

Johnson Tarbutt Joint Landfill Committee
MINUTES

Monday, September 12, 2022 at 5:15 pm
Tarbutt Council Chambers

PRESENT: R. Wigmore, Tarbutt, Chair
D. McClelland, Tarbutt
G. Grant, Johnson
R. McKinnon, Johnson

STAFF: J. Maguire, Johnson
C. Trainor, Tarbutt

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Moved by: R. McKinnon Seconded by: D. McClelland
That the minutes of the August 15, 2022 meeting be adopted as circulated.
Carried

C. Trainor noted that the information regarding expansion of the site and additional cells from Tulloch was received after the August 15 meeting.

2. Tulloch Engineering message regarding expansion

a. Message from Tulloch Engineering regarding expansion of additional cells for waste, and a quotation for consultation, design and surveying.

Councillor McKinnon noted that it is good to pursue options considered in the event that we may no longer be able to ship waste to the US. Also consider the cost of these studies and how long it may take to get MECP approval for expanding the site.

Further discussion led to agreement that studies should determine if it is feasible, and that communication with the Ministry will be key in moving forward.

3. Communication from Johnson Township

Committee members discussed the cost of shipping waste and general operations of the site and there was widespread consensus that both townships are distressed about the costs, which were unexpected and far more than anticipated. There is agreement that the current arrangement is not sustainable. Some options include:

- Purchasing a 53 yard bin (then who would haul it?)
- Purchase a sheepsfoot roller
- Compaction, with a used garbage truck.

4. GFL Contracts

Committee discussed the option of amending the contract to make it more feasible and sustainable. In previous discussions with GFL, they have reduced the cost of each bin collection from \$600 to \$450 for the 40 yard bins, and from \$150 to \$100 for the 6 yard bins at the landfill. The recycling depot at the turnoff is a flat monthly fee, which is \$35 more each month than the previous agreement.

GFL states that the current fuel surcharge that we are being charged is far less than most others are paying. C. Trainor confirmed that her discussions with the Blue Box Transition group of depot only communities, some are paying as much as 48% fuel surcharge.

Previous meetings with GFL have demonstrated that they are not willing to provide additional concessions over the 30% reduction in collection already provided.

With respect to the option of Curbside Collection, GFL did not wish to consider this as an option, given the rural nature of the area. All waste would still have to go to the Johnson Tarbutt Landfill. Plummer Township does have a curbside collection contract with GFL, and staff can make enquiries about the cost of that service.

5. Other Business

- a. Share Shed Donations of \$3,150. (including 2020)

The Joint Landfill Committee adjourned at 6:10 pm to meet again at the call of the chair.