



Township of Georgian Bluffs and Township of Chatsworth BioGRID Joint Board Minutes



May 15, 2015, 8:00 AM

Members Present:

Mayor – Alan Barfoot, Township of Georgian Bluffs
Mayor – Bob Pringle, Township of Chatsworth
Deputy Mayor – Dwight Burley, Township of Georgian Bluffs
Deputy Mayor – Scott Mackey, Township of Chatsworth

Staff Present:

Director of Operations – Peter Paquette, Township of Georgian Bluffs
Biodigester Operator – Troy Unruh, Township of Georgian Bluffs
CAO/Clerk – Holly Morrison, Township of Georgian Bluffs
Treasurer – Kassandra Rocca, Township of Georgian Bluffs
Operations Assistant - Crystal McPhee, Township of Georgian Bluffs (Recording Secretary)

Regrets:

CAO/Clerk – Will Moore, Township of Chatsworth

1. Call to Order

Chair, Mayor Barfoot called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof:

None at this time

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings – March 27, April 13 and April 15, 2015

Deputy Mayor Mackey asked why the resolution for tipping fees for the Sunset Strip from Chatsworth from the last regular Board meeting was not included in the agenda package.

Deputy Mayor Mackey would like to see the development of the agenda prepared in conjunction with Chatsworth staff. Director of Operations, Peter Paquette noted that Georgian Bluffs staff were not contacted by Chatsworth staff to put additional items on the agenda.

Motion Number: BIO 19-2015

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Burley

Seconded by: Mayor Pringle

Be it resolved that the Georgian Bluffs-Chatsworth Joint Board Minutes of March 27, April 13 and 17, 2015 be adopted as presented, including any revisions to be made.

Carried

4. Hearing of Delegations or Deputations

None

5. Correspondence

1) Veolia March and April 2015 Monthly Wastewater Report

Troy Unruh noted an error in the April report for kilowatts produced. Page 4 of Veolia's report was incorrect and a new copy was distributed.

No odour issues have been received as of today. 1,800 cubic metres remain in the tank. Compared to last year it is below what was remaining at this time. Troy will contact Eden to see if more septage can be pumped out.

Motion Number: BIO 20-2015

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Burley

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Mackey

Be it resolved that the Georgian Bluffs-Chatsworth Joint Board accepts the Veolia March and April 2015 monthly wastewater reports.

Carried

2) Township of Chatsworth Resolution for Tipping Fees

The Township of Chatsworth passed a motion to reinstate tipping fees as of April 8, 2015 for Chatsworth residents at the Biodigester.

Noted and filed

3) Final Air Facility Inspection Report

Jim Bromley from the M.O.E.C.C. completed the final air facility inspection report for 2014 and the Biodigester is in compliance.

Motion Number: BIO 21-2015

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Mackey

Seconded by: Mayor Pringle

Be it resolved that the Georgian Bluffs-Chatsworth Joint Board receives the Final Air Facility Inspection Report from the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change.

Carried

6. Reports and Recommendations:

Operations:

1) Action Items List

CAO/Clerk Holly Morrison noted it is tough to determine the exact amount going into the Biodigester. If the flow metre is working properly, Sunset Strip users would get billed properly. The review of the agreements has not been completed.

Director of Operations, Peter Paquette noted that the size of the load from each hauler won't be 100% accurate.

Deputy Mayor Mackey would like to see how much material is coming from Georgian Bluffs, Chatsworth and outside areas.

Staff are directed to provide a summary for the next meeting to show the split of where material is coming from and the split between septage and organics.

Motion Number: BIO 22-2015

Moved by: Mayor Pringle

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Burley

That the Georgian Bluffs-Chatsworth BioGrid Joint Board receives the Action Items list for May 2015.

Carried

2) Biodigester Tipping Fees

As per the Boards request a spreadsheet was prepared for pricing for companies who bring material into the Biodigester but do not have agreements. This will also provide clearer pricing for staff.

Material coming from over 100 kms may have their fees reduced by a minimum for \$5.00. Any material under a cubic metre will be charged \$25.00.

Deputy Mayor Mackey wanted to know how the prices were determined for each food source. Troy noted that with SSO material it has to be cleaned and processed so more work is required with the material.

Director of Operations, Peter Paquette noted that the \$25 cubic metre tipping fee was established when the Biodigester was created.

Mayor Barfoot would like staff to speak with other facilities around the province in regard to their fees and do a comparison.

Deputy Mayor Mackey would like to see numbers that show the costs of production compared to the costs of the material coming in. Staff will run numbers on what the anticipated costs will be.

Mayor Pringle told the Board he has been contacted by an Abbatoir to bring blood waste and washwater to the Bio. Troy noted the blood waste can be tricky to handle but gets good gas production. Washwater still has to be processed and can't be dumped directly into the lagoon. Mayor Pringle will follow up with the Abbatoir for the blood waste and ask about paunch manure as well.

CAO/Clerk, Holly Morrison wants a clearer definition of the waste are coming in with the slips being clear on what is coming in.

The Board agrees with the concept of the haulage and the new fee structure.

Treasurer, Kassandra Rocca would like the mileage system clearer to identify distance for the hauler. If the hauler can document the distance from where the material is coming from and the distance to the BIO.

Staff will have the say in what they can bring in or not and if they are capable of processing it.

Motion Number: BIO 23-2015

Moved by: Mayor Pringle

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Mackey

That the Georgian Bluffs-Chatsworth BioGRID Joint Board receives the Biodigester Tipping Fees report and provides further direction.

Carried

3) Terracedent Agreement

A new draft agreement has been prepared for Terracedent for hauling material to the Biodigester. Troy Unruh noted that we can't get a tipping fee with a large truck that Terracedent brings as the current site doesn't allow for that size of truck. Terracedent brings a 3 axel truck but would like to bring 30 tonnes.

Treasurer Kassandra Rocca noted that when GFL brings material they pay the tipping fee but when Planet Earth brings a load they don't pay the tipping fee.

The Board directs staff to change the Draft Agreement for Terracedent to say product from GFL will pay a tipping fee of \$15.00 and product from Planet Earth is not charged.

Motion Number: BIO 24-2015

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Burley

Seconded by: Mayor Pringle

That the Georgian Bluffs-Chatsworth BIOGRID Joint Board receives this report and provides further direction.

Carried

7. Public Question Period:

a) Trevor Faust

- a. The amendment to April's Veolia report will that be available to everyone.
- b. Trevor noted the volume amounts going into the Bio has not been published for 2014. He thought the 2014 volumes would be in the agenda. Director of Operations, Peter Paquette noted the annual volume number for 2014 can be provided. It was reiterated that these numbers are not a 100% accurate.

- c. Trevor noted he does not want to see a subsidy for haulage for anyone. Troy noted this was just a starting point and these fees are not set in stone. If some material is problematic, Troy can refuse the product.

8. Unfinished Business:

1) Proposed 2015 Biodigester Budget

This has been deferred to the next Board meeting.

2) Veolia Contract

The Veolia contract expires December 31st, 2015. Director of Operations, Peter Paquette noted the exit clause is 180 days prior to the end of the contract. Peter noted that Veolia will provide pricing for any model the Board wants to review. The Board directs staff to give notice now to Veolia Canada to end the contract for December 31st, 2015.

Motion Number: BIO 25-2015

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Burley

Seconded by: Mayor Pringle

Be it resolved that the Georgian Bluffs-Chatsworth BioGrid Joint Board gives notice to Veolia Canada to end the current contract for the end December 31st, 2015.

Carried

9. In Camera Session:

Motion Number: BIO 26-2015

Moved by: Mayor Pringle

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Mackey

Be it resolved that the Georgian Bluffs-Chatsworth BioGRID Joint Board proceeds into a closed session to discuss matters for a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board. The following people to remain in attendance: Holly Morrison, Peter Paquette, Troy Unruh and Crystal McPhee.

Carried

The board resumed regular session at 10:17 AM.

Motion Number: BIO 27-2015

Moved by: Mayor Pringle

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Mackey

Be it resolved that the Georgian Bluffs-Chatsworth BioGRID Joint Board give staff authorization to work with Conestoga Rovers to compile an RFP as per direction from the In Camera session.

Deputy Mayor Burley asked for a recorded vote:

For: Deputy Mayor Burley, Mayor Barfoot, Mayor Pringle, Deputy Mayor Mackey

The motion was carried.

10. New Business:

The next meeting date will be determined as soon as possible.

11. Adjournment:

The Georgian Bluffs-Chatsworth BioGrid Joint Board meeting adjourns at 10:20 AM on a motion moved by Mayor Pringle, seconded by Deputy Mayor Burley.

Carried

Alan Barfoot, Mayor

Crystal McPhee, Recording Secretary