

2023 September 3, 2023

To: Mayor Dan O'Mara, Temagami, Ontario

We, the undersigned, represent many of the residents and businesses on Lake Temagami and the primary users of the Waste Transfer Station at the landing for the Lake Temagami Access Road.

We object strongly to the new waste service put in place by the municipality, and call for reinstatement of a 24/7 waste service, with improvements describe below.

BACKGROUND

Until May 19, 2023, the municipality ran a 24/7 Waste Transfer Station (WTS) at the landing of the Lake Temagami Access Road, without major incidents or breaks in service over a period of several decades.

Provincial Orders for improvements in 2015 from the Ontario Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MOECP) were addressed in 2016 by the municipality to the satisfaction of the Ministry (see attached correspondence). These included the installation of covers to prevent bear access to waste, security cameras, public consultation to determine the best course of action, and active monitoring and education during peak hours. In correspondence dated December, 2016 the MoECP "advises that the ministry is satisfied that the development of the Action Plan submitted by the municipality fulfils the requirements of the Orders or constitutes a reasonable alternative to the requirements of the Orders." This includes approval to operate the site 7 days per week, 24 hours per day.

Since that time there have been no further orders from the Ministry.

In correspondence dated July 10, 2023 (attached), the Ministry responded to an inquiry from the Temagami Lakes Association indicating that waste transfer stations can be operated 24 hours per day and that "the presence of "attendants" is usually not a requirement that is spelled out in the conditions."

More generally, the very large number of seasonal and permanent users on the lake and severe limitations on means to safely dispose of waste justifies flexibility when providing access to waste disposal at a remote and well used location. Waste Transfer Stations with similar circumstances run by other municipalities in the province have also been granted flexibility by the Ministry, so long as they meet specified conditions.

Given this background and existing approvals from the Ministry, there was and remains no compelling rationale for the drastically reduced service and significant increase in costs imposed by the municipality.

IMPACTS

Closure of access to the Waste Transfer Station Fridays and irregular, highly limited hours of operation (typically three hours a day) has had the following immediate impacts on the lake and lake users:

- Significantly increased boat traffic and high levels of congestion at the landing during the limited hours of operation of the waste station;
- Disruption of operations by camps and lodges that coordinate client pick up and drop off with waste removal. More frequent trips to the landing, and associated costs, are a related consequence;
- Reorientation of plans by individuals for landing departure and arrival around the restricted hours of the waste station, when weather, safety and other considerations should be paramount to movement on the lake;
- Increased risk of bear and other wildlife encounters if and when waste is deposited inappropriately at the landing;
- Increased risk of inappropriate dumping of waste at remote mainland locations due to perceived inconvenience, with serious long term implications for water and land pollution;
- Higher costs for a lesser service, including purchase of a municipal vehicle to shuttle between the Temagami town municipal office, the landing and the land fill, twice daily and potentially with partially filled containers. To commit the municipality to an intensive and regular use of a public vehicle and fossil fuels for no good reason is a wasteful use of resources and, in and of itself, fails to address any practical concerns.
- More generally, the drastically reduced service does not meet basic needs on the lake and presents new risks to the environment, at a location frequented by thousands of lake users from across the province and internationally.

GOVERNANCE

The decision by the municipality to close the station and reopen with restricted hours raises several broader municipal governance issues. First, the financing of a capital expenditure (a specially equipped municipal truck) through user fees rather than from general tax revenues, without any prior consideration or consultation with taxpayers, is not acceptable. An equivalent action would be to purchase a new garbage truck for the town of Temagami and cover the capital cost through the relatively small user base in the town rather than the broader tax base provided by all Temagami property owners. Furthermore, the fee is not a true "user fee" because it does not reflect actual use of the facility by rate payers on a waste volume or other basis. We reject this financial action categorically.

Second, the records of Council resolutions on this matter (attached) refer only to continuing the hiring process for a new position with the municipality, and do not provide clear approvals for the restricted hours of service. This is a failure by Council to

follow due process.

Third, the working group of residents convened by the municipality to provide advice on the Waste Transfer Station was not treated with respect. No clear mandate or council resolution was provided to the members who dedicated time to the matter over a period of more than a year, and their recommendations and concerns were not conveyed to Council through a report or presentation by members prior to making significant changes to the waste station.

Finally, implementation of the new procedure for waste, announced on a Friday before the May holiday weekend and hours revised a week later, shows a disregard for users of the facility and tax payers. Since then, operation of the facility has been uneven and sometimes chaotic.

NEXT STEPS

We categorically reject the contention that the 24/7 waste transfer station was regularly abused. Minor problems reported by the municipality could have been mitigated. We call for reinstatement of a 24/7 service. Some options for improvements include:

- Detailed signage on policies and procedures for recycling, management of hazardous waste, and other directions appropriate to reducing risk and enhancing waste diversion from the Briggs landfill;
- Systematic tracking and reporting on the number of bins and bin volume, and waste sources and waste types (residential, commercial, construction) taken to the Briggs landfill. It seems that the municipality is not collecting data at the level of detail needed to monitor and report on what is entering the Briggs Landfill, or to control for hazardous waste;
- An appropriate additional recycling bin, accessed from above rather than the end (the new bin presents serious injury risks as people carry their recycling into a dark enclosure);
- Specific policies and signage regarding the disposal of fridges and other cooling devices, including provisions and budget for Public Works to manage non-compliance;
- Directions to contractors to deliver construction waste directly to the Briggs landfill;
- Designation of a bin for non-commercial construction waste, covered and accessible only during staffed hours or by appointment. Repurposing the scrap wood bin for construction waste could be considered. This would address construction waste coming from individuals who are unable to directly transport construction waste to the landfill, and keep the construction waste separate from the domestic waste bins. Tipping fees or other service cost would apply;
- Designating and covering a small area for “reuse” items (useable furniture and other small items), thereby extending the lifecycle of useful items and keeping them out of the landfill;

- Development of a more feasible system for the disposal of common hazardous waste (paint cans, etc.). The current system is unworkable and under-used because it is simply too inconvenient and costly for individuals to transport a few items to North Bay facilities. Non-compliance cannot be corrected by staffing the site as every waste bag would need to be inspected carefully. An alternative such as one-day hazardous waste depots run by staff and held periodically in the spring, summer and fall should be considered, a service common elsewhere in Ontario. It may also be feasible to tender a contract for a service of this nature;
- Staffing or contracting a person to monitor the site during peak hours only, and to educate users. The position could include other relevant services such as education and inspection of boats for invasive species, and distribution of local tourism information. Cooperation with the Chamber of Commerce and the Temagami Lakes Association could be considered for an enhanced and multifunctional municipal presence at the landing.

Please note that by means of this letter we are also requesting that the upcoming September 14 Council meeting allocate time for us and others to directly present our concerns to full Council.

Sincerely,
Lorie Hunter,
Temagami South West Arm

Daniel Buckles
Temagami South Arm

Paul Tamburro
President, Temagami Lakes Association

William Bateman
President, Lake Temagami Group

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Council, Municipality of Temagami

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Sarah Najdi, Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks; Sarah.Najdi@ontario.ca

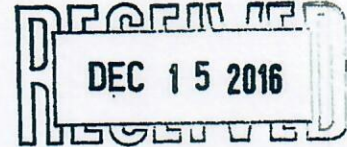
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From: Patrick Cormier
Sent: Thursday, December 15, 2016 12:12 AM
To: Roxanne St. Germain
Subject: Fwd: Revocation of MOECC Orders
Attachments: LandfillTransferStation ActionPlanFINAL with dates AUGUST 31 2016.pdf; ATT00001.htm; Temagami Dec13 2016.pdf; ATT00002.htm

For incoming.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:



From: "Whiteley, Angela (MOECC)" <Angela.Whiteley@ontario.ca>
To: "Lorie Hunter" <mayor@temagami.ca>
Cc: "Patrick Cormier" <cao@temagami.ca>, "Leith, Carroll (MOECC)" <Carroll.Leith@ontario.ca>, "Trach, Brent (MOECC)" <Brent.Trach@ontario.ca>
Subject: Revocation of MOECC Orders

Dear Mayor Hunter:

Please find attached a scanned copy of the letter that discusses the three Provincial Officer Order's issued to the Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami in 2015. A hardcopy will be sent to you in the mail.

The letter advises that the ministry is satisfied that the development of the Action Plan (attached) submitted by the municipality fulfils the requirements of the Orders or constitutes a reasonable alternative to the requirements of the Orders.

Based on the above and the recent Environmental Review Tribunal decision, the Orders are revoked by way of the attached letter.

Brent Trach, the Environmental Officer in the North Bay Area Office will continue to monitor the situation to ensure the nuisance bear issue is addressed in an appropriate manner.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.
Thank you,

Angela Whiteley
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December 13, 2016

Mayor Lorie Hunter
The Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami
Post Office Box 220
Temagami, Ontario
POH 2H0

- Re: 1) Provincial Officer's Order No. 1022-A3KH7Q issued October 30, 2015, concerning the Lake Temagami Access Point waste transfer site, Phyllis Township, confirmed as a Director's Order on November 10, 2015.
2) Provincial Officer's Order No. 6174-A3KJ9R issued October 30, 2015, concerning the Briggs Township landfill site, confirmed as a Director's Order on November 10, 2015.
3) Provincial Officer's Order No. 1147-A3NJST issued October 30, 2015 concerning the Strathy Township Landfill Site, confirmed as a Director's Order on November 10, 2015.

Dear Mayor Hunter:

The above noted Provincial Officer's Orders (Orders) require that the Municipality take certain measures to address nuisance bears at two waste disposal sites and one waste transfer site operated by the Municipality of Temagami, namely the Strathy Township Landfill, the Briggs Township Landfill and the Lake Temagami Access Road Waste Transfer Station.

As you are aware, staff with the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) have been in discussion with municipal staff since the fall of 2015 regarding the requirements of the Orders and potential measures to address nuisance bears at these sites. These discussions resulted in the development of a "Landfill and Transfer Station Action Plan" (Action Plan) by the Municipality. The Action Plan sets out the measures that the Municipality is in the process of implementing or proposes to implement to address nuisance bears at the three sites. The Action Plan includes timelines for implementation, as well as a commitment to report back to the MOECC at the end of 2016 on the outcome of the Action Plan. A copy of the Action Plan is attached to the email enclosing this letter.

Please be informed that I am satisfied that the development of the Action Plan and implementation of the actions outlined therein either fulfils the requirements of the Orders or constitute a reasonable alternative to the requirements of the Orders. While I have some reservations as to whether these measures will be sufficient to eliminate all nuisance bears at the three sites, I am satisfied with allowing the Municipality to proceed as proposed. The report to be submitted in December 2016 will assist both the Municipality and MOECC in evaluating the effectiveness of the measures implemented to date and whether additional measures may be required.

On the basis that the Municipality has developed and is implementing its Action Plan, and with due respect to the recent decision of the Environmental Review Tribunal, I herein revoke the noted Orders and have asked my staff in the North Bay area office to continue to address and evaluate the nuisance bear issue through voluntary abatement. If voluntary abatement proves to be ineffective in addressing this issue on an ongoing basis, the MOECC has a number of abatement tools at its disposal to address any concerns that may arise, including but not limited to the issuance of additional orders.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Angela Whiteley, Area Supervisor, at 705-497-6869.

Yours truly,

Carroll Leith

Carroll Leith
District Manager
Timmins District, North Bay Area Office
CL/aw/C12-03

c.c.: Patrick Cormier, CAO, The Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami



**LANDFILL & TRANSFER STATION
ACTION PLAN**

August 3, 2016

Submitted by: Patrick Cormier

PROVINCIAL OFFICER'S ORDERS

August 3, 2016

Project Background and Description

During a meeting with the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) on July 23, 2015, the Municipality of Temagami identified public safety concerns associated with the operation of the waste disposal sites within the Municipality of Temagami. The Municipality indicated that nuisance bears are becoming an increasing health and safety issue around the landfill sites.

Council received correspondence from the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change November 3, 2015 regarding Provincial Officer's Orders on Waste Management sites. Council referred to public works staff for a report on a full range of options and costs to address the issues.

April 7, 2016 staff submitted options and costs to Council.

Staff met with MOECC on April 12, 2016 and came to a consensus regarding a number of options that public works staff submitted for review.

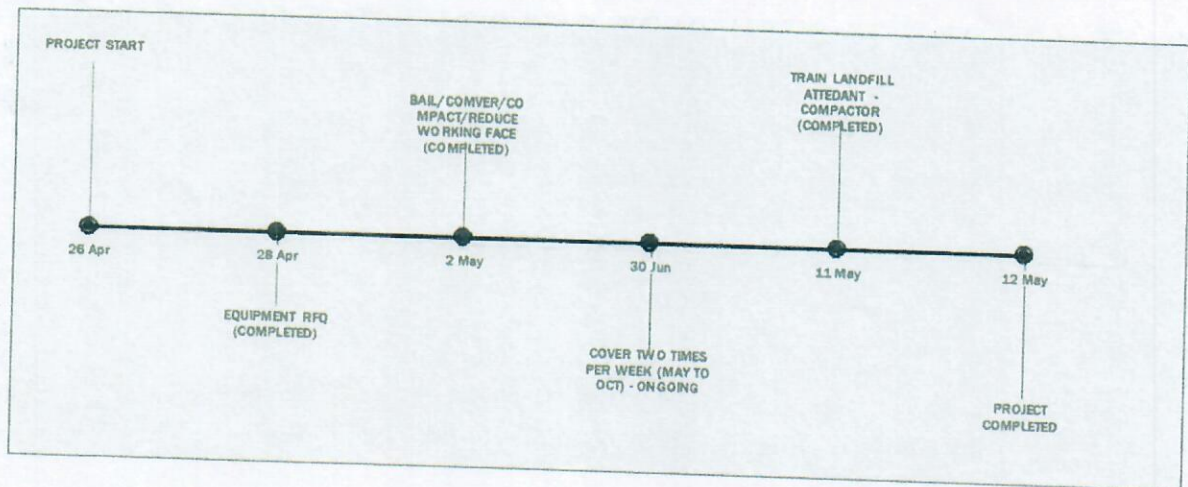
Strathy Landfill 1147-A3NJST

- Request for quotations i.e. excavator
- Bail/cover/compact landfill
- Reduce working face of landfill
- Continue to cover at the frequency outlined in the C of A (two times per week, May-October)
- Will not cover from November to April due to the extreme winter conditions
- Train landfill attendant – operation of compactor truck
- Currently use our compactor truck to accept bagged domestic waste
- Inquiring about portable compactors and compactor truck
- Developed a form to record the numbers of bears.
- Report back to MOECC at the end of the fiscal year (December 31, 2016) regarding outcome of bear population

* C of A dated September 26, 1986- *“refuse will be compacted and covered in the landfill face every Monday and Friday”*

* Amend C of A dated September 26, 1986 to **“refuse will be compacted and covered in the landfill face two times per week”** Schedule to cover and compact on days that our commercial and residential curbside pick up falls on.

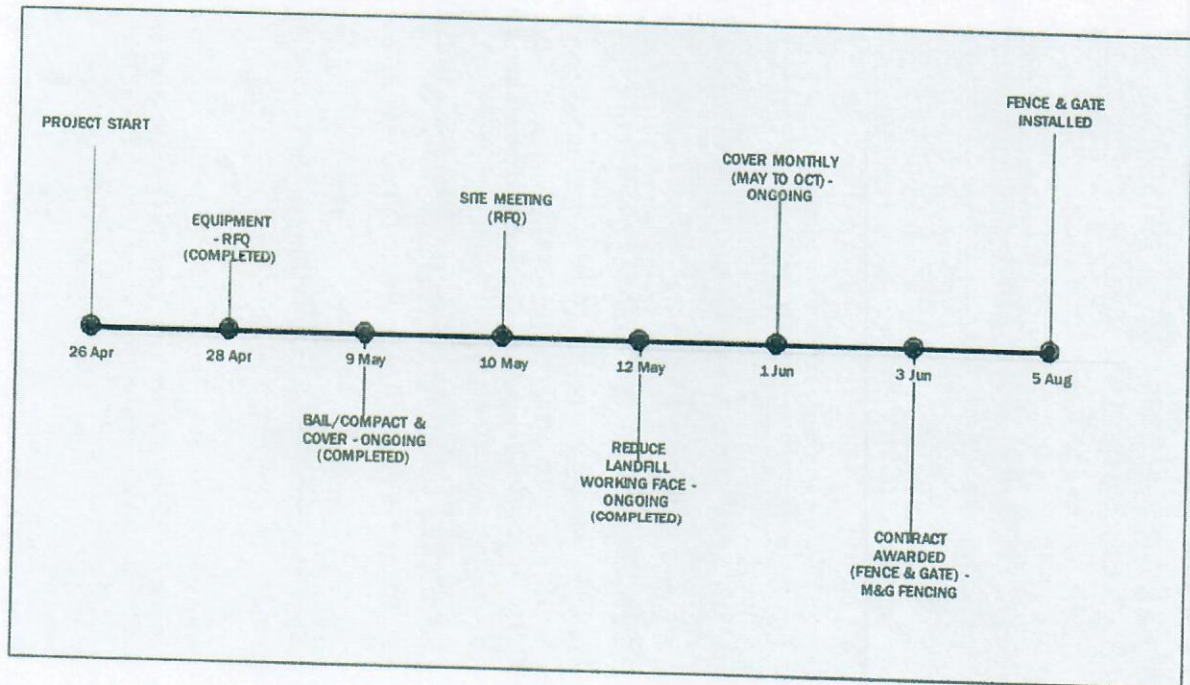
STRATHY LANDFILL TARGET DATES



Briggs Landfill 6174-A3KJ9R

- Request for quotations i.e. excavator
- Bail/cover/compact landfill
- Cover monthly
- Increase cover to a bi-weekly schedule should monthly cover prove to be inadequate
- Inquiring about portable compactors and compactor truck
- Reduce working face of landfill
- Site meeting – 100' fence to create a physical barrier between road and site to prevent access to site by public vehicles and pedestrians.
- Request for quotations – 100' fence and gate
- Award contract – fence and gate
- Continue with monthly cover and re evaluate in November
- Developed a form to record numbers of bears
- Report back to MOECC at the end of the fiscal year (December 31, 2016) regarding outcome of bear population.

BRIGGS LANDFILL TARGET DATES

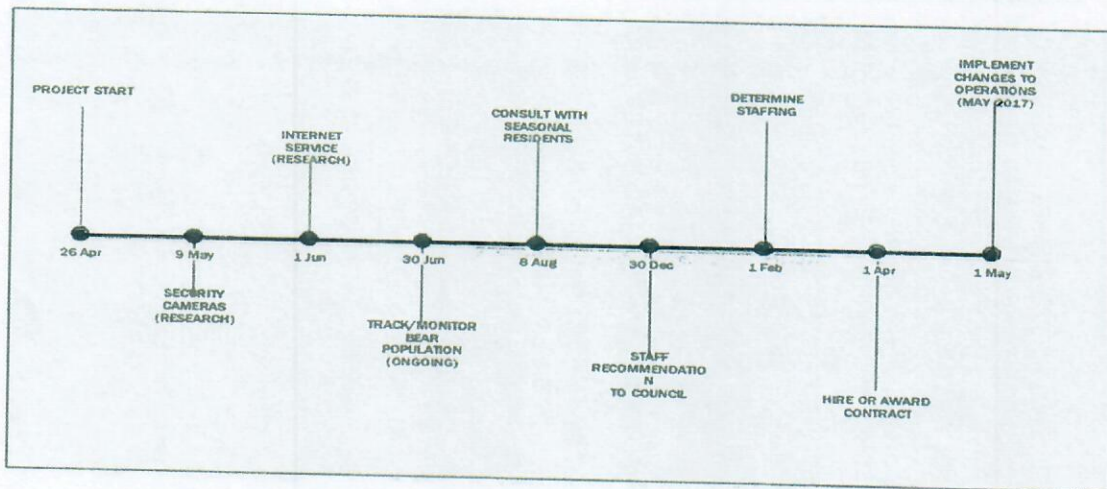


Lake Temagami Access Point Transfer Station 1022-A3KH7Q

- Wood & metal bins stay status quo – consult with seasonal residents regarding alternatives
- Request quotation- security cameras, Hydro One & Ontera
- Site meeting – add security cameras for increased monitoring of site
- Award contract – security cameras
- Recycling bin stays status quo – add an extra bin
- Consult with seasonal residents regarding hours of operation and alternatives for residents to dispose of wood and metal. In the meantime, residents continue to use 24/7.
- Public consultation to determine the best course of action in operating the transfer station. Measures are to be implemented in 2017.
- Track and monitor usage
- Recommendations to Council – hours of operation and alternatives regarding the wood, metal and domestic bins
- Determine staffing – hire or award contract
- Implement new hours and any other changes regarding operations
- Developed a form to record numbers of bears
- Report back to MOECC at the end of the fiscal year (December 31, 2016) regarding outcome of bear population.
- Educate/signage – proper use of the bins will limit access of bears to the food source

and should deter them from staying at the site.

LAKE TEMAGAMI ACCESS POINT TRANSFER STATION TARGET DATES



Sent: Monday, July 10, 2023 2:13 PM

To: tl@onlink.net

Cc: Environmental Permissions (MECP) <enviropemissions@ontario.ca>

Subject: Waste Transfer Stations Hours of Operation - MECP Case [246-2023-1131](#)

Hi Linda,

I have received your inquiry about the operating hours and presence of attendants at waste transfer stations.

Waste transfer stations can be operated 24 hours per day if the site has ministry approval and environmental permission to do so.

Generally speaking, the presence of "attendants" is usually not a requirement that is spelled out in the conditions. It depends on the conditions of their approval. But many Environmental Compliance Approvals (ECAs) directly require trained personnel to be on site to conduct inspection, screening of waste, operate equipment, etc.

Please let me know if you require any further clarification.

Regards,

Sarah Najdi

Review Engineering Assistant

Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Environmental Permissions Branch

Phone: [\(437\) 238-9640](tel:(437)238-9640)



**THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF TEMAGAMI
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
DRAFT MINUTES**

**Wednesday, April 12, 2023, 6:30 P.M.
Main Level Chambers**

PRESENT: D. O'Mara, B. Leudke, M. Youngs, J. Koistinen, J. Platts, W. Gustavson,
C. Lowery

STAFF: C. Davidson, S. Pandolfo, N. Claveau, B. Turcotte, D. Bell, J. Shymko,
J. Sanderson, P. Elliot

GUESTS: Deb Larochelle was in attendance
There were 5 participants,

PURPOSE OF THIS SPECIAL MEETING

THE PURPOSE of this Special Meeting of Council is to further discuss the 2023 Municipal Budget, including the Waste Transfer Station Proposal.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

23-097

MOVED BY: M. Youngs

SECONDED BY: C. Lowery

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Special Council Meeting Agenda dated April 12, 2023 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OR PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

No declaration of conflict or pecuniary interest noted.

CLOSED SESSION

DELEGATIONS/ PRESENTATIONS

STAFF REPORTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Waste Transfer Station Proposal

23-098

MOVED BY: B. Leudke

SECONDED BY: W.Gustavson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives Memorandum 2023-M-074.

AND FURTHER THAT Council Direct Staff to continue with the hiring process for the transfer station attendant(s) for the hours as outlined in this report and attachments.

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D. O'Mara	X			
B. Leudke	X			
M. Youngs	X			
J. Koistinen	X			
J. Platts	X			
W.Gustavso n	X			
C.Lowery		X		
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CARRIED

2023 Budget Discussions Continued

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

23-099

MOVED BY: J. Koistinen

SECONDED BY: J. Platts

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting adjourn at 8:36 p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor

Subject: RE: Transfer wagons
From: Loon Lodge <fishing@loonlodge.com>
Date: 2023-09-03, 10:43 a.m.
To: Lorie Hunter <lorieh472@gmail.com>

Hello Lorie,

I would just like to add a few personal experiences and opinions:

The bachelor party was not hosted here at Loon Lodge, but at another location on the lake, they had called to inquire about water taxi/guided fishing and the dump hours came up and they had to scramble to figure out how to dispose of their garbage, as they were departing on a day where the dump would be closed.

- My main concerns heading into the fall is the "Off Peak" hours that are to come. Last I checked (May), the hours were going to be reduced to 2 days a week for the Fall/Winter/Spring. This is highly concerning to Adam and I, as we run our business through the "off peak" times, sometimes having a turnover every day. I'm unsure what we are expected to do with even more limitation in the Winter, which is truthfully our busiest season. Now I am unable to find any information on Off Peak transfer station hours, which makes it hard to put a plan together for how we are going to manage this as a business.
As an operator on the lake, I feel as though we are being swept under the rug and our opinions and needs are not taken into consideration. I understand that there are more residential owners on the lake than operators, but we still pay (commercial) taxes and that should count for something.
- Adam and I experienced, and still experience, frustrations from those who book the water taxi on the lake. A decent amount of cottage owners (tax payers) on the lake use our water taxi service, and are more than unimpressed when we inform them that the dump will be closed on the date/time of their departure. Meaning they have to either change their departure date completely, change the time of their water taxi (sometimes this can't even happen because the time slots have already been taken), or find a way to dispose of their garbage at the transfer station on another day before they leave.
We have become the punching bag for these cottage owners to take out their frustrations.
We have had to use the phrase "Don't shoot the messenger" too often this year, when we had nothing to do with these changes.
- The way that the changes were implemented were unfortunate and unprofessional. Finding out right before the long weekend (with the dump being closed on the long weekend Monday) was, in my opinion, just asking for disaster.
It was incredibly disheartening to witness what the Transfer Station looked like after the May Long Weekend.
- How are temporary visitors (campers using the many free camping locations around the lake, fishermen, AirBNB renters, etc.) supposed to be aware of the hours of the transfer station, especially if they leave from the Manitou Landing. Last I checked, there were no dump hours posted at the Manitou Landing. Visitors typically unpack, load up, park and depart from the Manitou landing, as the free parking is located there, and not at the Mine Landing. How are they supposed to know.
- There have been a few times where I visit the dump with our usual load of garbage and recycling where I have experienced the attendant making comments about the amount of recycling. More than once I have been made to feel that we are being encouraged **not to recycle**. If we fill the recycle bins (both dark green and lime green) too quickly, the remainder of recycling that comes in goes directly into the dumpsters. I have heard this both in the last municipal meeting and from the attendants.
This just doesn't feel right, especially living on beautiful Lake Temagami, should we not be encouraged to recycle??

RE: Transfer wagons

- The transfer station is almost always dirty when the dumpsters are not there. I understand that it is **never** okay to dump garbage on the ground, but it is obvious that people are still doing this. In the 3 years we have been here now, it never looked like this before.
- The Free Pile: The amount of items that are now being **thrown away** instead of reused and repurposed is disheartening. It seems as though this will fill our landfill and dumpsters faster. Good quality items that are still usable should be able to sit in the area of the free pile (where there is a large NO DUMPING sign now) so that others may take advantage.

Good items rarely sit there long.

I personally watched someone throw away 6 (SIX) large metal deck chairs, nothing wrong with them, into the metal waste bin, because the attendant would not let them leave the chairs in the "free pile" area. Those chairs were good quality and wouldn't have been sitting for more than a few hours before being scooped up by someone else. Before all of these changes were implemented, the free pile was supervised by the previous attendant (John Harding) and he would dispose of items that got wet or sat too long. I'm not suggesting it be a free-for-all, but I'm wondering what was wrong with it before.

Thank you again Lorie for putting this together! I will send any other experiences by email if I remember any more, but this is the main points from this Summer.

Thank you,

Kayla
LOON LODGE
705-237-8918

From: Loon Lodge
Sent: September 3, 2023 9:17 AM
To: Lorie Durrer
Subject: Re: Transfer wagons

Hi Lorie,

Thank you so much for sending this to me, I will be sending it to a few people that I know would be interested in taking a look and signing it.

Please add me to the list of signatories! Let me know if you need anything else from me!

Thank you,

Kayla
LOON LODGE
705-237-8918

From: Lorie Durrer
Sent: August 20, 2023 1:48 PM
To: Loon Lodge
Cc: lduhrer@mt.gov
Subject: Transfer wagons

Hi Kayla, I talked to a friend, Daniel Buckles (collaborator) and I have put together regarding the recent changes to the transfer wagons at the Mine.

Subject: Fwd: experience of waste disposal in summer

From: Daniel Buckles <dbuckles@sas2.net>

Date: 2023-09-04, 6:08 p.m.

To: Lorie Hunter <lorieh472@gmail.com>

FYI. Experience written by my wife.

Daniel Buckles

Begin forwarded message:

From: Debra Huron <debra@debrahuron.com>

Date: September 4, 2023 at 16:38:21 EDT

To: Daniel Buckles <dbuckles@sas2.net>

Subject: experience of waste disposal in summer

Time spent at the family-owned island in the southern part of Lake Temagami had a new--and unfortunately negative--dimension added this summer.

We need to buy groceries. Hmmm, and while we do that, let's get rid of a bag of garbage and a box full of recyclable items that have been gathering during our 12 days on the island.

Oh no! The waste transfer station will not be open the morning we want to go to Temiskaming Shores to buy food.

What to do? Well, we took our full garbage bag and a box of recyclable items on a boat and car tour all the way to Temiskaming Shores and back, so we could dispose of our waste in a responsible way.

On a different occasion, after only 5 days on the island, we had to leave early in the morning and--once again--the waste transfer station was not open. Our garbage and recycling went on a road trip to Toronto and they were deposited there.

I feel a strong sense of dissatisfaction with the decision by the Town of Temagami to limit hours at the WTS. This is not a sane or responsible way to provide an important service to thousands of people who use Lake Temagami each summer.

We were inconvenienced twice, and we did the responsible thing in both cases.

Many others will make a different choice and will just dump their waste outside the locked gates.

I urge the town of Temagami to reinstate 24/7 hours at the WTS by the May 24th weekend of 2024.

Debra Huron

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= Debra Isabel Huron =

**Subject:** RE: Mine Landing Garbage Transfer Wagons

**From:** Jeannette Eberhard <jeberhar@uwo.ca>

**Date:** 2023-09-05, 3:53 p.m.

**To:** Lorie Hunter <lorieh472@gmail.com>

Hi Lorie,

Thanks for taking this on. To be honest, when we did take waste in on the appropriate day / time, the attendant was extremely helpful, so I have no issues with the person charged with the task of supervising the mine landing site.

Your letter covered a lot of great points and was well argued. Re the last minute notice, we were only aware of the change because Mark told us. I would also add to your presentation that on two occasions, because departures could not be scheduled to match the days / times available on either site on the mine road, we had to drive our garbage and recycling home to London - a 7 - 8 hour trip. Even with the best of heavy garbage bags, this was less than ideal. We need to leave in the morning for this trip to be feasible and cannot always leave on a day that has morning hours. What about those who travel across the border or have an even longer trip to make????

I'll sign the e-petition.

Thanks, Jeannette

----- Original Message -----

From: Lorie Hunter <lorieh472@gmail.com>

Sent: September 5, 2023 12:31 PM

To: jeberhar@uwo.ca

Subject: Mine Landing Garbage Transfer wagons

Good Morning,

Attached is a letter to Mayor and Council regarding the change in hours of the transfer wagons at the Mine Landing. I am looking for support for the letter either in the form of an email back to me telling me you support the letter or signing the online letter - link provided <https://www.itsm.ca/SDM/00/> (just skip through the donation part and the piece about signing it on Facebook etc. and then log out)

I would really love to hear about your experiences this summer when trying to dump your garbage - were the bins there when you needed to travel? Did you have to change your plans in order to dump your garbage? Did you take your garbage with you when you left? Did someone else take it out for you if it they were travelling? Was there a lot of congestion at the landings were the rains a hindrance?

I am scheduled as a delegation to Council on 14 September with Daniel Buckles (from the south end). We will present the letter to Council along with other information about the transfer wagons which I have included in this email. If the meetings are still on then if you are able to attend the support would be great.

The PDF version of the letter and a photo of the sign is attached. Only the last 2 pages of the letter will be signed.

Please give me a shout or email back if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks,  
Lorie Hunter