

RIDGE LANDFILL LIAISON COMMITTEE  
TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 2021  
SCHEDULED SECOND QUARTER MEETING

The Ridge Landfill Liaison Committee held its regular meeting on the above date commencing at 10:03 a.m. onsite at the John League Building Meeting Room at Talbot Trail Place Park.

**Committee Members Present were:** Trevor Thompson, Chair, Municipality of Chatham-Kent (by telephone); Anthony Ceccacci, Municipality of Chatham-Kent; John Vermeij, Ridge Landfill Community Trust Fund; Marc Leduc, Waste Connections of Canada Ridge Landfill Representative; Cathy Smith, Waste Connections of Canada, Project Manager, Ridge Landfill Expansion

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

**Regrets:** Dave Wammes, Public Member; David Racz, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks (MECP)

1. **MINUTES:**

**JOHN VERMEY - CATHY SMITH :**

**"THAT the minutes of March 9, 2021 be adopted without revision."**

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

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

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

**Marc Leduc** reports that the landfill has received two odour complaints recently from one complainant and the Facility followed its protocols to bury the offending waste as quickly as possible. Marc also relates that the three landfill gas flares continue to operate as well as the odour-suppression misters. Recent repairs to the landfill gas collection headers also reduce odours. General Committee discussions indicate that odour intensity is dependent on the prevailing weather with stronger odours associated with higher humidity and landfilling at greater elevations.

Marc also reported one noise complaint recently from a neighbour to the northeast related to back-up alarms. Onsite equipment is progressively being retrofitted with low-frequency alarms to reduce the distance that the sound travels but select trucks that unload at the Ridge Landfill continue to use the typical high-frequency alarms.

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

**Cathy Smith** reported that the Environmental Assessment (EA) Approval for the landfill expansion was received on October 29, 2020 and post-approval requirements are ongoing and provided for MECP review upon completion, including the Indigenous Consultation Plan which was provided for review and approval approximately two weeks ago. Cathy also reported that the waste cell for the expanded site started receiving waste construction in April 2021. The updated Landfill Community Trust agreement is currently in progress.

**JOHN VERMEY - TREVOR THOMPSON :**

**"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

No data was received for review. It is expected that regularly scheduled monitoring event results and a brief summary of the relevant findings will be forwarded for review before the next meeting and an overview will be provided for the Committee at the next meeting in September.

**5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No unfinished business was identified.

**6. PUBLIC COMPLAINTS:**

Public complaints were discussed as a component of Agenda Item 2a – Odour & Noise Complaints.

**7. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:**

No Public presentations were received.

**8. OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Rick Kucera** shared that the Blenheim LLC Members would like to arrange a visit to the operational Ridge Landfill after their third quarter meeting in September 2021 to have a greater sense of the differences between the Closed Blenheim Landfill and the recently-approved expanded landfill having a capacity for the next 20 years.

Rick will coordinate with Ridge Landfill representatives before the next meeting in September to investigate if arrangements can be made for visitors. General Committee discussions identify concerns regarding social distancing since vehicles are required to tour the landfill.

**9. NEXT MEETING:**

The proposed date of the next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 21, 2021, at 10:15 a.m.** at a location to be determined but likely the onsite Ridge Landfill Offices or the John League Building.

**10. ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting adjourned at 10:21 am.

**JOHN VERMEY :**

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

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

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Chair

Secretary

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