



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



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September 13, 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
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) July 12, 2019

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

That the Georgian Bluffs – Chatsworth BioGRID Joint Board adopt the minutes of the meeting held on July 12, 2019

Carried – Resolution Number BIO-2019-13

4. Additions to the Agenda (if required)

None

5. Delegations or Deputations (if required)

a) Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA)

Indra Maharjan presented an overview on:

- Policies & Papers on the implementation of the Governments ban on organics being landfilled and related job creation.
- OCWA's roadmap to move forward with 50% funding application.
- Full assessment of Source Separated Organics
 - Locally
 - Outside Grey-Bruce with large carriers bringing in SSO waste
- Potential higher revenue through cleaning up and selling biogas into the Union Gas/Enbridge distribution grid as renewable natural gas.
- OCWA initiatives:
 - Attempting to locate SSO material for Bio-Digester
 - Researching possible funding under Federal "Cap & Trade"
 - Liaisons with Ministers of the Provincial Government
 - All funding requests have been approved to date.
- Splitting waste streams between Bio-digester and Lagoon with OCWA willing to work with any other interested parties.

The Board thanked Indra & the OCWA representatives for the presentation.

6. Correspondence

a) Monthly Wastewater Reports – June 2019 – July 2019

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Carleton

Seconded by: Mayor Mackey

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

Carried – Resolution Number BIO-2019-14

7. Public Question Period

8. Reports

- a) OPS2019- 88 SSO Leachate Disposal Agreement with Region of Huronia Environmental Services (2013) Ltd.

Moved by: Mayor Mackey
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Carleton

That the BioGRID Joint Board recommend to the Council of the Township of Georgian Bluffs and the Council of the Township of Chatsworth that both Municipalities enter into an agreement to receive SSO Leachate from Region of Huronia Environmental Services (2013) Ltd. (ROHES) at the negotiated tipping rate of \$30.00 per cubic metre to be disposed of at the bio digester site from August 1, 2019 through to July 22, 2022.

Carried – Resolution Number BIO-2019-15

9. Unfinished Business

- a) Costs to Operate the Lagoon Independent of the Bio-Digester Facility

The Board discussed the estimated costs to treat sewage through the lagoon independent of the Bio digester facility. Items discussed included:

- i) Require upgrades to the lagoon
- ii) Type of sewage (septic tanks vs. holding tanks) could change the rate at which sewage is acceptance.
- iii) The estimated breakeven point would be between \$10.00 and \$15.00 per M³.

10. New Business

- a) Operating Authority

The Board discussed the agreement with the current Operating Authority.

Moved by: Mayor Mackey
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Carleton

That the Georgian Bluffs-Chatsworth BioGRID Joint Board direct staff to proceed with the issuing of a Request for Proposal for the operation of the BioGRID facility.

Carried – Resolution Number BIO-2019-16

11. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be November 13th at 9:00a.m. at the Township of Georgian Bluffs Administration Offices

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m. on a motion moved by Mayor Mackey.

Dwight Burley, Chair

Brian Anderson, Recording Secretary