

RIDGE LANDFILL LIAISON COMMITTEE  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2019  
REGULAR MEETING

The Ridge Landfill Liaison Committee held its regular meeting on the above date commencing at 10:27 a.m. at the Ridge Landfill Onsite Office, 20262 Erieau Road, Blenheim, Ontario

**Committee Members Present were:** Anthony Ceccacci, Municipality of Chatham-Kent; Dave Wammes, Public Member; John Vermey, Ridge Landfill Community Trust Fund; Cathy Smith, Waste Connections of Canada, Project Manager, Ridge Landfill Expansion; Allan MacKinnon, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks (MECP)

**Also present were:** Rick Kucera, Secretary; John Ferguson, Ferguson Geoscience

**Regrets:** Tim Church, Waste Connections of Canada Ridge Landfill Representative; Trevor Thompson, Chair, Municipality of Chatham-Kent

**Guests:** Mark Leduc, Waste Connections of Canada Ridge Landfill

1. **MINUTES:**

**DAVE WAMMES - JOHN VERMEY :**

**"THAT the minutes of September 24, 2019 be adopted without revision."**

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

2. **COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

**Allan MacKinnon** was introduced to the Committee as the new MECP representative.

3. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

(a) **Odour Complaint Follow-up**

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**Mark Leduc** reported that odour complaints during the quarter have been ongoing with a single complainant. Odour control misters and the landfill gas flare remain operational. Upgrades to the gas recovery system, including the electrical system and pump condensate units, are expected to increase gas recovery capacities and flare efficiency to further reduce odours. Mark also related that select loads have strong odours and arrangements are made to bury the waste upon arrival but offsite odours may occur depending on the prevailing wind direction when select wastes arrive.

(b) **Update on Ridge Landfill Expansion**

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**Cathy Smith** reported that after MECP review comments of the draft EA were addressed, it is expected that the final EA will be provided to MECP in early 2020 to allow greater time after the Holidays for Public Review and Comment.

**DAVE WAMMES - JOHN VERMEY :**

**"THAT the reports be received"**

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

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4. **NEW BUSINESS:**

(a) **Dillon Consulting – Groundwater and Surface Water Quality Monitoring Data**

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Residential Well Sampling Event – September 2019

Laboratory reports and an interpretive memo for the 2019 private well sampling event have been received and are maintained on file. A summary of the report findings was included in the Agenda package and **John Ferguson** provided a brief overview for the Committee.

In summary, a total of 15 private wells in proximity to the Ridge Landfill were sampled in September 2019, including three residences for the first time, to monitor drinking water quality on an annual basis as input toward whether landfill operations affect the confined regional aquifer. Laboratory results document that volatile organic compounds (VOCs) were added to the monitoring program during 2019 and no VOCs were detected during the 2019 monitoring event. Further, reported leachate-indicator parameter concentrations were consistent with previous findings and within historical concentration ranges to indicate that a landfill leachate impact is not identified for the locations tested. Residents were notified individually of the water quality results for their water supply wells and no additional private well sampling was recommended before the next scheduled monitoring event in 2020.

The Committee requests that a brief summary of monitoring results be provided in addition to the laboratory reports for future scheduled monitoring program events.

**DAVE WAMMES - JOHN VERMEY :**

**"THAT the report be received"**

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No unfinished business was identified.

6. **PUBLIC COMPLAINTS:**

**Mark Leduc** reported that a Charing Cross resident has reported trucks straying from the approved haul route, perhaps on their way to the Bloomfield Truck Stop. General Committee discussions identify that select local trucks are required to provide curb-side services to surrounding residents and businesses. Mark related that notifications have been provided to contractors regarding the required use of the approved route and staff periodically monitor local truck traffic for compliance.

7. **PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:**

No Public presentations were received.

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8. **OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Mark Leduc** reported that as a component of a new generator being installed to support additional onsite offices, an estimated 20-25 litres of diesel fuel was released by over-pressuring and migrated through the shallow soil into the adjacent surface water. Initial response activities, including impacted soil over-excavation and impacted water isolation and recovery, were completed by US Ecology with verification samples collected for laboratory testing by Dillon Consulting. Surface water will continued to be recovered as required when a visible sheen is identified. The new generator has been re-located to a lined pit that has been backfilled with gravel as secondary containment in the event of future spills.

The election of a Committee **Chair** and **Vice-Chair** was deferred until the next meeting in March 2020.

9. **NEXT MEETING:**

The proposed date of the next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 10, 2020, at 10:00 am** in the **downstairs Lecture Room at the Gable Rees Rotary Pool**. An electronic invitation will be provided to Committee Members.

10. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Owing to poor weather, the scheduled Landfill Tour was deferred until an acceptable date for Council members and other interested Stakeholders can be arranged in early 2020.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 am.

**ANTHONY CECCACCI :**

**"THAT the meeting be adjourned."**

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

Chair  
Secretary

These minutes were recorded by the undersigned,  
to whom any errors or omissions should be reported  
as soon as possible.  
John Ferguson