



# Georgian Bluffs – Chatsworth Biodigester Joint Board



## Minutes

**Friday, June 7, 2013**

**8:00 A.M.**

### **Members Present**

Mayor – Alan Barfoot, Township of Georgian Bluffs

Mayor – Bob Pringle, Township of Chatsworth

### **Members Absent**

Deputy Mayor – Dwight Burley, Township of Georgian Bluffs

Deputy Mayor – Terry McKay, Township of Chatsworth

### **Staff Present**

Chief Administrative Officer – Murray Hackett, Township of Georgian Bluffs

Chief Administrative Officer - Will Moore Township of Chatsworth

Operations Manager – Chris Thompson, Township of Georgian Bluffs

Biodigester Operator – Troy Unruh, Township of Georgian Bluffs

Operations Assistant- Desirée van Dijk, Township of Georgian Bluffs

### **Other**

Ross Slaughter, Senior Environmental Engineer, Genivar

Giles Ardiel, Ardiel Septic Services

Roger Barette, Past President, OASIS

Wayne Davidson, D&D Septic

Scott Field, Field Septic Tank

Gary Grady, Owen Sound Septic Services Inc.

Peter Inglis, P.E. Inglis Holdings

Vaughn Lawrence, Grey Bruce Septic Service Ltd.

Scott Mackey, Councillor, Township of Chatsworth

### **1. Call to Order**

Chair Alan Barfoot called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m. without a quorum.

### **2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof**

None.

### **3. Presentation to Haulers**

#### **a) Septage Receiving Station**

Ross Slaughter, Senior Environmental Engineer, Genivar

A presentation on the outlay and working of the new septage receiving station was provided. Two slides outlining the operation of the septage receiving station and the septage quantity and treatment capacity analysis was presented.

#### **b) Administrative Process**

Alan Barfoot indicated that haulers will be given a bill book to provide homeowner with a bill, which will be payable to the respective municipality.

Roger Barette indicated concern about rocks going into the muffin monster and

causing damage. Ross Slaughter will check with the Town of Blue Mountains to discuss this with them as they have a muffin monster.

Peter Inglis indicated he has experience unloading into a 6" connector and can unload in about 5 minutes when everything is working well. Unloading into a 4" connector takes a lot longer. Ross Slaughter will check with Listowel.

Gary Grady asked when the by-law is proposed to come into effect. Chair Alan Barfoot indicated the receiving station needs to be in place before the by-law comes into effect. Gary Grady asked how this would be enforced in terms of the haulers using the bill book.

A hauler may pick up waste from another municipality within a load going to the Biodigester. Gary Grady asked how this would be charged. Mayor Barfoot indicated the people outside Chatsworth and Georgian Bluffs would not be charged. Ross Slaughter indicated there had been discussion previously about a means to charge outside residents.

Gary also indicated the volumes seem low compared to actual volumes he's experiencing.

Murray Hackett commented perhaps it would be easier if haulers reported names only, and the municipalities billed the homeowners directly. Murray Hackett also indicated MOE may be prepared to not renew hauler's sites for spreading septage as a way to ensure waste is being brought to the Biodigester.

Discussion took place around a set fee versus an amount per  $m^3$ . It was suggested a set fee for residential would be appropriate and commercial should be metered. Township of Blue Mountains has separate rate for residential septic and residential holding tanks.

Chris Thompson mentioned the Board has obtained a legal opinion and, in the draft by-law, there is a provision for a penalty for haulers if they do not comply with hauling septage to the Biodigester.

Robert Barette indicated consideration should be given to increasing the storage tank capacity. Ross Slaughter indicated the current design is  $230m^3$  and the original design was  $280m^3$ .

Time was taken to review the preliminary drawings and slides.

#### **4. Next Meeting**

Tentatively set for June 21, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. in the Township of Georgian Bluffs Council Chambers. A meeting request notice to be sent out.

#### **5. Adjournment**

The Biodigester Joint Board meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

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Mayor – Alan Barfoot

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Recording Secretary –  
Desirée van Dijk