

# Minutes

05 November 2025

<b>Project name</b>	Brooks Road Landfill	<b>From</b>	Vincent Cooney
<b>Subject</b>	2025 Brooks Road PLC #3	<b>Tel</b>	+1 647-617-4946
<b>Date/Time</b>	November 5, 2025 / 6:30pm-7:30pm	<b>Project no.</b>	12662221
<b>Attendees</b>	<p>Vincent Cooney (VC) – GHD (facilitator)            Ben Kempel (BK) – GHD (technical)            Tim Danyliw (TD) – BRE (project manager)            Dave Bruce (DB) – PLC Chair            Diane Manto (DM) – PLC Member            Laurie Woolner (LW) – PLC Member            Ross McKeen (RM) - PLC Member</p> <p>Catharine Caldwell (CC) – MECP Hamilton            Mackenzie Clarke (MC) – MECP Hamilton</p> <p>Regrets:            Kayla Buck (KB) – MECP Hamilton            Kimberly Seaben (KS) – PLC Member            Dave Glenney (DG) – PLC Member            John Metcalfe (JM) – Haldimand County</p>	<b>Copy to:</b>	All Attendees

## Summary of Action Items and Commitments

- June meeting minutes to be updated before reposting to BRE website.
- Summary of community donations email from Diane and Laurie to be appended to June minutes for posting

Upon convening at 6:31pm

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<p><b>Purpose and PLC Objectives</b></p>	
<p><b>Review of Previous Minutes</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Asked to append Diane and Laurie emails</li> <li>– Vince noted that contacts from each of the volunteer third party organization may not want their personally identifiable information posted to the internet. Tim suggested a summary of the email information instead. PLC members agreed.</li> <li>– Vince will summarize that information from emails, Tim will forward these emails to Vince</li> <li>– No edits were proposed to the body of the June minutes. Vince asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Motion by Dave Bruce, Seconded by Ross. Motion passes, minutes adopted.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Site Updates</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– TD provided a site update.</li> <li>– TD provided a summary of the leachate volumes produced since the last meeting.</li> <li>– Diane asked about piecemealing</li> <li>– Ross asked if there is money going towards Dunville. Tim confirmed yes, benefits the County, and cheaper than hauling to Beamsville disposal site.</li> <li>– Dave asked about how permission is provided for leachate hauling. Catherine from MECP noted that one step is not complete to permit discharge to the ditch.</li> <li>– Tim committed to sharing test results, when reviewed and available. Tim noted that MECP can come out and test in the lab as desired (question by Laurie Woolner to that effect).</li> <li>– John asked about the leachate level measurement. 191m is regulation. In compliance with the ECA.</li> <li>– The 191m represents very low elevation above landfill volume.</li> <li>– Diane asked about the height above road. Ben confirmed this as roughly 22m (maximum) from a cross section of the landfill site design in the deck presentation.</li> <li>– Diane asked about beautifying the site entrance. Tim indicated that he did not have an immediate person that seemed appropriate for landscaping. <b>Tim will report back to the PLC at next meeting.</b></li> </ul>

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<b>Site Approvals – EA and ECA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– BK provided an overview of the recent approvals for the site expansion</li> <li>– VC recapped the ECA and EA schedules.</li> <li>– Ben noted delayed work on expansion cell until Spring 2026 due to unfavourable weather and risk of not completing ahead of winter 2025</li> </ul>
<b>Community Donations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Tim recapped the 2024 and 2025 donations</li> <li>– Minor Hockey, 4-H, and Cayuga Food Bank received funds</li> <li>– Diane noted that minor ball is not mentioned on the slides.</li> <li>– 4-H replied on November 3, Tim is waiting to hear back from Minor Hockey, and then decide on what might be able to help minor ball.</li> <li>– Tim noted he has not yet contacted minor ball</li> <li>– Laurie asked about budget – Tim confirmed \$20,000 per year. There was discussion of a potential approach for 2026 to allocate \$10k each to two organizations, with the reasoning that this would provide meaningful funding.</li> <li>– Diane felt that better to split funds among all three orgs. Tim took this direction and will split funds across organizations including minor ball (provided contact and confirmation can be made)</li> </ul>
<b>MECP Update</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– MClarke indicated that they have continued their regular inspection activity and site visits and that there was nothing out of the ordinary</li> <li>– CC noted that there was a visit on the paving day in June 2025 as well, so they had seen that work taking place.</li> </ul>
<b>Next Meeting and Other Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Dave noted that three times a year at the library works well. March 4<sup>th</sup>, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026 are those first Wednesdays of the month. Vince will circulate meeting invite holds for these dates.</li> <li>– Dave noted that three times a year at the library works well. March 4<sup>th</sup>, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026 are those first Wednesdays of the month. Vince will circulate meeting invite holds for these dates.</li> <li>– Dave asked about receipt of contaminated soil at site. Tim noted that it is received occasionally from Grand Disposal (stc). Contaminated material also coming from GFL directly from site or bulking yards.</li> <li>– Diane asked why contaminated material is being brought to Haldimand County.</li> <li>– Lorna commented on not being aware of contaminated soil at site. Believing that the garbage being received is “inert”.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– After Hagersville closed, the site did receive contaminated soil that may have been destined for Hagersville before closure.</li> <li>– Ross asked about loads-testing for the liner. Schedule 4 of O.Reg 346. Ross asked about loads ever being ‘turned away’. Reports are provided giving indication of bore hole results.</li> <li>– Laurie asked the site accepts Tobacco. It does not.</li> <li>– Tim notes that the site can accept institutional garbage but is conventionally not being accepted at site.</li> <li>– Comments were made regarding the odour suppression systems in place at the site on calm days</li> <li>– Darlene asked why the contaminated soil is coming to Haldimand.</li> <li>– Dave inquired about any discussions or intentions for additional expansion at the site. Both Tim and Ben stated they were not aware of any plans for further expansion. Ben observed that there is provincial demand due to border pressures and ongoing conversations at the provincial level, but reiterated he is not aware of any new expansion applications. Tim also confirmed he has no knowledge of further expansion applications.</li> <li>– Ben talked about the general economics of landfills and that they are by no means a guarantee. The content/receipt at site has vastly improved subsequent to BRE’s ownership and involvement.</li> <li>– MECP responded to things the province has done to reduce volumes or waste being generated or diverted from landfill. (question from Dave Bruce.) Excess soil reuse programs are diverting soil that may have ended up in landfills. MECP will provide a summary on measures for diversion. Tim noted that the cost of landfill is an incentive to divert from landfills.</li> <li>– John asked about the soils along the rail corridor. Tim noted that some of this was excavated and used to cap landfill cells</li> <li>– Diane Manto commented that railway lands soils have been used for capping. Mackenzie Clarke Industrial to commercial (or residential) standard</li> <li>– Tim noted that the excavated soil piled adjacent to the corridor was clean fill/soil.</li> <li>– Diane asked about ditch water testing. Four times per year, typical for landfills per Tim. Unusual to do a program more often. Any water from the site is monitored more frequently.</li> <li>– John asked at the present rate of fill, when will that be completed. Tim – 3 to 4 years, depending on capacity.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="540 178 1435 247">– Ross asked if there is a contingency plan for ditch spills. Tim confirmed yes BRE has these in place.</li> <li data-bbox="540 304 1365 373">– Meeting adjourned at 7:31 (Motion – Ross, Seconded – Darlene)</li></ul>