



Community Liaison Committee
May 28th, 2025 10:00 am
GFL Centre/Newport Arena

Present:

Barbara Gallagher, Citizen Member
Avis Taylor (Representing Luke McGuire, Citizen Member)
Paul Wheadon, Councilor, West Hants Regional Municipality
Naomi Davison, Intern, West Hants Regional Municipality
Jenny LaPierre, Waste Service Coordinator, West Hants Regional Municipality (Chair)
Kaitlyn Hirschfeld, Office Coordinator, GFL Environmental
Craig Manuel, General Manager, GFL Environmental
Carol Bradley, Observer

Regrets:

Shirley Pineo, Citizen Member

1. Call to Order/Introductions

J. LaPierre volunteered to Chair the meeting, no opposition. Call to order at 10:16am. Members were welcomed, with introductions around the table.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve by B. Gallagher, second to approve by P. Wheadon. Motion carried to approve the agenda.

3. Approval of Minutes: November 6, 2024

Minutes were reviewed by all attendees. Motion to approve by B. Gallagher (pending changes be made as noted below), second to approve by P. Wheadon. Motion carried to approve the November 6 minutes.

B. Gallagher noted there was an error in minutes, the committee members did not vote on the committee being four members, but rather GFL stated it would go back to having 4 members.

*NOTE: It is the proponents right to decide how many members the committee has, as long as every group noted in the "Guideline for the Formation and Operation of a Community Liaison Committee", as issued by the Nova Scotia Department of Environment and Climate Change

(NSECC), has been given the opportunity to be represented.

4. Site Initiatives Report-GFL Environmental

C. Manuel reviewed the site initiatives report.

B. Gallagher asked if there was any odor from the sediment that was removed from the septage holding tank. C. Manuel stated there wouldn't be any more odor than all the other biosolid material.

5. Site Operations Report

C. Manuel reviewed the site operations report.

P. Wheadon asked what is involved in commercial waste, C. Manuel confirmed commercial waste is industrial, commercial and institutional.

B. Gallagher asked if Institutional waste would include hospitals and if there could be recyclable materials in that waste.

C. Manuel stated that hospitals would be included in "institutional" and that there could be recyclable material in that waste, there is no way for us to know for sure. It was also stated that it is every person, or companies, responsibility to ensure they're doing their part in recycling material, as it's too late by the time it reaches the landfill.

B. Gallagher noted there is quite an increase in Special Waste from 2023 to 2024.

C. Manuel confirmed that Special Waste is increasing and is classified as non-traditional "garbage", but is waste material approved by NSECC to be landfilled.

J. LaPierre asked if the site accepts any kind of tires. C. Manuel stated that the site does not accept tires.

6. Environmental Monitoring Summary Report

C. Manuel reviewed the Environmental Monitoring Summary report.

Motion to approve all 3 reports P. Wheadon, second to approve by B. Gallagher.

7. New Business

B. Gallagher was looking for clarity on some letters from the NSECC. C. Manuel stated that any clarity regarding these letters would have to come from NSECC.

B. Gallagher asked if the expansion of the landfill had been approved, C. Manuel confirmed the expansion had been approved.

B. Gallagher asked if there would be a new community Liaison committee, C. Manuel confirmed there is already a committee and GFL will provide updates regarding expansion activities when there are updates to give.

B. Gallagher expressed her concerns about not knowing what her responsibilities are as a committee member. C. Manuel confirmed that there are no new responsibilities for committee members. The expansion approval is regulated by the NSECC.

B. Gallagher asked what if people had complaints or questions, C. Manuel confirmed they can ask a committee member or call the landfill directly.

B. Gallagher asked about the landfill expansion, there was a vertical and a horizontal. C. Manuel answered that the vertical and horizontal expansion will be conducted as one.

A. Taylor expressed concern about the landfill filling too quickly from waste received outside of the West Hants Municipality. They are concerned the Municipality will run out of space before the Municipality realizes it. C. Manuel stated the Municipality does not own the landfill any longer. A. Taylor said they recognize that but there are community members that still have a vested interest in the landfill.

B. Gallagher asked if the committee could expand to include two community members for the area closest to the landfill. C. Manuel stated the number of community members is decided by the proponent (as outlined in the NSECC Community Liaison Committee Guidelines). C. Manuel stated it is the members' responsibility to find a proxy in the event they cannot make it. P. Wheadon and J. LaPierre agreed as that's the way it is done for the town council as well. J. LaPierre suggested there could be an "alternate" list established. To be further discussed at the next meeting.

B. Gallagher suggested putting an ad in the Community Newsletter for a representative from the First Nations in the local area to sit on the CLC.

8. Q&A

Nothing to add.

9. Next Meeting Dates

The next meeting is scheduled for November 26th, 2025, at 10:00am. The meeting will be held at the GFL Centre/Newport Arena.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting P. Wheadon

The meeting adjourned at 11:34am.