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Brady Road Resource Management Facility Community Liaison Committee

Meeting #13

Date: Wednesday, October 30, 2019 4:45pm - 7pm

Location: Brady Road Resource Management Facility

Administration Building

1777 Brady Road

Attending:

DB – Darlene Boettcher Citizen – Winnipeg (Charleswood)
SB – Sonja Bridges Manitoba Sustainable Development

TS - Tyler Smith Ladco Company Ltd WD – William Dowie Green Action Centre

DO – Dave Olinyk Citizen – Winnipeg (Richmond West)

MB - Myles Boonstra University of Manitoba
JB - Janine Boulanger Councillor - RM of Ritchot

NS – Nada Suresh
Mn - Myrrhanda Novak
JF - Jacquie Field
GR – Geoff Reimer

Manitoba Sustainable Development
Citizen – Winnipeg (South Pointe)
Citizen - Winnipeg (Fort Richmond)
City of Winnipeg – Solid Waste (Chair)

JN – Joanna Nickerson Blueprint

MK – Michelle Kuly Facilitator, Blueprint

Regrets:

RT – Robert Turski Councillor - RM of Macdonald
GB – Grant Baker Citizen – RM of Macdonald

JS - Jeff Scott Southwood Golf

Agenda:

1. 5:00 – 6:00p.m. Guided tour of Brady Road Resource Management Facility

2. 6:00 – 6:10p.m. Arrival and refreshments at Administrative Building

3. 6:10 – 6:25p.m. Reflections and questions from the tour

4. 6:25 – 6:50p.m. City presentation – updates and action items follow ups

5. 6:50 - 6:55p.m. New business

6. 7:00p.m. Review and adjourn

Meeting Objectives:

Receive updates on activities, projects and programs at Brady

Identify issues or concerns at Brady with impact on local environment and measures to mitigate them



Meeting Notes:

1. Welcome, session opening	
MK opened the meeting with an overview of the agenda.	Info
2. Reflections and questions from the tour (Round table from the group)	
MK - Invites committee members to share reflections and questions from tour of site. Questions to be noted by facilitator, and addressed by City as part of presentation (agenda item 3).	Info
JF - Excited about facility. Tour reinforced the need to create a video tour of the facility that could shown in schools, neighbourhood association meetings (etc). GR - Video is being made.	
MB - Interest centred around methane capture - very happy to see it on the tour. Also looking at the data that the landfill submits to the province - felt it was good to see where it was collected.	
DO - Questions from the tour include: Who hauls away the large household goods (bicycles, mattresses etc.)?	
MN - Questions related to the view of landfill from perimeter - wanting it to look like a nice green hill, noting this may be unrealistic, but what is the timeline/possibility of this? Enjoyed the tour. Looking forward to when the city offers a composting initiative (GR clarifies organic waste).	
TS - Felt tour was great and believes every resident in Winnipeg should have that opportunity to participate in a tour. Questions around the odour from leachate trucks - wondering if it is the smell around perimeter - not the open face.	
NS - Pleased to see the new site.	
JB - Happy to be able to go on the tour. Pleasantly surprised by the recycling component. Question of potential for education / awareness around the initiatives for the general public.	
DB - Fascinated by the interconnectedness of the site. Believes it would be beneficial for junior high school students to have tours of the site.	
WD – Green Action Centre (GAC) controls social enterprise compost company. Wants trucks to come here instead of private landfills. Opportunity to get new minister of climate and conservation on a tour to develop great partnerships with province. Suggests CLC facilitator pen a letter on behalf of committee to the Mayor's Office recognizing the efforts to Brady's Landfill staff during the state of emergency. Unanimous support for this given by the CLC .	
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- SB Happy that everyone got a chance to see the new facility. Offers technical support to the committee any questions about licenses they can contact her for assistance.
- DB Questioning why soil fabrication wasn't on this tour?
- GR Soil fabrication takes place over at Summit Landfill, not at Brady site. Idea for soil fabrication is to keep organic matter (bio-solids) off the tipping face.
- DW Comments that he didn't know that folks could drop their trees off at Summit.
- DO Issue of access to Brady is a concern (feedback from men's group).
- TS Issues of seagulls are always number one concern. There is a need to come up with a plan that addresses the number/location of birds right now, mitigation efforts appear to just push the birds back and forth between Brady and residential developments. Ladco contracted with raptors in the fall and was a successful initiative. They utilized bald eagles and kites in open spaces. Feels it would be proactive to have a combined effort with landfill.
- JB A few residents complaining about the road conditions on Waverley road. Excited to see the road diverted around St Norbert.
- DB Question about phosphate and north end treatment plant keeping it out of lake Winnipeg how much the impact it truly would be? Also, the issue of safety on perimeter what is the plan?

3. City presentation – updates and action items from June 5, 2019

- GR Provided names of plant species planted on perimeter in response to Action Item: buffalo berry, red osier dogwood, false indigo bush, American hazelbut, sand cherry, choke cherry, wolf willow, American elm, Manitoba maple, willow and a limited number of leftover green ash. Green ash were due to be disposed of, otherwise going to be disposed of).
- WD Brings up concerns with some of the species planted: Chokecherry is a vector for black knot (fungus) suggesting to be careful with this particular plant. Furthermore, would look for cultivars that are resistant to dutch elm. Green ash susceptible to ash bore.
- GR WD's concerns were noted; plans to do some seedings with shrubs on the north berm next week. Green ash aren't normally planted anymore; a final 33 threes grown from seed in the City Naturalist branch nursery were planted at Brady instead of being thrown out.
- GR Past action item to investigate seagull influx / solutions. The landfill is right on the migration path for gulls.
- WD Questions whether the gulls are staying around now as 'residents' (instead of migrating)?
- GR The increase may suggest that. Typically the field is white with gulls during the day despite contractors with raptors working on bird control. This isn't just a nuisance issue; it is a safety issue for staff when gulls all take off. Now that the City is working in a new cell, the fill plan is narrowed down to a footprint that is much more manageable vs. the current cell, meaning that there will be less of interest for the gulls to come for. The gulls like garbage



because they're attracted to movement and shiny objects. Idea to eliminate that attractant so they will no longer come. No clear answers or solutions but are open to talking with falconcers and other possible ways to address the problem. Long grass is also a deterrent to gulls.

- DO Noticing very few gulls in Kirkbridge Park much less than they used to be (even 7 years ago).
- GR Provides report back on action item re: how are nuisance and odour complaints followed up? If complainants' leave their name and number, employees will go directly to the house and follow-up on the complaint.
- WD Have you ever left a monitoring machine as a pilot?
- GR Yes this was done in an area where one resident was a frequent caller monitoring it. If it is something occurring regularly, they address it with monitoring equipment.
- DO It is very difficult to use the machines accurately for data, wind changes can drastically change results.
- GR Provided update on number of recent odour complaints 16. This was anticipated; it was largely because they dug up garbage on the north face.
- WD Question of being proactive and warning residents of what to expect instead of waiting for the complaints?
- GR Yes, though it can be difficult with unavoidable factors. In this case, the weather affected the process, so notice wasn't possible.
- GR Provided update on recent storm response at Brady. Noted that 30,000 trees estimated at landfill due to recent storm. The initial response was to get crews out for safety purposes (clearing trees off of lines and blocked main roads) the majority of that is done. Focusing a bit on parks a few sustained a lot of tree damage. The Landfill has opened up Summit Landfill (where biosolids are) as a drop off. Opened 4R depots, estimates ~10K visits from residents. The storm resulted in 2,000 tonnes of ground material will use every branch for soil fabrication. The province has been great about letting us use Summit Landfill as ground zero for this

4. New Business

- MK Reviews items in Parking Lot (concerns expressed earlier in meeting). Safety on Perimeter
- GR Complex issues with semi-trucks. Plan is (and province has committed for 2020) that all traffic to go to Waverley and then down the service road that runs in front of Brady. Highway traffic won't be turning left and everything will go through the controlled intersection. No right or left turn.
- GB So there will be no access to Brady road from perimeter?
- GR Correct. This is the best option. There have been a few open houses in communities and



there is good buy-in. Traffic won't exit off of Brady either - there will be no access whatsoever.

DO - The service road off of Waverly needs a lot of work as it is in bad shape right now.

Question of who hauls hazardous waste, household items (HHW)?

- WD Dedicated product stewardship groups and others (Wrench, Mother Earth) take care of repurposing things that can be reused.
- GR Paint and HHW are the worst things to have in a landfill. Chemicals can eat through the cell liner.
- JF Question of what to do with things like that? Like, hairspray?
- GR People can bring it to hazardous waste drop off at Brady. It is free, we will take it.

When will the landfill look better from the perimeter?

GR - The intent is to have it green come this spring, 2020. If no snow, then they will start planting. Can't guarantee it will catch and grow - but it is their intention. Working with native plant specialists to plant the right things.

Smell from Leachate

- GR Trucks haul 10-12 tanks per day. Some of the smell is likely the leachate. Along the north face there is a series of manholes to suck leachate out. They used to send tanker truck to suck out manholes individually and take off but now pumps are running automatically. When those pumps would go down (which has happened) there was the odd manhole that leachate bubbles around and will produce a smell.
- MB What was quite a bit? Once a week?
- GR Yes. But now, with pneumatic pumps in place that pump slow and steady, they are way more effective. These incidents are much less frequent now.
- DO During transfer, the assumption is that you can't smell anything?
- GR Correct.

Updates on organics

Any organics programs will be coordinated with Brady; don't know the parameters of the pilot at this point.

Phosphate sludge/North End plant.

GR - Has no information to offer, not in the purview of the Solid Waste Dept.

Video site tour

- JF What about a video of the site tour of Brady? When is the estimated time that will be available?
- GR In the works, footage has been shot earlier this summer.



Action Item: City to report back on/share video at upcoming CLC meeting.	Action
5. Session closing, action items review and next steps	
Action Item: Next meeting to be scheduled in May or June of 2020.	Facilitator
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