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**Brady Road Resource Management Facility (BRRMF)
Community Liaison Committee (CLC)**

Meeting #25

Date: Wednesday Nov 19, 2025, 5:00-7:00 pm

Location: Water and Waste Department, 1120 Waverly (Meeting Room #3)

Attending:

<i>CN - Christie Nairn</i>	<i>University of Manitoba</i>
<i>DO - Dave Olinyk</i>	<i>Richmond West</i>
<i>SB - Sonja Bridges</i>	<i>Environment and Climate Change, Prov of MB</i>
<i>RS - Rick Schinkel</i>	<i>RM of MacDonald (elected)</i>
<i>DB - Darlene Boettcher</i>	<i>Charleswood</i>
<i>NC – Natalia Camus-Lopez</i>	<i>Green Action Centre</i>
<i>WD - William Dowie</i>	<i>Green Action Centre</i>
<i>JG - Jason Greenall</i>	<i>RM Ritchot</i>
<i>SG - Sean Gallagher</i>	<i>Ladco Company Limited</i>
<i>JB - Janine Boulanger</i>	<i>RM Ritchot</i>
<i>CK - Chris Kozak</i>	<i>City of Winnipeg Superintendent of Operations</i>
<i>GM - Gillian McCallum</i>	<i>Notetaker, Blueprint Inc</i>
<i>MK - Michelle Kuly</i>	<i>Blueprint Inc</i>

Regrets

<i>JF - Jacquie Field</i>	<i>Fort Richmond</i>
<i>MN - Myrrhanda Novak</i>	<i>South Point</i>
<i>SP – Shane Pelletier</i>	<i>RM Ritchot</i>
<i>DD - Doug Dobrowski</i>	<i>RM Macdonald</i>

Agenda

1. Land & water acknowledgement
2. Welcome, committee purpose recap
3. Issues scan
4. Standing Updates
 - a. Long-term Site Planning & Landscaping
 - b. Odour, Noise and Nuisance Management
 - c. Site improvements, seasonal & project activity
5. New business
 - a. Outreach and Education



- b. Committee Composition Review
- 6. Action item review
- 7. Next meeting
- 8. Close and adjourn

Meeting Objectives:

- Receive updates on activities, projects and programs at Brady
- Identify issues or concerns at Brady with impact on local environment and measures to mitigate them.

Meeting Notes: Meeting began at 5:01 PM

1. Land and Water Acknowledgement
Winnipeg is located in Treaty One Territory, the home and traditional lands of the Anishinaabe (Ojibwe), Ininew (Cree), and Dakota peoples, and in the National Homeland of the Red River Métis. Our drinking water comes from Shoal Lake 40 First Nation, in Treaty Three Territory.
2. Welcome, Committee Purpose Recap
The committee purpose is to provide advice, feedback on: • Landscaping plans for physical and visual buffers from Brady's operations • Extent and frequency of noise and odour monitoring • Measures to mitigate impact of construction and operational activities on the local environment Review of meeting guidelines: • Participation & active listening • Kindness & respect • Focus, "parking lot" use
3. Intro New Representative
• Welcome new member Natalia Voks, Green Action Centre, attending her first meeting and taking over for retiring member William Dowie. • William Dowie, completing 10 years with the committee, expressed gratitude and confidence in the transition. • Welcome Christie Nairn, attending on behalf of University of Manitoba. • Sean Gallagher, attending for Ladco Company Limited. • Regrets: ○ Jacquie Field, Fort Richmond ○ Myrrhanda Novak, South Point ○ Shane Pelletier, RM of Ritchot ○ Doug Dobrowolski, RM of Macdonald
4. Issues Scan
Community representatives noted the following items for discussion at the meeting.



- DB – Ongoing concerns around recycling clarity; frustration with mixed messages from different recycling organizations.
- WD – Hopes the committee will find Indigenous representation; referenced circulated letter.
- DO – Curious about impacts of strong southern winds on operations.
- SG – Focused on Cell 35 construction and humanitarian search.
- CK – Provided brief history and context before formal updates.

Update on the planned search work beginning December 1 at the Brady Road Landfill. The search will begin December 1 and continue until complete.

- SG - Do you anticipate there being increased odor from excavation? CK - We do and we are putting mitigation measures in place, including Airspa odour-reduction systems, similar to Prairie Green. The search area has been covered for many years, which may contribute to stronger odours.
- JB - Do you scope or scan the area to know where to dig? CK - Yes, we conducted phased test pits to identify indicators and date layers. Historic drone footage provides a timeline and helps confirm the search area.
- DB - How have you communicated with the residents of the area? Councillor Lukes could help circulate a notice. CK - Information has been posted on the City website and shared with local Councillors. Residents should connect with the Councillor as well.
- DB - Is freezing ground or weather going to complicate things this time of year? CK - Unsure, but Prairie Green did around the same time of year, not overly sure.
- DO - What is the approximate target area and depth? CK - Roughly two football fields, excavated to a depth of up to four metres.
- RS - How many people are involved in the daily process? CK - Approximately 20–25 personnel, including forensic anthropologists, technical specialists, RCMP, and Winnipeg Police Service. The City is working closely with the Province and a consultant supporting the process.
- WD - Is there a public or semi-public document on lessons learned from Prairie Green? A final report? CK - Yes, available on the Prairie Green website.
- SB - The Province contributed to that report.
- JB - What is the expected timeline? CK - Uncertain, likely up to six months, but timing depends on conditions and findings.

5. Standing Updates

(a) Long-term Site Planning & Landscape

- Service road realignment has been completed.
- Shelterbelt planting (hybrid poplars and willows) completed in June 2024.
- Tree survival remains low; lime-mud berms continue to challenge vegetation growth due to very high pH.
- City exploring trial growth options on lime-mud berms for 2026.

(b) Odour, Noise and Nuisance Management

- 17 odour complaints since last meeting, among the lowest in recent years.
- Dry summer conditions contributed to reduced odour impacts.
- Fugitive emission surface scans continue; landfill cap requires continual maintenance due to settlement.
- New odour monitoring analyzer now measures odour units (beyond H₂S).



- Technologist conducts weekly monitoring at 15–18 on/off-site locations. Predominant NW and S winds influence where odour may be detected.
- RS - Do you keep track of where the complaints come from? CK - Yes, every complaint is followed up with an email to the resident itself.
- DO - Noted strong winds are less problematic than gentle winds, which reduce dispersion.
- WD - Are all odour complaints through 311? CK - Yes, all odour complaints are logged through 311.
- NC - Residents have heard rumours that the landfill is moving. CK - Confirms the landfill is not moving. Brady has 100+ years of remaining capacity and modern infrastructure.
- NC - Is that figure related to the compost pickup? CK - No, the estimate has not been recently reassessed.
- DO - Brady has strong geological advantages as a landfill site, including about 80 feet of clay. CK - Confirmed; the site meets all requirements for a long-term facility.
- DB - Are there other areas that are monitored? CK - Odour monitoring occurs regularly at multiple on- and off-site locations.
- Litter control continues. New Directions and Siloam Mission helping with litter collection.
- Wind fencing remains in use. Secondary fencing added near the compost facility.
- JB - Have you noticed a reduction in plastic bags? CK - Unfortunately, we have not. Plastic items remain a significant litter challenge.
- DO - What year was the slope failure? CK - 2019, one of the wettest years on record, lots correlating to that.

(c) Site improvements, seasonal & project activity

- 2025-yard waste collection ended Oct 31 (Week A) and Nov 7 (Week B).
- Received 303 mm of rainfall in 2025, mostly in fall, creating operational challenges.
- Winter hours began Nov 3, 2025. Brady is closed on Remembrance Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day.
- Higher number of vector (seagull) activity this year due to wildfire displacement; drone deterrents being explored for 2026.
- Egging program continues in the spring.
- Holiday Recycling guide shared, to be distributed to community.
- NC – The picture guide shows cardboard with soft plastic film attached. Is soft plastic film accepted? CK - Need to clarify that and then bring it back for these minutes.
- WD - Bubble plastic, does that get recycled? CK - No. it would not
- CN - Do you work with MMSM and CBCRA to communicate the same things and that there aren't mixed messages, is that why beverages are not communicated here? CK - They communicate, but some inconsistencies remain.
- WD - Noted that residents struggle with depot terminology and conflicting web guidance.
- CK reviewed updated map showing depots, search area, emergency cell, and future development zones.
- JG - Asked if the search facility is the large canopy structure visible on site. CK - Confirmed that it is.

6. New Business

- (a) Cell 35 construction began May 2025 with the opening anticipated in late fall 2025. Tire-derived aggregate is being used for portions of the drainage blanket.**

- CK noted the presence of the large leachate tank visible on site.

(b) New survey grade drone and software to support mapping, visualization, and progress monitoring.

(c) Public Awareness Program for lithium-ion batteries.

- CK - Lithium-ion batteries are a common cause of fires in landfills. Waste compaction causes ignition; vape pens and cellphones are frequent sources. Residents need clear direction on recycling options.
- DB - asked a clarifying question about lithium-ion battery fire risks.
- NC - Is there publicly available data and numbers based on how many lithium-ion-related fires occur to share? CK - Will look into it but does not believe that data is available.

(d) Pilot on real time methane monitoring sensors on Brady's North Slope. Looking at adding other detectors in 2026.

- DO - Are these ground-level monitors? CK - Yes, ground level. Over periods of time, low wind and speed doesn't allow things to flow off the site very well. This helps us to pinpoint those. Looking to expand this as well. CK noted the pilot does not fully capture all odour conditions but is a useful indicator.

(e) Waste volumes, cells, and leachate system

- WD - is that residential pick-up waste or everything? CK - Yes, roughly about a million tonnes of waste per year.
- WD - The City generates about half a million tonnes of waste per year.
- CK - Brady buries approximately 350,000 tonnes per year.
- JG - Asked about depth of cells CK - Current development includes over 60 cells, providing multiple years of capacity (details provided in site map walkthrough).
- RS - Asked how much volume the leachate tank holds. CK - Tank holds approximately 100,000 litres and is emptied daily. Approximately 30,000 litres of leachate hauled from Brady this year.
- DB - Who does this?
- CK - Weekly surveys are conducted by City staff; hauling is contracted out. CK noted the drone continues to be valuable for visualizing site conditions.
- WD - Added this could be a communications opportunity for public education.

(f) RFP to build a compost facility for the city-wide green cart program will be going out in January 2026 along with a campaign to inform residents. It will be built on city-owned land south of the BRRMF. Construction will begin in mid to late 2027 at the earliest.

- Potentially along Waverley Road / Rue des Trappistes.
- CN - Will the compost facility be operated by the City? CK - No. It will not.

(g) CLC to have more fulsome discussion on public education, and produce a report with recommendations, options and strategies that can be shared with City of Winnipeg corporate communications.

- MK - Discussion as a group to prepare a report, perspectives from the committee that Chris can share back with the city.
- The committee began a structured conversation to support City communications regarding recycling, waste sorting, and operational awareness. This will contribute to a recommendation report in 2026.



- Public Education & Communications Exercise (Input to be captured, refined and prepared for communications)
 - If you could fix one communication gap, what is one specific gap or point of confusion you see most often in Winnipeg's waste, recycling, or waste-reduction system, whether at Brady, at the curbside, or in public messaging?
 - SB - Confusion around proper waste segregation at the curbside.
 - DB - Public communications often leave out useful or practical information.
 - CN - Lack of alignment among organizations communicating about waste and recycling, resulting in inconsistent messaging.
 - RS & NC - Mixed messaging across single-family homes, multi-family buildings, private haulers, and City versus non-City services regarding what materials are accepted.
 - WD & DO -
 - A. Ongoing confusion about what is and is not recyclable.
 - B. Uncertainty about the lifespan of the Brady Landfill, including misconceptions about whether it will be relocated in the near future.
 - SG - As a representative connected to the Prairie Point community and the 311 system, noted that odour complaints are not always heard directly from residents, but misinformation can sometimes be passed along through 311. Suggested improved training so staff have clearer, more accurate information, particularly on topics such as odour complaints and the lifespan of the Brady Landfill.
 - JG - General confusion about roles and responsibilities across organizations involved in waste management. When new materials are released, important details are often omitted. There are many players involved, and coordination across them remains a challenge.
 - What would effective communication look like?
 - SG - Faster, more accurate responses to public inquiries.
 - JG - Communications that clearly explain why individual actions matter. For example, showing how proper curbside sorting improves diversion outcomes, reduces greenhouse gas emissions, and extends the lifespan of facilities, helping residents understand the impact of their efforts.
 - DO - Greater use of YouTube as a primary communication platform. Short, accessible videos explaining what is actually recyclable in Winnipeg could reach a wide audience.
 - WD - Use of QR codes to allow residents to scan items, such as UPC codes, to quickly learn how they can be handled or recycled in Winnipeg.
 - RS - Greater emphasis on TikTok, YouTube, and social media. Traditional newspaper and television advertising is no longer sufficient on its own.
 - NC - Clear, consistent, and uniform signage designed for different demographics, with the same information being communicated by all waste-management stakeholders.
 - SB - Importance of proactive communication using more than one medium to ensure a well-rounded approach.
 - DB - Moving beyond tools like Recyclepedia alone. Suggested analyzing search data to identify what residents are actively trying to recycle and ensuring clear answers are available. Also recommended reviewing how other jurisdictions communicate this information.
 - CN - Communication that is human-centered, persistent, clear, and delivered across multiple platforms.

- What's one low-cost action the city could implement?
 - DO - A demonstration or outreach initiative using a recognizable figure or character to walk through the full waste disposal or diversion process, showing residents that it is approachable and not intimidating.
 - WD - Proactively highlighting and celebrating partnerships such as those with Siloam Mission. Emphasize that the goal is not to generate more waste, but to show how waste is being managed responsibly and how technology is being used effectively.
 - DB - Greater use of community Facebook groups to share localized, neighbourhood-level information in a community-driven way.
 - RS - Seasonal campaigns, such as a clear poster or message around Christmas, distributed via Facebook, City websites, and community association websites.
 - NC - Bringing together all waste-management stakeholders to specifically discuss communication challenges and alignment as a starting point.
- Additional suggestions:
 - Organizing tours of the Brady Landfill for teachers.
 - Participation in Open Doors Winnipeg.
- Follow up: MK - CK will prepare a summary of this discussion to be shared with City Communications.

7. Action Item Review

Actions arising from today's meeting

- Confirm lithium-ion battery fire data availability.
- Continue 2026 committee composition process planning.

Actions arising from last meeting (Complete)

- City - Initiate a path to invite participation by Indigenous communities to this committee considering what is happening with Brady Road Landfill search.
 - Outreach to Indigenous Relations Division has been initiated.
 - Process will begin in 2026 as part of broader committee composition review. The committee discussed the importance of thoughtful, phased work to ensure sincere representation.
- City - Frame up a workshop with someone who can speak to the questions we have about public awareness re: what can and can't be sent to the landfill.
- Cell 35 location shown on updated map.

Actions to be Carried Forward

- Facilitator - Long-term site planning/vision as ongoing agenda focus.
- City - Updates on fire prevention for spring 2026 meeting.
- City – Committee composition review.
- Presentation from the Office of Sustainability on how their KPIs align with Brady's operations and landfill-related metrics. Revisit in 2026.

Standing Actions

- Facilitator - Frequency of CLC meeting will be maintained at twice per year. Tour of the site will occur every 2 years – keep in notes. Next tour date is Spring 2026.

- **Next meeting & tour date: May 6 2026.**



- **Special tour group requests:** Any groups interested in tours – contact Chris.

8. Close and adjourn at 7:08 pm