



Township of Georgian Bluffs & Township of Chatsworth BioGRID Joint Board Agenda



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October 28, 2016, 8:00 a.m., Georgian Bluffs Council Chambers

Members Present:

Mayor Alan Barfoot
Mayor Bob Pringle
Deputy Mayor Dwight Burley
Deputy Mayor Scott Mackey

Staff Present:

Bob DeJong, Consultant - Chatsworth
Val Manning, Deputy Treasurer – Chatsworth
Kassandra Rocca, Treasurer – Georgian Bluffs
Patty Sinnamon, CAO/Clerk - Chatsworth
Matt Smith, Clerk – Georgian Bluffs (Recording Secretary)
Troy Unruh, Utility Coordinator – Georgian Bluffs
Rick Winters, Director of Operations – Georgian Bluffs

1. Call to Order

Mayor Barfoot called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

None declared.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

a) July 5, 2016

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Burley

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Mackey

That the Joint Board adopt the minutes of the meeting held on July 5, 2016.

Carried

4. Additions to the Agenda (if required)

None

5. Delegations or Deputations (if required)

a) Gerald Hamaliuk – SusGlobal

Gerald Hamaliuk made a presentation on recent issues at the BioGRID, including the necessary replacement of the long block for the engine and SusGlobal's decision to declare Force Majeure due to equipment failure. SusGlobal wish to shut down operations until early spring 2017. Mr. Hamaliuk reported that a potential funding agreement from the Ontario Centres of Excellence (Green Fund) would provide matching funds of 50% of the costs for expansion of the Biodigester and associated municipal green bin programs.

The Board asked questions relating to whether the promised investment can be used to resolve the operating issues, and whether proof of the investment has been received by the Board. Mr. Hamaliuk informed the Board that funds are committed, but can only be applied to capital expenditures. Discussion ensued on the cost of running the Biodigester for the next six months, and whether the proposed shut-down would affect Ministry of Environment permits or grant applications.

Mayor Barfoot thanked Mr. Hamaliuk for his presentation and suggested that the matter be referred to the Board's solicitor.

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Mackey

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Burley

That the Joint Board accepts the report from SusGlobal and refers the report to legal counsel for comment.

Carried

6. Public Question Period

None

7. Correspondence

None

8. Reports

a) Monthly Wastewater Reports – June 2016 – September 2016

The Georgian Bluffs Director of Operations updated the Board on the Selenium issues, and the fact that the Ministry signed off on the resolution of said issue on October 26, 2016. The cost was approximately \$60,000, of which \$25,000 was recovered from Lallamand Industries.

Moved by: Mayor Pringle
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Burley

That the Georgian Bluffs-Chatsworth Joint Board receive the Monthly Wastewater Reports for June to September 2016 from Aquatech Canadian Water Services Inc / GSS Engineering Consultants Ltd for information purposes.

Carried

b) Report BIO-16-04 Amounts Due from Municipalities

The Georgian Bluffs Treasurer presented her report on the monies owing to the BioGrid from each of the partnering municipalities and the background to those fees.

Mayor Pringle commented that Chatsworth had money in municipal reserves, but it had not been transferred to the BioGrid. Mayor Barfoot asked whether such a working capital fund was necessary with SusGlobal now operating the facility. Staff reported that it was necessary in the short term, with the intention that staff will undertake take a stub audit at the end of 2016 and transfer all payments to SusGlobal. This review will also include the \$5,000 monthly contribution from each municipality.

The Treasurer also confirmed to the Board that no payment from SusGlobal has been received.

Moved by: Mayor Pringle
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Mackey

That the Georgian Bluffs-Chatsworth Joint Board receive report BIO-16-04 for information purposes.

Carried

9. Other Business

a) Potential Freezing

The Board asked for clarification on whether freezing could occur at the BioGrid and whether that would be a significant issue. Staff reporting that freezing could happen if no sewage was added, but loads are currently being received regularly.

b) Licensed Operator

Staff reported on the potential issue regarding a licensed operator at the facility due to lack of payment from SusGlobal. Further information is expected in the near future.

10. Date of Next Meeting

To be confirmed following conversations with legal counsel.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:21 a.m. on a motion moved by Deputy Mayor Mackey and seconded by Deputy Mayor Burley.

Alan Barfoot, Chair

Matt Smith, Recording Secretary