



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



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July 12, 2019, 9:00 a.m., Georgian Bluffs Council Chambers

Members Present:

Mayor Dwight Burley
Mayor Scott Mackey
Deputy Mayor Sue Carleton
Deputy Mayor Brian Gamble

Staff Present:

Rick Winters, CAO/Director of Operations – Georgian Bluffs
Patty Sinnamon, CAO/Clerk – Chatsworth
Kassandra Rocca, Treasurer – Georgian Bluffs
Val Manning, Treasurer – Chatsworth
Troy Unruh, Utility Coordinator – Georgian Bluffs
Brian Anderson, Operations & IT Coordinator – Georgian Bluffs (Recording Secretary)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Burley at 9:00 a.m.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

None declared.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

a) May 17, 2019

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Carleton
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Gamble

That the Georgian Bluffs–Chatsworth BioGRID Joint Board adopt the minutes of the meeting held on May 17, 2019.

Carried – Resolution Number BIO-2019-08

4. Additions to the Agenda (if required)

None

5. Delegations or Deputations (if required)

None

6. Correspondence

- a) MOECP - Food and Organic Waste Technical Working Group

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Carleton
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Gamble

That the Georgian Bluffs-Chatsworth Joint Board receives the MOECP - Food and Organic Waste Technical Working Group presentation paper for information.

Carried – Resolution Number BIO-2019-09

- b) Monthly Wastewater Reports – April 2019 – May 2019

The Director of Operations reported to the Board that test results have indicated increased chloride in one of the lagoon test wells. The sewage hauler and Utility Coordinator will be sampling properties on the Sunset Strip to attempt to determine if the source of the increase can be traced to a regular customer or if more investigation will be required.

Moved by: Mayor Mackey
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Carleton

That the Georgian Bluffs-Chatsworth Joint Board receives the Monthly Wastewater Reports for April 2019 to May 2019 from Aquatech Canadian Water Services Inc / GSS Engineering Consultants Ltd for information purposes.

Carried – Resolution Number BIO-2019-10

- c) McSound Investments – Waste Water Disposal Agreement with McSound Investments

The Board direct Staff to send a written response that they do not support an increase in the maximum allowable collection.

7. Public Question Period

None

8. Reports

- a) BioGRID Financial Statements - Year to Date

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Carleton
Seconded by: Mayor Mackey

That the Georgian Bluffs-Chatsworth Joint Board receives the BioGRID Financial Statements – Year to Date for information purposes.

Carried – Resolution Number BIO-2019-11

- b) OPS2019-73 Generator Engine Rebuild

Moved by: Mayor Mackey
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Carleton

The Board inquired about staff determining who would need to be approached about the possibility of being able to supply gas into the Union Gas – Enbridge distribution grid.

Currently there is approximately \$477,000.00 held in reserves. Each Municipality currently holds half of these reserves.

Upon approval, the parts would need to be ordered, and once received the generator would be down for approximately 1 week to complete the rebuild.

That the BioGRID Joint Board recommend that the Council of the Township of Georgian Bluffs and the Council of the Township of Chatsworth waive section 4.1 of the Georgian Bluffs purchasing policy (By-Law 2019-47) and award the Generator Engine Rebuild to The Wright Automotive Machine Shop at a cost of \$40,200.00

Carried – Resolution Number BIO-2019-12

9. Unfinished Business

- a) Discussion on the tour of the Dufferin SSO Plant with Ontario Clean Water Agency.

The Board spoke about the great tour that OCWA provided to the Board along with invited guests from Owen Sound and Meaford.

OCWA provided transportation and lunch to all guests allowing an opportunity to meet with the many OCWA representatives and invited guests to allow for an informal opportunity to exchange ideas.

OCWA has offered to provide some assistance in attempting to procure food and has offered to write and apply for a grant outlining local SSO availability and treatment at no cost.

Other comments arising from this discussion included; investigating possible natural gas revenue and the requirements for injecting gas into the natural gas distribution grid, future of local SSO collection and treatment in Grey-Bruce, feasibility of possible treatment options at the biodigester for SSO, possible County involvement, long term goals for the biodigester and agreements, current operator status; and the possibility of splitting the biodigester and lagoon into two separate disposal streams.

b) Biodigester Maintenance

The board heard that the biodigester will need to be shut down in the near future for cleaning as it has not been cleaned since commissioning. While this is occurring the membrane and netting will also be inspected.

10. New Business

The Board directed staff to bring forward a report on the cost per gallon for treatment at the sewage lagoon.

11. Date of Next Meeting

The Board would like to meet every two months going forward.

The next meeting will be Friday, September 13th at 9:00 a.m. in the Township of Georgian Bluffs Council Chambers.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:49 a.m. on a motion moved by Deputy Mayor Gamble.

Dwight Burley, Chair

Brian Anderson, Recording Secretary