



**Water and Waste Department • Service des eaux et des déchets**

**Brady Road Resource Management Facility (BRRMF)  
Community Liaison Committee**

**Meeting #20**

**Date:** Tues, April 25, 2023 5:00-6:15pm

**Location:** Zoom Video Conference (online)

**Attending:**

<i>GI—Glen Irvine</i>	<i>RM Macdonald ward 2 (elected)</i>
<i>DD—Doug Dobrowolski</i>	<i>RM Macdonald</i>
<i>DO—Dave Olinyk</i>	<i>Richmond West</i>
<i>SB—Sonja Bridges</i>	<i>Environment and Climate, Prov of MB</i>
<i>JF—Jacquie Field</i>	<i>Fort Richmond</i>
<i>SP—Shane Pelletier</i>	<i>RM Richot (elected)</i>
<i>MC—Michael Carruthers</i>	<i>Ladco Company Limited</i>
<i>AM—Alison MacIntyre</i>	<i>University of Manitoba</i>
<i>MN—Myrrhanda Novak</i>	<i>South Point</i>
<i>BD—Bill Dowie</i>	<i>Green Action Centre</i>
<i>NS—Nada Suresh</i>	<i>Environment and Climate, Prov of MB</i>
<i>JG—Jason Greenall</i>	<i>RM Richot</i>
<i>JS—Jeff Scott</i>	<i>Southwood Golf and Country Club</i>
<i>DB—Darlene Boettcher</i>	<i>Charleswood</i>
<i>CK—Chris Kozak</i>	<i>City of Winnipeg Superintendent of Operations</i>
<i>MK—Michelle Kuly</i>	<i>Facilitator, Blueprint Inc</i>
<i>GM—Gillian McCallum</i>	<i>Tech support, Blueprint Inc</i>
<i>SBO—Sonia Busca Owczar</i>	<i>Note taker, Blueprint Inc</i>

Winnipeg is located in Treaty One Territory, the home and traditional lands of the Anishinaabe (Ojibwe), Ininew (Cree), and Dakota peoples, and in the National Homeland of the Red River Métis. Our drinking water comes from Shoal Lake 40 First Nation, in Treaty Three Territory.

**Agenda**

1. 5:00 – 5:10p.m. Session opening: committee purpose, introductions, overview
2. 5:10 – 5:40p.m. City presentation and discussion
3. 5:40 – 5:55p.m. Committee survey: Summary of feedback & next steps
4. 5:55 – 6:00p.m. Review action items & new business and adjourn

This meeting was abridged and conducted virtually out of respect for the time constraints on the City staff imposed by the ongoing and evolving issues related to the bodies found at the landfill.



**Meeting Objectives:**

- Receive updates on activities, projects and programs at Brady
- Identify issues or concerns at Brady with impact on local environment and measures to mitigate them

**Meeting Notes:**

<p><b>1. Session Opening</b></p>
<p><b>Purpose of the Community Liaison Committee</b></p> <p>To provide advice and feedback on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• the development of a landscaping plans for physical and visual buffers from Brady operations.</li><li>• the extent and frequency of noise and odour monitoring.</li><li>• the measures to mitigate the impact of construction on the local environment.</li><li>• the measures to mitigate the impact of operational activities on the local environment.</li></ul> <p><b>Introductions</b></p> <p>MK introduced Doug Dobrowolski, the new citizen rep from RM Macdonald</p>
<p><b>2. Presentation by Chris Kozak, Superintendent of Operations, Water and Waste, Winnipeg</b></p>
<p>CK thanked the group for accommodating a shorter, virtual meeting due to the evolving situation at Brady. He is looking forward to an in-person meeting in the fall to include a tour of the site.</p> <p><b>Landscaping and Long-term site planning</b></p> <p>-Landscaping will be complete in 2023 around admin building.</p> <p>-City naturalist have picked species that are compatible with harsh environment of the landfill.</p> <p>-Continue to work with province on the replacement of shelter belt that was lost due to road construction.</p> <p>-Planted 187 trees, shrubs around lime mud berm which will establish a bigger shelter belt.</p> <p>-City naturalists monitor the progress of trees and shrubs that have been planted on the lime mud berms</p> <p>-Currently working in cell 33. Construction on cell 34 starts in May. Cell 33/34 is expected to have about 5 more years capacity before switching to Area B.</p> <p>-Once a cell is full and capped, it is seeded with prairie grasses. Cell 30 has been seeded as is growing well, in part due to last year's precipitation.</p>



BD—Given shifting federal government priorities on biodiversity, and recent discussions of the Montreal protocol will there be consideration given to native plants and invertebrates (insects, bees, butterflies). There may be more opportunity to attract federal funds due to the passing of the Montreal protocol.

CK—City naturalists do consider this and are starting to incorporate more flowers to help native pollinators. About 70 acres have been seeded.

DO—Which was the cell used in 2022?

CK—Cell 32. Use has shifted to cell 33 from a Winnipeg Police Services Investigation. There is expected capacity in cell 33 until about next year.

### **Odour, Noise and Nuisance Management**

-26 odour complaints since last CLC meeting.

-Some areas have remained untouched as part of the negotiations due to the evolving situation.

-Awaiting direction from the Indigenous community, and the feasibility study for the search in Prairie Green (study is to be complete in May) to direct the future of cell 32 and some gas system issues requiring repairs. The latter may account for some of the increase in odour.

-Litter control continues by using wind fencing, and litter pickers from the social enterprise New Directions.

-The landfill is in better shape this year than last due to more agreeable weather than last year and department due diligence.

-Currently using an alternative to daily cover. Posi Shell (clay binders mixed with water) is a slurry that is sprayed on. Cement can be added to mix to seal the area for more intermediate coverage.

-The Posi Shell is useful when pin-pointing fugitive emissions, or if distinctly odorous material (dead stock) comes to the landfill to assist with odour management. It also helps with litter control.

MN—Residents of South point do smell the landfill and are often asked about it by people outside the neighbourhood. Public is very cognizant of odour in South Point, Prairie Point and Bison Run when considering real estate. This needs to be prioritized.

CK—Odor monitoring occurs 2-3 times a week around the site. Have added South Point to odour monitoring program. Staff have the capacity to monitor around peoples' homes, with a low-level hydrogen sulfur analyzer, quantitatively measuring odour that can typically be picked up by humans.



MN—Better onboarding procedures are needed with 311 operators who don't consistently understand the process. Process is simple but 311 operators are not always up to date on how to manage an odour complaint.

CK—Acknowledge that there is significant turn-over at 311 and new staff may not be familiar with process. Best approach is to email rather than phone in a complaint.

JS—How do we get households/properties monitored for odour? 28 odour complaints is likely an undercount since it is often difficult to get through to 311 to register a complaint.

CK— All complaints are followed up in 48 hours. Environmental technologist can come to the premises with hand-held odour monitoring tool.

BD—Is there a standard for the number of complaints?

CK—City level of service target" is to remain under 35 odour complaints per year.

JG—Did not realize the extent to which daily operations have been affected by the current situation and acknowledges the impact on staff.

### **Site Improvements, Seasonal and Project Activity**

- New service road/access to Brady is in use.
- 2023 curbside yard waste collection will start May 1 for week A, and May 8 for week B
- Switch to summer hours of operation will occur on May 1. Open until 8pm
- Compost give-away will be from May 12-14
- Access to cell 33 is now paved, providing better all-weather access.

### **New Business**

- Cell 34 construction starts May 2023. Tender closes this month.
- New bird nest and egg contractor was on site on April 3, 2023, with a permit to cull 2500 eggs and nests of geese. Geese laying eggs on compost facility puts operations in jeopardy.
- Partnered with a local falconer to release peregrine falcons to discourage sea gulls.
- Flares, banger, canons are used as scare tactics to deter birds.



-The site was shut down from December 18, 2022 to January 5, 2023, then again on April 4, 2023 to April 9, 2023 due to the active Winnipeg Police Services investigations. Only permitted to use cell 33 until further direction received.

-There has been a lot of uncertainty for staff, but emergency response protocols were well used and City administration have been supportive.

MN—asks for clarification on Area B and where landfill will be developing in future.

CK—showed site on map. Anticipated capacity of approximately 30-35 years

MN—U of M has a humane method of managing geese.

CK—The service used at Brady is provided by the same company as U of M

GI—Cell 34 will border on the RM of Macdonald. What might be the negative effect for the RM?

CK—Cell 34 is not substantially closer to the RM, and more negative impact is not anticipated.

MK—The tour in the fall will give a good perspective on this.

### **3. Committee Survey: Summary of Feedback and next steps**

-A survey was conducted in April 2023 to determine CLC members' experience with the committee; determine what topics are of most interest; canvas participants for their preferred meeting times and understand what changes participants might recommend. A high-level overview of survey results was shared with participants, including recommendations. Further follow up on these will occur in subsequent meetings. The committee was generally very positive.

MK reviewed the recommendations as follows:

1. Review the Terms of Reference of the CLC to ensure that the work of the CLC is still consistent with the mission as set out by the Provincial License.
2. Review the membership requirements of the CLC as set out by the Provincial license, to ensure that it includes new population growth in South Winnipeg.
3. Return to in-person meetings. Consider a hybrid option.
4. Continue to meet twice annually, in the evening that includes a dinner option.
5. Leverage the CLC for opportunities to promote the work of the Brady Landfill city-wide.

BD—Some of the recommendations are straightforward, but others may require a timeline.

MK—Agreed. Developing a plan around these will be the work leading to the fall meeting.

Group was generally in agreement with the recommendations.



### General Discussion and For Future Consideration

DB—Is the committee totally funded by the City? How does the Province contribute to Brady? The license must have minimum requirements.

CK – The City funds the committee’s work.

DO—This meeting was too rushed and did not encourage discussion and was not good.

MK—Agreed and noted.

MN—If meeting only twice annually, full two hours should be allotted even in virtual meetings.

MK—This meeting was deliberately short to respect the time constraints of Brady staff due to the crisis in progress there. In future all meetings, including virtual, will be set for 2 hours.

BD—Is Councillor Mayes current Water and Waste committee chair.

CK—Yes.

DB—How do we show our support for the staff and the trauma they have been experiencing. Want them to have time to talk thru what staff needs.

CK—Thank you for the acknowledgment. That is all the support we need. Opportunities for support have been made available. Great support from leadership has been provided.

The CLC wishes to pass on its support to the staff of the Brady Landfill in acknowledgement of the trauma and on-going uncertainty that they are facing.

AM—Is there interest in the City’s Office of Sustainability doing a presentation to the CLC?

CK— Will invite colleague from that office to a future meeting.

MN—Cell 34 may have some impact on Southpoint. It would be helpful to put borders of the cells on the map to provide better visuals.

DB—Are there any guidelines for birding at Brady? MB Birding websites often include sightings of birds at Brady.

Several members—Discussion about the merits/draw backs of greater involvement from city councillors. More discussion needed.

DO—Allow 10-15 minutes for in-depth discussion about landscaping at an upcoming meeting.



#### **4. Review Action and New Business**

- ACTION – City: Invite presentation from Office of Sustainability to committee as part of a future meeting.
- ACTION – City: Respond to question re: are there any City guidelines for birding at Brady.
- ACTION – City: Include borders of future cells on maps used with committee in future (e.g. cell 34)
- ACTION – Blueprint: Initiate follow up on survey results & recommendations to bring to upcoming meeting.
- ACTION – Blueprint: Plan fall meeting to include in-person tour and meeting & committee 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
- ACTION – City: Invite Councillor Duncan (Charleswood) to participate in Fall CLC tour
- ACTION – Blueprint: Add the following topics for discussion as part of an upcoming meeting agenda:
- 10-15 min. for in-depth discussion on landscaping
  - involvement of City councillors
  - MMIWG, discovery at Brady and connection to committee purpose

#### **5. Adjourn 6:15**