HANOVER/WALKERTON WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES
Tuesday May 6, 2025 | 1:00pm
Via Zoom

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ron Cooper | Warren Dickert | Nicholas Schnurr | Tim Elphick | Daniel Ferguson | Tanya Patterson, Recording Secretary

REGRETS: Peter Hambly

1. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Walkerton, Ontario N0G 2V0None.

2. DELEGATIONS

2.1. Environmental Assessment Update for Leachate Management, Cobide Engineering Inc.

Steve Cobean and Amy Hoffarth from Cobide Engineering presented an update on the status of the Environmental Assessment (EA) for a preferred alternative for leachate management at the landfill site.

Background studies and consultation took place to consider the following four alternative solutions:

1. Hauling leachate to both Hanover Wastewater Treatment and Walkerton Wastewater Treatment Plant (current method)
2. On-site treatment and surface discharge
3. Proposed pumping station and forcemain to the Hanover Wastewater Treatment Plant
4. Purchase truck, operate, and haul the leachate internally

It was determined that Alternative 3, pumping station and forcemain to the Hanover Wastewater Treatment Plant, is the preferred alternative. Through additional studies, the preferred route was also determined.

Mr. Cobean and Ms. Hoffarth explained that hydrogeological and geotechnical studies are still required.

The next step in the EA process is an online Public Information Centre (PIC), which will provide additional information. Agencies and adjacent property owners will be notified by mail of the PIC and their comments received. An notice will be included in the May 15th publication of The Hanover Post.

Mr. Cooper noted that the EA process with take most of 2025 to complete, then potential funding opportunities can be researched.

The chair thanked Mr. Cobean and Ms. Hoffarth for their presentation.

2.2. Waste Management Committee Terms of Reference, Vicki McDonald, Town of Hanover Clerk

Ms. McDonald presented the committee with details of the committee's current terms of reference noting that the director of public works is to be chair of the committee.

With the Town of Hanover's recent organizational review, the director of public works position is being replaced with the manager of public works position.

Ms. McDonald advised that she discussed the change of position with the Municipality of Brockton's clerk, and they agreed that amending the terms of reference with the position change is necessary.

The terms of reference will be amended and brought forward to the committee at the next scheduled meeting.

The chair thanked Ms. McDonald for attending and presenting to the committee.

3. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Moved by WARREN DICKERT / Seconded by NICHOLAS SCHNURR

That the minutes of the March 25, 2025 meeting be approved as presented and circulated.

Carried

4. BUSINESS ARISING

4.1. Cell No. 3 Expansion

Mr. Cooper advised that the tender for Cell No. 3 expansion was awarded to Moorefield Excavating Ltd. A letter was mailed to Moorefield Excavating Ltd. A pre-construction meeting will be held. Work is to be completed throughout June, July and August of 2025.

4.2. Temporary Green Waste Storage

Correspondence was forwarded to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) by Mr. Schnurr for approval of a temporary green waste storage container for curbside collection, which would be periodically transported to All Treat Farms for processing.

Mr. Schnurr advised that he received notification from MECP that amending the Environmental Compliance Appliance (ECA) is required. The amending process will not commence until after Brockton council approves a waste collection tender, which includes a provision for green waste collection.

5. ITEMS FOR DECISION/DISCUSSION

5.2. Annual Monitoring Report

The committee was provided with the background, purpose, site operations, conclusions and recommendations of the 2024 Annual Monitoring Report for their review. There are no items of concern. The Landfill volume for 2024 was 9,202 m^3 with a decrease from the previous 3 year average of 11, 439 m^3 (2021-2023). Using the current (2022-2024) three year average volume of 10,480 m^3 the remaining site life is 27 years (2052)

6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/CORRESPONDENCE

6.1. Annual Monitoring Report

The committee was provided with the background, purpose, site operations, conclusions and recommendations of the 2024 Annual Monitoring Report for their review. There are no items of concern.

6.2. 2025 Landfill Budget

The committee reviewed the budget status to March 31, 2025.

6.3. Landfill Quantities

The committee reviewed the landfill quantities report to March 31, 2025.

6.4. Landfill Operational Report

The committee reviewed the landfill operational reports for March and April 2025.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Tim – appreciate service to the committee, diligence is exceptional, wishing happy retirement

8. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday September 9, 2025 at 1:00pm.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by NICHOLA SCHNURR

That this meeting adjourns at 1:40pm