



Manager's Letter

Richmond Landfill September 2010

Dear Neighbours:

As summer is coming to a close and fall is just around the corner I thought I should write and keep you informed as to activity relating to the closure of our existing landfill and our plans for the proposed Beechwood Road Environmental Centre (BREC).

It was good to see a lot of you out for the Open House we had here in May to explain our proposed BREC project. The BREC project was explained to the general public during the consultations we had to develop our 'Terms of Reference' (ToR). We submitted our ToR to the Ministry of Environment (MOE) in early June. We expect the MOE to make a decision about our ToR early this fall. If the MOE approves our ToR, then we will begin an environmental assessment (EA) process. The EA is where we will present to the public, details on how a new landfill footprint, as well as diversion, community and environmental activities, for our proposed BREC project can be done environmentally correctly. We plan on at least one other Open House for our neighbours during this EA process as we feel you need to be given every opportunity to have any questions or concerns addressed.

We will be closing out the present Richmond landfill footprint by the end of June of 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 (e-waste, batteries, paint, tires and blue box material) and we would apply to the MOE for permission to transfer the trash bins to a transfer station. However no firm decisions have been made as of today and you can be assured that if we are not successful on our new project these facilities will also close down.

As far as operational issues go, there is a lot to inform you about, including:

- You may see some wells being drilled on the front lawn. We are installing three more wells to complete the Environmental Monitoring Plan (EMP) for closing the landfill. The MOE agrees that we know where the groundwater flow is and with these wells we will be able to adequately monitor the groundwater to know if there is ever a problem.
- We now test private wells within 500 metres of the landfill and we have seen no impact from the landfill. If you have any concerns that your private well could be impacted by the landfill give me a call and we will do whatever is necessary to address these concerns.
- You may see a fair bit of activity on top of the landfill during September as we are capping phase #1 with three feet of clay and topsoil and seeding this area.
- We have started work on identifying the groundwater flow in the northern portions of our property so you may see equipment in that area. This work is part of the new Project.
- We recently tested our surface water in order to release some before winter. We provided the testing data for the south west pond that empties into the Beechwood ditch to the MOE and they are attached at the end of this newsletter. As there were no issues with test results we

will be discharging into the Beechwood ditch the first week of September. We will be reinforcing the on site holding berm in September to be sure of no leakage next spring.

So, that is about all I have to share with you today. I will tell you that we were very pleased with the level of support we are receiving for our proposed BREC Project. Over 110 businesses and other individual residents took the time to write to the MOE to express their support. Over 700 people signed their name to a petition supporting the Project. Some of those were our close neighbours here and we sure appreciate the confidence you have in us. We will continue to do whatever it takes to earn your trust and respect.

We would like to know if you would like to be contacted on a more regular basis to be informed of operational issues. For instance if the flare has to be serviced and we expect there may be a potential for odour that day, or for any number of reasons. If you would like more regular updates (perhaps by phone or e-mail) we would be pleased to do so. Call the landfill, identify yourself as a neighbor and let us know how you would like to be contacted. We will keep a list and contact you when something of interest comes up.

Thank you and please call me if you have any questions or concerns. As our close neighbour you are our #1 stakeholder.

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