



TOWNSHIP OF BONNECHERE VALLEY
RUBY ROAD WASTE DISPOSAL SITE CAPACITY EXPANSION
ENVIRONMENTAL SCREENING PROCESS
PUBLIC CONSULTATION EVENT NO. 3



November 25, 2008

7:30 pm – 9:30 pm

Eagles Nest, Eganville Arena

The Township of Bonnechere Valley appreciates your comments and input concerning the Ruby Road Waste Disposal Site Capacity Expansion Environmental Screening Process that is being conducted to determine the feasibility of a capacity expansion at the Ruby Road Waste Disposal Site.

To collect input from the public, the Township has prepared this questionnaire. Please complete and return it to the box provided at the Public Consultation Event. If you are unable to complete the questionnaire before leaving, please mail, fax, or drop off your completed questionnaire at the Township office on or before **December 12th, 2008**.

QUESTIONNAIRE

Approximately 55 people attended the Ruby Road Waste Disposal Site Capacity Expansion Environmental Screening Process Public Consultation Event No.3. A total of 15 questionnaires were received and used in the following tabulations. Approximately 65 questionnaires were distributed to the attendees at the Public Consultation Event (some attendees took several questionnaires to distribute) and the document was also available on the Township website for those who could not attend.

Please answer the following questions and provide any additional comments you feel are appropriate.

1. Do you reside in the Township of Bonnechere Valley: **(# of respondents = 15)**
 [100%] Permanently [0%] Seasonally

2. How many people live in your household? **(# of respondents = 15) Average = 2.1**

3. Where do you dispose of your waste? **(# of respondents = 15)**
 [60%] Ruby Road Waste Transfer Site [27%] Sand Road Waste Disposal Site
 [13%] Lake Clear Waste Disposal Site [0%] McGrath Road Waste Transfer Site
 [0%] Highway 41 Waste Transfer Site [0%] Other: _____

4. Did you or anyone from your household attend: **(# of respondents = 15)**
 - a. **Public Consultation Event No. 1** pertaining to this project on *February 20th, 2008*?
 [53.3%] Yes [46.7%] No
 If no, why not?
 [43%] Scheduling conflict [14%] Not in the area [14%] Didn't know [] Felt was unnecessary
 [14%] Preferred to Wait [] Other _____

 - b. **Public Consultation Event No. 2** pertaining to this project on *July 26th, 2008*?
 [73.3%] Yes [26.7%] No
 If no, why not?
 [25%] Scheduling conflict [25%] Not in the area [] Didn't know [] Felt was unnecessary
 [] Preferred to Wait [25%] Other In the hospital



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c. **Public Consultation Event No. 3** pertaining to this project on *November 25th, 2008*?

[100%] Yes [0%] No

If no, why not?

[] Scheduling conflict [] Not in the area [] Didn't know [] Felt was unnecessary
 [] Preferred to Wait [] Other _____

5. How have you heard about these public consultation events? (# of respondents = 15)

[0%] Barry's Bay This Week [0%] MyFM Renfrew [0%] My FM Pembroke [27%] Eganville Leader
 [0%] Renfrew Weekender [40%] Flyer in Mail [60%] Word of Mouth [0%] Poster
 [0%] Valley Heritage Radio [0%] Star FM [33%] Other: _____

6. Do you feel that you clearly understand the **purpose** and **objectives** of the Ruby Road Waste Disposal Site Capacity Expansion Environmental Screening? (# of respondents = 15)

[93%] Yes [7%] No [0%] Unsure

Please explain why you feel the purpose and objectives of this project are not understood or clear to you:

- The objectives seem to be to move the process through. Regardless of environmental concern, pollution concerns, impact on property values, community or any other obstruction to pushing the process thru.
- Very Clear!
- To jump through a few provincial hoops with no real regard for proper waste disposal for the 21st century
- The total cost of this site – to deal with all the environmental concerns

7. Are there any details that are relevant to the Environmental Screening Process that have not been addressed to your satisfaction? (# of respondents = 15)

[53.3%] Yes [46.7%] No

If so, please explain:

- I do not think that leachate can be kept from the water table. I am not sure I will appreciate the values established by the Ministry of the Environment in regard to noise level. Quiet was fine with me.
- I am not convinced that environmental and pollution issues due to leachate in the water table are deemed harmless and unlikely by Cambium Environmental.
- Very well addressed.
- The impact long term, the affects of run off on Golden Lake, the costs involved. The possibility of future expansion.
- The test wells are on top of a very large hill composed of aggregate. As those wells are extremely shallow relative to the size of the hill, and as the composition of the hill is not necessary uniform throughout, I find it hard to believe that Cambium can predict/model the flow of water and/or leachate with any degree of certainty. Originally, we were told that we were wrong and that there were no aquifers on the site, but now the



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geological survey has identified an aquifer – although again we have been told “not to worry” as it is “very large and slow moving”. If the aquifer happens to follow the slope of the terrain, vertically, is it not possible that the water might gather momentum and accelerate as it moves further downhill away from the test wells, or pass through pockets of more porous materials, thereby invalidating estimates of the ground water’s speed-of-flow? (Do you have any concept of how much water actually emerges at the foot of the hill?) It’s fine for Cambium to claim that they have factored “extreme worst-case scenarios” into the computer model and that there is no possible risk, but according to Cambium as well, the leachate flows directly towards our homes. Understand our situation: we live here, and it’s our drinking water and our health at risk if they are wrong. There are some things you simply cannot fix or make restitution for, no matter how much money you throw at it after the fact.

- Why did OVWR get approval for a landfill only to later have to spend millions of dollars to install leachate recovery? What will prevent the province from imposing the same requirement to Bonnechere Valley in the future?
- How can a “100% Guarantee” of no leaching be achieved? Or is such a guarantee possible?
- Mitigatable impact?

8. What level of confidence do you currently have that the Environmental Screening Process has adequately examined all the aspects of the interaction between the landfill expansion and the natural environment; notably the potential net impacts that may result from the expansion of capacity at the Ruby Road WDS? (**# of respondents = 15**)

[20%] Very Confident [7%] Confident [40%] Not Very Confident [33%] No Confidence

Comments:

- I hope that the B.V. council will wait for the information on the cost of joining the Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre before deciding on the Ruby Road WDS – as they have assured us they will. I also hope the council will involve us in more public meetings before final decision as they have told us they will.
- I would liken this presentation of the E.S.A. to the Grims Brothers fairytale. i.e. you know they’re not telling the truth and it’s very scary.
- Went over and above standards – appears to be a very good alternative. Very safe.
- A full environmental assessment would have been a more thorough approach. What guarantees are there that other municipalities would not be allowed to use this dump if it should go through? Therefore, has a maximum usage been considered beyond the 2 acres? Has a future expansion been ruled out? Are very worried about this.
- If we create a new dump in TBV, we become SOLEY responsible for the waste buried there. When an environmental problem arises, we pay the ENTIRE clean-up cost for TBV on our own. However, should we find ourselves in a similar situation as a member of the OVWRC, our contribution to that clean-up would be proportional to our share in the company (and for those unaware, TBV is so small compared to the other OVWRC members that we barely even register.) We are already partial members of OVWRC through our current recycling program, and it was the long-term plan of previous councils to make OVWRC the solution to our waste-disposal needs – we should follow through on that. We are already “on-the-hook” for Sand-hill and Sno-drifters, why are we digging ourselves in deeper?
- The computer analysis that was shown during the presentation took worst case scenarios and amplified them by 3 to 10 times and still met all government regulations.
- The presentation took worst case scenarios and met all government regulations.



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- I think that Cambium has done the job they were paid to do and now the BV council needs to put the same time, money and effort into finding a more progressive solution.
- The diagrams of the pollution plume disturb me. It is very 1960's to the claim "the solution to pollution is dilution" in the 21st century we must demand zero pollution.
- My concern continues regarding the pollution of Golden Lake – I should say "the potential of polluting Golden Lake: - what if a mistake is made and in 15 or 20 years problems develop?"

9. Do you intend to review the Environmental Screening Report that will be available in the spring of 2009? **(# of respondents = 15)**

[100%] Yes

[0%] No

10. Please indicate if you currently receive correspondence pertaining to the project: **(# of respondents = 15)**

[80%] Yes

[20%] No

If not, would you like correspondence pertaining to the project to be sent directly to you?

[67%] Yes

[33%] No

If you answered yes to the above question, what means of communication is preferred?

[100%] Hardcopy (mail)

[0%] Electronic (email)

Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts.