

HISTORY OF WARWICK PUBLIC LIAISON COMMITTEE (WPLC)

On December 18, 1992 D. A. McTavish of the Ministry of Environment & Energy (the MOE) sent six letters to “various parties which may be interested in being part of a [liaison] committee.” This committee would provide a forum to have more open dialogue with all parties having an interest in the landfill operation. It would discuss concerns and negotiate options about the day-to-day operations of the landfill.

In response, Watford Council “reluctantly” decided to appoint a member of Council; representatives from the Warwick-Watford Landfill Committee decided to participate “as knowledgeable citizens;” Warwick Council agreed to participate and Laidlaw (former owners of landfill site) agreed to further discuss the terms of reference for a public liaison committee (PLC).

By August 25, 1993 the following PLC members were confirmed:

- M. Parker, L. Badder, (2 from Warwick Council)
- G. Burns, (Watford Council rep)
- R. Hustler, K. Peters, (2 from WWLC)
- R. Cleland, M. Walters, (2 from Laidlaw)
- J. Janse, O. Wigle (2 from MOEE)
- M. Fuller, L. Zavitz, S. Morris (general public members)
- M. Janes (Secretary)
- J. Rogers (Chair)

The first meeting of the PLC was held on September 21, 1993. Since that time, items such as buffer zones, sedimentation ponds, Development & Operations Reports, annual Monitoring Reports, planting of trees, zoning changes, recycling, leachate management, service area, financial assurance, contaminated soil, phytoremediation, confirmatory testing and a database for laboratories have been discussed, with recommendations made on many issues.

On February 15, 1996 Jack Rogers resigned as Chair. He was followed by rotating chairs for several months, until Stephen Morris was elected Chair on January 7, 1998. When Stephen Morris resigned as Chair on November 23, 2000 Mac Parker was elected Chair, with Lawrence Zavitz as Deputy-Chair. In 2008 Lawrence Zavitz became Chair, with Mac Parker as Vice-Chair.

On May 1, 1997 the PLC learned that Laidlaw had become Canadian Waste Services Inc. (CWS). At the April 29, 2004 meeting the PLC learned of another change, from CWS to Waste Management of Canada Corporation.

At the beginning of 1998, as a result of amalgamation, Watford Council no longer existed. The municipality of the Township of Warwick included Watford. Therefore there was no longer a member of Watford Council on the PLC.

By February of 1998 the PLC learned about Canadian Waste's proposal for expansion. On June 10, 1998 the **Development & Operations Report**, which had been discussed for five years, was approved by the MOE.

The PLC continued to discuss the day-to-day operations of the landfill while also discussing the Terms of Reference for the proposed expansion. These were approved by the MOE on January 11, 2000. The following month the PLC decided to revert to its original mandate and not continue discussion of the expansion proposal.

In January, 2007 the expansion was approved by the Minister of Environment. The PLC continues to discuss and make recommendations on the current operations at the site while also making sure the Certificate of Approval for the expanded site contains all issues of concern to the residents of Warwick, the public at large and the environment.