

Minutes

27 June 2025

Project name	Brooks Road Landfill	From	Vincent Cooney
Subject	2025 Brooks Road PLC #2	Tel	+1 647-617-4946
Date/Time	June 4, 2025 / 6:30pm-7:30pm	Project no.	12662221
Attendees	Vincent Cooney (VC) – GHD (facilitator) Ben Kempel (BK) – GHD (technical) Tim Danyliw (TD) – BRE (project manager) Dave Bruce (DB) – PLC Chair Laurie Woolner (LW) – PLC Member Diane Manto (DM) – PLC Member Kayla Buck (KB) – MECP Hamilton Mackenzie Clarke (MC) – MECP Hamilton	Copy to:	All Attendees

Summary of Action Items and Commitments

- March meeting minutes to be updated before reposting to BRE website.
- DM to send TD email with a list of community organizations to direct 2025 funds to.

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Purpose and PLC Objectives	
Review of Previous Minutes	– LW highlighted changes to the minutes to be reflected. Several initials were wrong or improperly transcribed. – VC noted that the changes to the March 2025 PLC minutes would be reflected before re-posting to the BRE website.
Site Updates	– TD provided a site update. – LW asked about TD's comment regarding "not sending out as much as we'd like". TD clarified that Brooks road are still hauling out the amount of leachate we want, but the fraction

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	of 'raw vs. treated' is not quite yet at the fraction that the team would like to see in steady operating state. – TD provided a summary of the leachate volumes produced since the last meeting. There were no questions. – TD noted that paving may start on Friday, June 6, 2025 (weather-dependent). TD noted that the paving may be finished on Monday. – DM asked about beautifying the access. – TD noted there is some complexity as the area is not all Brooks Road property. – DM asked about the berm – if that could be beautified, between the fence and the road. TD indicated that would be unlikely to be able to put shrubs. – TD mentioned Chris Best is the local contractor that has been engaged for the paving activities.
Site Approvals – EA and ECA	– BK provided an overview of the recent approvals for the site expansion, including the approval included in the April 2025 ECA. BK showed on slide the full and final approval for the ECA, which includes the Stage 9 shape on the screen. – DM asked Brooks staff if this is the end of expansions. TD noted that the matter of expansions will always be based on a business case, and what is approved by MECP/authorities having jurisdiction. – DM asked to know the surface area. VC noted that the ECA report issued April 24, 2025 notes a total surface area of 7.15 hectares. BK noted that, in acres, the expansion is about 1 hectare (~2.5 acres), based on a quick visual. (This amount is approximate but a more exact number could be provided if desired.) – DB asked about prior meeting (Notice of Public Meeting for an official June 17, 2014) Edwards landfill site, and DB read a quote from a prior meeting regarding comments from Richard Wheldon regarding the footprint of the landfill site. – DB indicated that this was attributed to Richard Weldon. – DB asked VC to note in the minutes that he will be at Council if ever BRE seeks a further expansion of the facility at Brooks Road. – VC recapped the ECA and EA schedules.

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Community Donations	– Diane Manto provided a summary of organizations that the PLC would like to see receive community donations for 2025. – LW sent an email to TD on 4 June 2025 regarding the donation to youth groups in Haldimand County. LW suggested donating to the Haldimand Youth Soccer Club, which includes approximately 1,200 youth members from the Cayuga, Hagersville, and Caledonia areas. The club's soccer fields are located at Broeckler Park, just west of Cayuga on Highway 3, and in Caledonia off McClung Road. LW also provided contact information for the club's President, Secretary, and Administrator. – DM sent an email to TD on 21 September 2025 regarding the same issue and provided TD with the contact information of Cayuga Minor Ball, Cayuga Minor Hockey and Haldimand 4-H Association as donation suggestions.
MECP Update	– MC provided an update on inspections at the site and bringing Catherine (new staff at the March 2025 meeting) up to speed. Kayla indicated that there is a new office that will be dedicated to landfill operations. – KB noted that there are scheduled and unscheduled visits. The next visit to Brooks Road will be Friday June 6, 2025 (this is the first visit of fiscal year). Generally, a heads up is provided so that the site operators can have all appropriate staff and paperwork ready for inspections. – MECP noted that BRE is providing updates on regular schedule regarding leachate levels in reference to the 191.0 m limit. – LW acknowledged that with recent very wet weather there must have been a lot of activity. – DB noted some activity at the Dresden site, and the EA waiver. – KB noted that the current government may have been responding to some of the ongoing waste emergency regarding available capacity in Ontario. – DB asked MECP what Ontario is doing to reduce the amount of garbage going to landfills. KB responded that the MECP resource recovery branch is working to improve waste diversion across all sectors. – DB reiterated his concern about the call for more Ontario landfills. DB raised environmental justice concerns around the siting of landfills. KB acknowledged that the landfills are generally located in more rural locations. – KB suggested that DB write a formal letter to MECP and involve MPPs and councillors to garner a response and attention, and appropriate action.

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Next Meeting and Other Business	– DB asked BK about the grading and height of stage 3 of the site. TD provided further context on the remaining elevation. – TD noted that grading can be made more optimal in the SE corner of stage 1. – DB asked about renderings for the site. – DM noted turkey vultures circling and suggested there may be something dead near the site. KB mentioned that turkey vultures often ride heatwaves at various levels above the ground and so this circling is generally not related to wildlife dead or otherwise at site. Meeting adjourned at 7:36pm