

**Rosewarne Landfill
Public Liaison Committee Meeting**



Meeting Details	
Date:	Tuesday, September 5, 2023
Time and Location:	4:00 p.m. via Teams

Attendees	
Present	
Name	Title
Brenda Rhodes	Chair, Public Liaison Committee
Jeff Lehman	District Chair
Matthew Balfe	Public Liaison Committee Member
Roger Clarke	Public Liaison Committee Member (joined at 5:04 p.m).
Jacqueline Fortier	Public Liaison Committee Member
James Steele	Commissioner, Engineering and Public Works
Stephanie Mack	Director, Solid Waste Management & Environmental Services
Tabitha Lee	Senior Environmental Engineer, Watermark Environmental
Rasheeda Byer-Coward	Hydrogeologist, Watermark Environmental
Regrets	
Name	Title
Neil Hutchinson	Public Liaison Committee Member
Rick Dureen	Manager, Waste Operations
Emily Rammler	Compliance Specialist (Acting)

1. Call Meeting to Order

Committee Chair Rhodes called the meeting to order at 4:09 p.m.

2. Land Acknowledgement

Committee Chair Rhodes delivered the land acknowledgement statement.

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

None were declared.

4. Welcome and Brief Overview of the Committee Terms of Reference

J. Steele provides a brief overview/summary for the Terms of Reference.

5. Round Table Introductions

Committee members and staff provided brief introductions.

6. Brief Overview of District Waste Operations

S. Mack presented a brief overview of District of Muskoka (District) Waste Operations and shared various images of District waste facilities and programs. The overview provided details on the Rosewarne Landfill, transfer of recycling, curbside waste collection, Lakeside Waste Collection, composting operations and historic waste sites.

7. Rosewarne Landfill – Environmental Compliance Overview

S. Mack provided a brief description of the District's working relationship with Watermark Environmental Ltd. (Watermark) and the environmental consulting services they provide. R. Byer-Coward from Watermark then provided a detailed presentation on environmental compliance at the Rosewarne Landfill site.

R. Byer-Coward explained the various compliance requirements for the landfill and surface water, groundwater and landfill gas monitoring.

An explanation was provided of the various workings of the Rosewarne complex – including recycling transfer and composting operations. In addition, the Committee was provided information on the difference between the Rosewarne East historic site and the Rosewarne West landfill (the Rosewarne West landfill being an engineered, lined site).

M. Balfe asked about the East Landfill being located across from a newly designed landfill (Rosewarne West Landfill). How do we know if we don't have a problem with the new landfill if the old landfill is releasing contaminants right beside it?

T. Lee stated that it can be difficult but that they look for trends, odd peaks in the data and key performance indicators to ensure the west landfill site is operating as it should.

8. General Updates

Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) Amendments

R. Byer-Coward stated that the Rosewarne complex is an active site and has a lot going on. ECAs are always under review. Current amendments will include design and construction of Cell 4 and compost facility upgrades. R. Byer-Coward outlined that in 2023, the monitoring program was optimized and the District worked with the MECP on some changes to the annual monitoring requirements.

Composting Operations

The Rosewarne Composting Facility came on-line in November of 2022. Given the space required for curing piles, the District is looking to establish a larger curing area in the facility as the current one is too small. S. Mack added that source-separated organics (SSO) or green bin material was originally taken to the Beiers Composting Facility in Gravenhurst. With changes in curbside collection last fall, the District started bringing material to the Bracebridge location as it has assisted the curbside team logistically. Location of the curing piles will require an amendment.

9. New Business

None

10. Next Meeting Business

S. Mack requested suggestions from the Committee on a waste strategy-themed meeting moving forward as this meeting was to provide a brief overview of compliance.

R. Clarke joined meeting at 5:04 p.m.

J. Fortier requested that we add the discussion for the rollout for the green bin program.

11. Next Meeting Date

It was decided the next meeting date will occur in January 2024 approximately.

12. Adjournment

Moved by J. Fortier and seconded by M. Balfe that the Rosewarne Public Liaison Committee adjourns to meet again in January 2024, or at the call of the chair.

Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 5:09 p.m.