



Richmond Landfill Public Liaison Committee

Minutes of Virtual Meeting on June 18, 2025

Invitees & Attendees

• Noah Wayt	WM District Manager	Moderator
• Chad Moose	WM ELMG Area Director	Invited but unable to attend
• Francois Richard	BluMetric	
• David Arnott	MECP	
• Nick Raffael	MECP	
• Andrew Girouard	Greater Napanee	Invited but unable to attend
• Sarah McCallum	Greater Napanee	
• Ian Munro	CCCTE	
• Jeff Whan	CCCTE	
• Carolyn Butts	CCCTE	Invited but unable to attend
• Steve Medd	CCCTE	Invited but unable to attend
• Mike Bossio	CCCTE	Invited but unable to attend
• Gail Maracle	Deseronto	Invited but unable to attend
• Chief Maracle	Mohawks Bay of Quinte	Invited but unable to attend
• Chief Maracle’s Assistant	Mohawks Bay of Quinte	Invited but unable to attend

The meeting was called to order by Noah Wayt at 1:08 PM.

Noah Wayt discussed that the purpose of the meeting was to bring the Public Liaison Committee together for the first meeting of 2025 to provide a brief update on the activities regarding the closed Richmond landfill.

- ECA Applications Update and Status
 - Waste ECA Application was approved and the finalized ECA is dated May 17, 2025, and that this included the CAZ delineation and an updated Environmental Monitoring Plan which is now being implemented for all monitoring processes.

Ian Munro – CCCTE, wanted clarification on why the new ECA allows the use of the North Leachate Lagoon considering that the CCCTE expert, had concerns regarding the integrity of the lagoons liner system.

Noah Wayt - WM, explained that WM completed an investigation of the North Lagoons construction and liner system and had an expert, Craig Benson, PhD, PE, NAE, Wisconsin Distinguished Professor Emeritus, University of Wisconsin-Madison, provide his assessment of the liner systems design, construction and monitoring data from wells surrounding the North lagoon.

Dr. Benson's findings concurred that the lagoons liner system integrity is intact and would remain so for a significant period.

David Arnott – MECP, concurred with the comments provided by WM and added that through discussions with WM and internal reviews of all the site data and the lagoon assessment provided by Dr Benson, Kyle Stevenson, MECP agreed that contingency use of the lagoon was acceptable with specific use requirements and a defined protocol for emptying of the lagoon regardless of contents or precipitation accumulation will be pumped for disposal off site.

Ian Munro – CCCTE, requested a copy of North Lagoon Integrity Assessment that was provided to the MECP.

Noah Wayt – WM, asked the MECP, if they had any objections providing the assessment to the group. The MECP said it was at WM's discretion to share the document. WM will discuss internally regarding the distribution of the lagoon assessment but did not see any issue with providing the assessment to the group.

Jeff Whan – CCCTE, asked if discussion with Mr. Martin regarding purchasing of his property have continued.

Noah Wayt – WM, explained that discussions with Mr. Martin have not occurred and at present is not the option being considered but that no option is off the table.

- Sewage Works ECA Application after several discussion with the MECP, WM has provided a revised Hydraulic Control System Plan (HCS) and after a significant delay in review, the MECP approvals branch provided comments on June 17, 2025.

Noah Wayt – WM, explained that after the lengthy delay the MECP provided comments on the Sewage ECA Amendment Application that the application will need to be resubmitted to allow for public review of changes to the revised application.

David Arnott – MECP, concurred with WM's explanation for the delay and that the group will have the ability to responded during the public comment period.

Ian Munro – CCCTE, expressed his concerns with the delay and asked if the new design included in the sewage ECA Amendment Application will include groundwater pumping to some sort of treatment, and then pumping to the site's surface water ponds.

Noah Wayt – WM, concurred that yes, this will be the basic design in the revised sewage ECA Amendment Application.

- Current Site Status Update
 - Leachate Collection & Lagoon pumping

Noah Wayt – WM, provide an update that all aspects of the leachate collection system are operational and working as designed. Additionally, the group was informed that pumping from the North Leachate Lagoon began again on June 17, 2025, and that the lagoon level at the end of the

2024 was at 8% and before pumping began in 2025 the lagoon level was at 30% from precipitation and winter thaw.

- LFG Collection System

Noah Wayt – WM, explained that the site LFG candlestick flare was currently being rehabilitated to be put back into operation. This was because of pending Ontario air regulations that would require the flare to be operational. Currently, there has been a delay due to equipment sourcing, but the plan is to have the flare back in operation before the end of July 2025.

- Open Question and Comment Period

Jeff Whan – CCCTE, had no additional questions regarding the Richmond LF and ask if WM had any information on the old transfer station on the property that WM purchased and is currently completing construction of a new recycling facility.

Noah Wayt – WM, informed Mr. Whan that the status of the old transfer station and new recycling facility was not within his purview but could attempt to get information from WM's local market area.

Ian Munro – CCCTE, asked if David Arnott could provide any additional detail on the matter.

David Arnott – MECP, explained that he did not have any additional information regarding the transfer station and that the current focus is on the completion of the recycling facility.

Jeff Whan – CCCTE, asked David Arnott where any residual waste from the recycling facility would be disposed of.

David Arnott – MECP, explained that he did not have any information, but that WM would be required to dispose of any residual waste in accordance with all provincial regulations.

Noah Wayt – WM, asked if the group had any additional comments or questions and with no response the meeting was ended.

The meeting closed at 1:25 PM

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