Council attached to the meeting agenda outlines the process the internal team will use. Craig provided the names of the members of the In-House Team. The consulting company is now UEM (Urban and Environmental Management).

The results of the internal costing will also go to Council in November 2008 as part of the overall RFP evaluation.

6. Waste Reduction Task Force Update

Craig gave a short update on the roll out of the green carts to apartment buildings.

77% of all small apartments (6 stories or less) have green carts.

Participation is higher and contamination is lower than expected.

Roll-out to small apartment buildings will be completed by the end of the year. Then the high rise apartment buildings will be done.

Some members of the WRTF would like to start battery recycling at grocery stores. Many places take rechargeable but not non-rechargeable batteries due to current legislation. There is new legislation coming out that will make it easier for residents to properly dispose of their household hazardous materials which includes batteries.

The Waste Reduction Task Force have decided that they want to work on battery recycling and increase the accessibility of that program.

Craig advised that the minutes of the Waste Reduction Task Force will be e-mailed to the GLCC members when they are available in lieu of Dan Rodrigues not being able to attend the GLCC meeting.

F. Gondim

7. New Business

Allan Freeman asked several questions:

• Is testing being done on the leachate being pumped out? Fabiano
advised that the leachate is tested by Waste Management and also Sewer Use Control tests the leachate independently. Samples are taken directly from the landfill, and results are also included in the annual monitoring report supplied each year to the GLCC.

- Regarding the Public meeting on the expansion of the soil service area, why was Brant not included? Fabiano stated that we are looking at a new service area for cities from all over Ontario. Fabiano explained that the cities that were included in the presentation were just an example, and those were the Cities with more chances to send soils to the Glanbrook landfill.

- Has it been considered to have the transfer stations open on Sundays? Craig advised it was discussed years ago, however best practices among municipalities in Ontario indicate that no transfer stations are open on Sundays. The increased cost on opening these days does not justify being open on Sundays. We have not had any requests for transfer stations to be opened on Sundays from the general public either. Craig also indicated that through the years there have been more collection services for items offered than in the past.

- With regard to high leachate levels in Cell 4, Allan Freeman asked about the possibility of hiring a blasting company to blast inside the well to break up the perched conditions. Frank Falcone advised that he recently found out that the LM4 well only goes down ten (10) metres. Members discussed various reasons and some possible solutions for the leachate levels.

Brooke asked Ron and Fabiano about the number of odour complaints in the last 2-3 months. Fabiano answered that there was a complaint recently for noise from one of the temporary flares, and it was corrected. There was one odour complaint in April and two in March.

Brooke advised that a writer for the Glanbrook Gazette wrote that there were complaints about odour in the area, but Brooke was not aware of odours from the Landfill and was asking the question just to confirm.

Fabiano updated the members on the recent Public Meeting for the expansion of the service area to receive soils. The outcome of the meeting was positive the public was satisfied with the explanations and answers. The main concern was traffic. Staff explained at the public meeting that traffic will increase but will still be under the 82 truck load limit of the C of A. The public was informed that clean soil is not considered waste, and the application does not include any changes to the current soil acceptance criteria. The application, once approved, will provide the City with an expanded geographical area and more accessibility to soil.

Ron advised that the top north side of the landfill is coming to its final elevation.

Craig reminded everyone that when draft minutes are distributed there will be a time limit of three (3) business days for comments in order to get them to Council in a timely manner.

A question was asked if it is mandatory for the apartment buildings to
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use green carts. Craig indicated that it will be up to the owners to push the use by its tenants.

NEXT MEETING – Monday, August 25, 2008 @ 4:30 pm

Minutes prepared by Kim Harasen, reviewed by Fabiano Gondim and approved by the GLCC on June 4, 2008.