

MEETING MINUTES



MEETING City of Guelph Waste Resource Innovation Centre Public Liaison Committee Meeting #37

DATE Thursday June 25, 2020

LOCATION WebEx meeting remote, on line.

TIME 6.40 p.m. to 7.12 p.m.

PRESENT Committee Members:

Elected Chair Karyn Hogan (City of Guelph resident), Bassim Abbassi (University of Guelph), Jenn Packer (Professional Engineers of Ontario)

City of Guelph: David Gordon, Cam Walsh, Elizabeth Verghis

Wellington Organix: Matt Weissmann

Jackie Lamport (MOECP)

Ken Spira (local resident)

REGRETS/ABSENT Mark Jared (Wellington Organix), Heather Connell, Tara McKenna (City of Guelph resident)

DISCUSSION ITEMS

ITEM # DESCRIPTION	
1.	Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest: No disclosures of Pecuniary Interest.
2.	Approval of Agenda There were no objections to the agenda. There was no quorum so the agenda was not accepted by the committee.

3	<p>Approval of January 16 2020 minutes</p> <p>There were no objections to the minutes from January.</p> <p>There was no quorum so the minutes were not accepted by the committee.</p>
4	<p>Review of Action Items from Previous Meeting:</p> <p>No action items from the previous meeting.</p>
5	<p>Delegations wishing to be heard regarding matters on the agenda:</p> <p>Questions were received from local residents; Ken Spira and Kelly Davey</p>
6.	<p>Matters arising from the Delegations:</p> <p>Questions from Ken Spira:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Was there an odour management system under consideration for the new collections operations centre that would be housing the fleet of City collection vehicles? 2. Once the Subbor building is removed, will the distance from the ANSI to the west be maintained in accordance to environmental guidelines? Ken recalled that there was public concern with respect to the building being built too close at the time it was designed and constructed. What are the future plans for the site? 3. Could the city provide further updates on the odour investigations? <p>Question from Kelly Davey:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Kelly requested a status update with respect to odour investigations and next steps <p>Answers to Questions.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The project for the collections operations centre is in early stages; the City is in the process of retaining a design consultant for this work. Odour control will be reviewed as part of this work to determine if additional measures are required. The PLC would be kept informed of the design process and asked for input and comment through the process. 2. The RFP for demolition of the old SUBBOR building. There is a conceptual plan to develop a municipal services campus; current conceptual drawings show an access road where SUBBOR is currently located. Any work, be it demolition or future development will undergo the appropriate environmental approvals processes.

	<p>Status of odour investigations; questions 3 and 4, were discussed separately under New Business below.</p>
7.	<p>New Business:</p> <p>a) Organics Facility update on operations.</p> <p>From 11th January 2020 to 19th June 2020 the plant has processed 13912.95 tonnes of Source Separated organics.</p> <p>The facility has shipped out 3388.93 tonnes of finished compost in this time.</p> <p>The amount of screening waste from the plastics bin leaving the facility in this time frame is as follows:</p> <p>Screening waste- plastics bin- 1878.00 tonnes</p> <p>Screening waste plastics bin as a percentage of incoming source separated organics is 1.35%.</p> <p>There has been 2 rejected load in this time period from the City of Guelph contaminated with blue box material.</p> <p>Facility has been running, taking waste from the City of Guelph, the Region of Waterloo and Halton region in this timeframe.</p> <p>Total incoming material to site</p> <p>The total incoming material to the site in the period of January 10th to June 19th 2020 was 41358 tonnes; the outbound material from the site was 30917 tonnes. Taken from paradigm on June 24th 2020.</p> <p>Spills on site</p> <p>No spills</p> <p>b) Overview of odour complaints since June 27 2019 meeting</p> <p>There have been 19 odour complaints on 10 different days since the last plc meeting. All have been investigated by the Environmental Protection Officers (EPOs) and the Ministry kept informed.</p> <p>The Division Manager Cam Walsh gave an update on the investigations and possible causes of the odours within the neighbourhood since the beginning of May.</p> <p>Due to the co-vid pandemic, the City had introduced a curbside yard waste program within the City; this meant that yard waste could be at a residence for up to 2 weeks before being collected. The collection method was by truck so there was compaction of the yard waste and there is more mass now being managed at Gate 1 PDO yard waste pad.</p>

	<p>This material was removed from site on the 12th June 2020, since this pile has been removed to date there, as been no odour complaints.</p> <p>The City is working with the surrounding community to identify and address potential concerns, one such concern that was addressed was a trailer load of household blue box/waste material that was in close proximity to Glenholm drive and in-between the site and Glenholm, that property has been put onto a City collection service and the material removed.</p> <p>The Organic waste processing facility continues to be monitored, there have been some challenges notably around there still being grass clippings in the green bin even though the City has banned them from the green bin on April 1st 2020. This can be a factor processing the material and creating the right mix of material in the facility The C: N ratio also continues to be monitored and the facility continues to add woodchips to the process to try to increase the C:N ratio.</p> <p>We do still have a comprehensive odour control system on the facility and this is working as designed.</p> <p>The City is going to investigate an engineered vegetative buffer to further break up air flow from the site and potentially reduce the opportunity for any wind related short circuiting between the facility and the local neighbourhood.</p> <p>The City has tried to move its source emissions testing (stack) up from September but due to lab closures it looks like this will still be carried out in September.</p> <p>The City is committed to being a good neighbour and will continue to work with the local community as needed.</p>
8.	<p>Any Other business</p> <p>Nothing to discuss</p>
9.	<p>Next meeting date's for 2020</p> <p>September 24 2020</p> <p>Next meeting:</p> <p>September 24 2020 at 630pm.</p>
10.	<p>Adjournment</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 7.12 p.m.</p>

ACTION ITEMS

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