



Manager's Letter

Richmond Landfill January 2011

Dear Neighbours:

As a new year starts I thought now would be a good time to bring you up to date on the issues concerning our proposed Beechwood Road Environmental Centre (BREC) and our current landfill.

Terms of Reference (ToR)

We are waiting for a decision by the Ministry of Environment (MOE) on our Terms of Reference (ToR) for a new landfill footprint at our proposed BREC. I want to point out that if MOE approves our ToR it does not mean we have received approval for a new landfill footprint. It only means we have approval to do an Environmental Assessment (EA), which will include public consultation and detailed review of technical issues to show how it can be done in an environmentally safe manner.

Current Landfill Closure

We will be closing the present Richmond landfill footprint by the end of June 2011. We will also have the final clay capping completed by Aug 31, 2011. Our intention right now is to continue the public drop off after closing the landfill. This will give folks the opportunity to continue using our recycling facilities (i.e., e-waste, batteries, paint, tires, blue box material). We will apply to MOE for permission to transfer our trash bins to a transfer station. While no decision has been made, if we are not successful on our proposed BREC project, these facilities will also close down.

Community Liaison Committee (CLC)

We have a new Chairperson and new members on our CLC. Norm Clark, Mayor of Deseronto, is now the Chairperson and new members are Napanee councilors Bill Pierson and Marg Isbester. We will soon be advertising and holding more public meetings, and we encourage you to attend or contact the CLC if you have any questions or concerns about our operations.

Current Landfill Operations

In terms of operations, there is a lot to inform you about, including:

- We now test private wells within 500 metres of the landfill and we have seen no impacts from the landfill. If you have any concerns that this landfill has or could have any impacts on your water please contact me at any time.
- We continue work on the environmental monitoring plan for the soon to be closed present landfill. We will be installing some additional monitoring wells soon in the southern portion of the site. We are working with the Ministry to ensure the site is in compliance and to address any problems that may arise to everyone's satisfaction.
- We mistakenly left a valve open after discharging our storm water in late November. The Ministry officer noted this during an inspection and issued a Provincial Officers Order (POO). We had just completed surface water testing that showed this water was suitable for

discharge so there was no harm to the environment. However, the POO requires us to show what action we will take to ensure this will not occur again. We have posted a copy of the POO and our response on our web page (<http://brec.wm.com>) or we can provide you with a copy upon request. I would like to add that since we constructed the new south pond almost 3 years ago every test taken has shown surface water to be suitable for discharge.

- Groundwater monitoring has shown some impact from leachate to groundwater quality in the shallow overburden in the NW corner of the site. Impact is limited to approximately 40 metres from the toe of landfill. However, we need to address this situation now, so we have submitted a plan to the Ministry for approval to plant in the spring approximately 8 acres of trees (dogwood and dwarf willows) which will absorb the impacted groundwater in the overburden. The approved work plan will include continued groundwater monitoring to verify the performance of the remediation process. If you would like any more information on this or wish to visit the site please do not hesitate to call me.
- We are exploring different options for organic composting. We would like to have something in place for the beginning of 2012 in order to provide this service to Napanee and surrounding communities. It will be important to acquire a technology that provides an odour free process and good compostable material. As we move forward with this I will provide you with more information about this.

Well that's about it for now. As always please contact me if you have any questions. Our intent is to hold an Open House this spring. If our Terms of Reference is approved we can discuss the Environmental Assessment process and discuss our future intentions. We would also talk about how the closed site will be properly monitored and managed. Whatever happens going forward, you are our neighbours and we will continue to do every thing possible to be a good neighbor of yours. Thank you.

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