



**Community Liaison Committee
December 6th 2023 10:00 am
GFL Centre/Newport Arena**

Attendees

Chris MacDonald, Director Landfill and Environmental Compliance, GFL Environmental
Craig Manuel, General Manager, GFL Environmental
Shirley Pineo, Citizen Member, Chair
Beverly Smith, Dillon Consulting
Barbara Gallagher, Citizen Member
Jeff Hartt, Councilor, West Hants Regional Municipality
Allanah Dooks, Office Administrator, GFL Environmental

Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 10:05 am

Approval of the Minutes

Moved by B. Gallagher and seconded by J Hartt to accept the minutes of May 9, 2023. A few omissions were noted with respect to discuss on the following item(s):

- Email notifications for Garbage pickup/recycling if there will be delay in pick ups.

Motion carried.

Site Initiative Report – GFL Representative

C. Macdonald reviewed the site initiative report which has been taking place since May 2023. This report summarized the addition to the landfill which has been the septage facility; with some modifications to the facility, it is now at a 95% satisfactory rate. As well, he discussed the scale replacement, the waste audit, environmental assessment that will take place in winter 2024, and NS department of Environment and Climate Change site inspection.

J. Hartt asked about the rumors of the leachate liner problems. C. MacDonald confirmed we are aware of the rumors, but noted they are not true and there are no issues with the liner.

B. Gallagher asked about the Public Consultation meetings and time. C. MacDonald advised we will accommodate for evening meetings which will include Saturdays too.

Operations Report – GFL Environmental Representative

C. MacDonald said 2023 was the busiest year in the history of the landfill. 35% over this time last year. This is result of the flooding that happened in the fall and the fires in the spring of 2023. Natural events will continue to occur, and the landfill is happy to help the community in the future when needed.

S. Pineo advised after reviewing the material report and how much MT that is brought in, that the public should be aware of how much material that the landfill takes in for West Hants and surrounding areas.

B. Gallagher spoke about Medical Waste being in a separate category. C. MacDonald advised this is for transparency and is tracked separately with Stericycle's Contract.

Motion carried.

Monitoring Report – Dillon Consulting

B. Smith summarized the Dillon Operational Monitoring Report for the first and second quarters (see attached)

J. Hartt asked about the testing of leachate. C. MacDonald reports results were well below the waste treatment plant limits.

B. Gallagher asked whether there was a graph of reports that show any spikes while testing the leachate.

B. Smith responded saying random spikes will happen but there is currently nothing trending.

A brief discussion was held with respect to the First Nations consultation and the Greater Public consultation. C. MacDonald said it will be a way to present the information and the need to expand the landfill. S. Pineo suggested using the old landfill if possible. C. MacDonald advised we are evaluating the existing footprint.

B. Gallagher and C. MacDonald touched base on travel routes after flooding in Fall 2023 and the difficulties people endured as a result of the natural disaster.

Motion Carried.

S. Pineo touched base on the topic of a Compost facility being added to the landfill. C. MacDonald confirmed this and in 2024 additional studies will be conducted to determine when and where a compost facility can be added to our footprint.

B Gallagher asked C. MacDonald regarding Composting and the different grades of it. She asked how much testing needs to be done for heavy metals. C. MacDonald confirmed there is testing that is done but is unaware of procedure currently at this time.

Next Meeting will be held on May 1st 2024 at 10:00 am

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 am