

**JOHNSON TARBUTT LANDFILL COMMITTEE
MINUTES
THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2022 at 6:15 pm
Held Virtually**

Present: Ruth Wigmore, Chair, Councillor, Tarbutt Township
Blaine Mersereau, Mayor of Johnson Township
Darren McClelland, Councillor, Tarbutt Township
Reg McKinnon, Councillor, Johnson Township

Guest: David Farrar, Councillor, Tarbutt Township (left the meeting at

Staff: Carol Trainor, Clerk, Tarbutt Township

1. Call to Order – 6:15 pm
2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest - none
3. GFL Proposal for shipping waste to the US – D. Farrar

Tarbutt Councillor D. Farrar presented a synopsis of negotiations with GFL for the collection and transfer of waste to the US. The MECP recently provided an amended ECA which permits the transfer of waste off site, under certain conditions. The Clerk advised that we will need to apply for an amendment to the ECA in order to utilize a bin system of collection rather than the concrete bunker.

Councillor Farrar explained that this system, utilizing six bear proof containers, is more affordable and a lot more convenient for GFL. Bins will be emptied weekly; the day of the week to be determined. They will provide six bins to start but we will pay for a minimum of four. No trouble filling four but hard to fill six in the winter. They have agreed to a minimum of four. The other two bins will be kept closed and only open when needed so that we only pay for a minimum of four bins per week.

The large container for non-household waste will only be emptied on an as needed basis, with a call from the Landfill Attendant.

R. Wigmore question if we needed a ramp for the new 40 yard bin. Contractors would need easy access for dumping trailers. D. Farrar suggested using the same ramp as the metal bin. Should be the same size as 20 x 8 x 8 scrap metal bin.

A meeting will be held on site with Roads crew, committee members and GFL to determine the best location for the bins. It will take planning to place the bins then educate the public not to use the bunker.

MECP cautions that it will take 10 years to open a new landfill. Shipping waste off site will be very effective at ensuring the longevity of the landfill. Need to ensure the bins are used properly and the oversize bin does not get used for household waste. Consensus was that this should be a very cost effective measure to continue using the landfill.

Timing – determine location of new bins and input will be needed from both roads departments for maintenance. Has to be approved by both councils. Same size as the old recycling bins. Lid is 4 feet from the ground.

Keep the bunker doors closed when not in use or when it is raining. Could be transferred at a later date if necessary. Bins can be delivered within a week of notifying GFL but need to determine a location. Road Supers of each township should meet with GFL to ensure all trucks can access the area. We would hope to commence early April.

GFL offered a 60 month term but can go longer. The Committee agreed to 72 months, six years, then renegotiate. Fuel prices / surcharge will fluctuate. At 26% now. Bin and lift prices will be fixed for the term of the contract.

Moved by: D. McClelland

Seconded by: R. McKinnon

Be it resolved that the Johnson Tarbutt Landfill Committee recommends to the Councils of Johnson and Tarbutt Townships the acceptance of the proposal from GFL Environmental for the storage, collection and transport of waste from the landfill site, as presented, in keeping with the requirements set out in Condition 7 of the ECA issued by the Province; and

That a By-law to enter into agreement with GFL for this service be provided for passing.

Carried

4. Current Business

a. Treatment of Landfill Staff by the public

Committee discussed the disrespect and verbal abuse that landfill attendants endure from members of the public. Questions were raised regarding whether this is the same people who are repeat offenders, or if it comes from a wide range of people. Attendants will be asked to document the incidents and report it to the Tarbutt office immediately, noting the name of the individual, if known, and if not then license plate and a picture or description of the vehicle. Letters can be sent to offenders noting that their behaviour is unacceptable, and that landfill privileges can be revoked.

b. Update on new Recycling Containers

The 40 yard walk in recycling containers are creating a learning curve for both attendants and the public. A barrier of some type will be created by the Road Super and installed to keep the material from spilling forward, and to help keep the bin as full as possible. GFL would like the co-mingled material in bags and expect the municipalities to educate our residents to do this rather than throwing loose items into the large bin. Any kind of bag can be used with the except of the black garbage bags.

c. Metal Bin Collection

People fear the gap between the ramp and the bin and it could pose a hazard for some. Staff will look into measures to rectify the space to make it safer.

d. Landfill break-ins/possible security measures

Three people have been arrested recently for breaking into another municipal landfill. It is unlikely that the OPP can locate our stolen equipment or confirm that these are the same offenders that have been breaking into the Johnson Tarbutt landfill. A number of possible suggestions such as an alarm system, motion sensor lighting, or other triggers could notify staff when there is activity during closed hours. There is a safety concern for staff in responding to break ins at night. Landfill staff should not lock any building so that vandals do not have to break in.

e. Newsletter – public education is key to promote changes, new bins, always be kind to staff at the landfill, no black bags, reminders to flatten cardboard.

5. Next Meeting - at the call of the Chair.

6. Adjournment

The Johnson Tarbutt Landfill Committee meeting of March 10, 2022 adjourned at 7:32 pm.