



City of
Peterborough

TO: Members of the Waste Management Steering Committee

FROM: W.H. Jackson, Director of Utility Services

MEETING DATE: May 13, 2013

SUBJECT: Report WMC13-008
MOE Inspection of Bensfort Road Landfill Operation

PURPOSE

A report to inform Committee of the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) inspection of the Peterborough County/City Waste Management Facility (the “Landfill”) and staff’s response.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Waste Management Committee endorse the recommendations as outlined in Report WMC13-008 dated May 13, 2013 of the Director of Utility Services as follows:

- a) That Report WMC13-008 regarding the MOE inspection of the Bensfort Road landfill operation and staff’s response to that inspection be received for information; and
- b) That Report WMC13-008 be referred to the Site Liaison Committee for their information and whatever action they may feel appropriate.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There will be some minor increases in the cost of operating the Landfill. These costs will be included as appropriate in the 2014 budget estimates and reported to the Waste Management Committee throughout 2013.

BACKGROUND

From March 12, 2013 to March 21, 2013 the MOE Peterborough District Environmental Officer undertook a number of inspections of the operation of the Landfill. Both field and record inspections were undertaken. The last such investigation was September 14, 2010 and in between, a new Environmental compliance Approval (ECA) was issued for the Landfill.

On April 11, 2013 a meeting was held with Ministry representatives and although they stated the Landfill is very well run and complaints are minimal, they still had a number of issues related to compliance with the ECA (Appendix A). Although none of the issues raised were in any way detrimental to the environmental integrity of the Landfill or surrounding land or public safety, it is important that all matters brought to our attention by MOE be dealt with quickly and effectively. In this regard, a response was prepared and submitted to MOE on April 29, 2013 (Appendix B) dealing with each issue individually providing either the information requested or when/how the information will be made available.

The consultant for this project will attend the May 13, 2013 meeting of the Waste Management Committee to answer any questions the Committee members may have.

Submitted by,

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Attachments:

Appendix A: MOE Solid Non-Hazardous Waste Disposal Site Inspection Report, March, 2013

Appendix B: Response to MOE March Inspection Report