# Brady Road Resource Management Facility

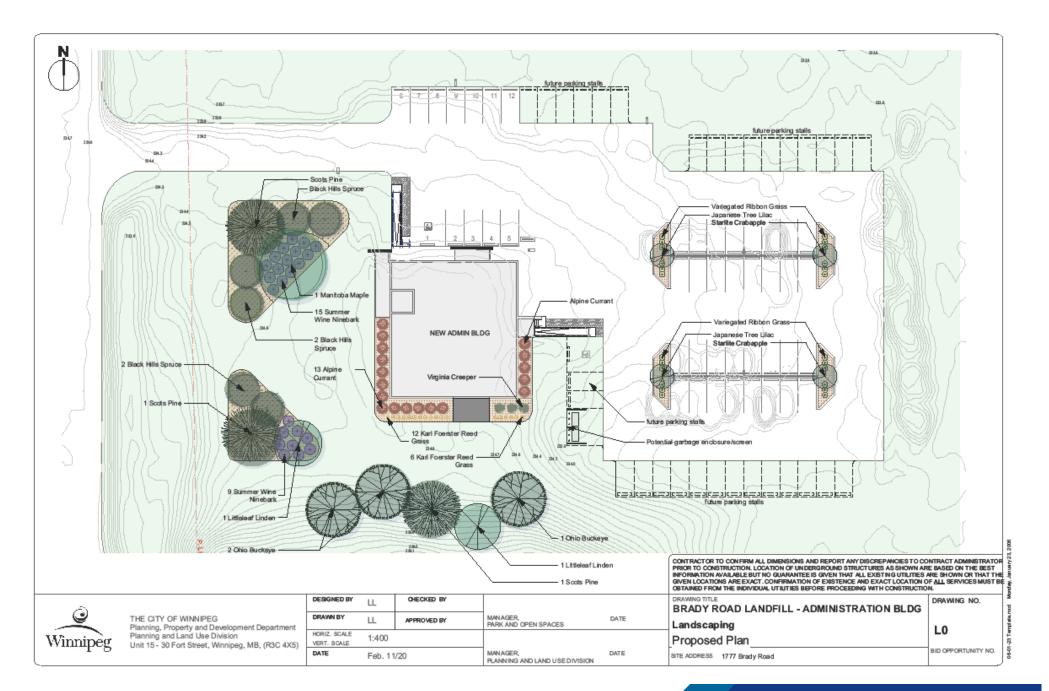
Community Liason Committee April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023



### Landscaping and Long-term Site Planning

- Landscaping will be completed in 2023 around Administration Building
- Plan for landscaping around admin building (on next slide)
- Continue working with the Province on replacements for trees lost due to service road construction
  - Planted an additional 187 trees/shrubs on the lime-mud berm
- Continue working with City Naturalists to monitor success of trees and shrubs planted on lime mud berms
- Cell 30 has been seeded with prairie grasses









### **Odour, Noise and Nuisance Management**

- Received 26 odour complaint since last meeting
- Litter control continues
  - Using wind fencing
  - New Directions helping with litter
- Looking at an alternative to daily cover by using a spray on product called Posi Shell (clay binders mixed with water)

### Site Improvements, Seasonal & Project Activity

- New service road/access to Brady in use
- 2023 curbside yard waste collection will start May 1<sup>st</sup> for week A, May 8<sup>th</sup> for week B
- We will switch to summer hours of operation on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023
- Compost giveaway May 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023



### **New Business**

- Cell 34 construction to start May 2023
- New Bird Nest and Egg contractor onsite April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023
- Site was shut down from December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022 to January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- Second shut down April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 to April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023





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### Brady Road Resource Management Facility Community Liaison Committee 2023 Survey Results

#### **Background**

In compliance with the Environment Act License # 3081R, a Community Liaison Committee (CLC) is required to advise the City of Winnipeg Water and Waste Department on 4 major items related to the Brady Road Resource Management Facility:

- The development of a landscaping plan required to License Clause 21;
- The extent and frequency of noise and odour monitoring required in License Clause 41;
- Measures to mitigate the impact of construction activities on the local environment;
- Measures to mitigate the impact of operational activities on the local environment.

The CLC was first established in 2014 and has continued to meet twice annually since then.

In April 2023, an assessment was conducted by the Committee's third-party facilitator, Blueprint Inc., to meet the following objectives.

- To understand participants' experience with this committee
- To determine topics of most interest
- To understand participants' preference for meeting times and locations
- To recommend changes that would better suit the needs and interests of the participants.

#### Method

A survey that included both scaled and open-ended questions was sent to the 13 members of the Brady CLC. Eleven members responded. The survey was also sent to 8 alternate committee members for information. Members were offered a phone interview instead of, or as well as the written survey. None requested an interview. The following is a summary of those responses.

Overall, the participants were very positive about their involvement in the CLC. The percentages indicate the percent of respondents who agreed or strongly agreed with the statement.

#### **Purpose of the Committee**

- 1. The CLC meetings give me the information I need to contribute to discussions about the landscaping plan. 82%
- 2. The CLC meetings give me the information I need to contribute to discussions about noise and odour. 82%
- 3. The CLC meetings give me the information I need to contribute to discussions about mitigating the impact of construction activities on the local environment. 82%
- 4. The CLC meetings allow for other issues to be raised that are important to me. 91%

#### Members' Comments

Participants feel strongly that the purpose of the Committee is still current and is being met. Odour is mentioned more than once with a participant curious about where there are learnings available from the experience of other landfills. It is felt that more can be done to promote the work of Brady with the public, especially with respect to the recycling program. Other topics that members identify for discussion at meetings include: improvements and upgrades to the facility, the City of Winnipeg municipal organics study, any new research conducted at the site, GWG calculations and the overall plan for the landfill. It was also noted that the mission of the CLC could be refreshed, especially since the disruption due to covid.

#### Impact of CLC

5. The input of the CLC makes a difference and is reflected in the decisions that are made at the Brady Road Resource Management Facility. **82**%

#### Members' Comments

The communication between the City of Winnipeg [Water and Waste staff] and the community is seen as positive. The participants recognise that their impact is somewhat limited due to the size and complexity of city operations. However, the tree planting program is identified as the greatest contribution by the CLC, resulting in more species being introduced at the site.

#### Membership

6. The right people are at the table to represent the local community. **63**%

#### Members' Comments

The members present are seen as well engaged over time, and there is good balance of experts, non-profits and residents in attendance. It is suggested by some that the membership criteria be reviewed and expanded to include more local representation from south Winnipeg due to population growth in that area. One member identified that the entire city has a stake in Brady, thus broader representation across the city could be considered. Should broader membership be considered, recruitment through social media, print media and through City Counsellors was recommended.

#### Logistics

- 7. The meetings are well run so that everyone has a chance to contribute. 100%
- 8. Meeting materials and follow up notes are distributed in a timely manner. 100%
- 9. Meetings twice annually is the right amount of time. 73%
- 10. I prefer in- person meetings to virtual meetings. 73%
- 11. I prefer in-person meetings with a virtual option. 60%
- 12. Meetings over the dinner hour work the best for my schedule. 73%

#### Members' Comments

The meetings are seen as well run, with materials being distributed in a timely fashion. There is no consensus about in-person vs virtual meetings, but there is a slight preference for in-person meetings, especially since they are only twice annually. In-person meetings are seen as encouraging healthier discussion, but hybrid meetings encourage greater attendance and reduce barriers to attendance. One participant noted that the location of the meeting should take accessibility to public transit into account or encourage car-pooling. Continuing to provide food at meetings is seen as important. The majority who responded think that meetings twice annually is appropriate.

#### **Overall satisfaction**

13. I enjoy being a member of the CLC 100%

#### General comments

- It has been a pleasure to serve on this committee.
- I think that Brady needs to be part of "Open Doors Winnipeg" ... somehow.
- I find the information interesting, and the meetings very well run. I enjoy sharing with the members of my executive on the neighbourhood association.
- Given that there is no environmental committee at the City level, can this multistakeholder group be advisory to other important issues? Using Brady as a proxy or a microcosm?
- Is the Mission / purpose of committee still useful?

#### **Blueprint Inc's Recommendations**

The following recommendations are offered for consideration based on the feedback received:

- 1. Review the Terms of Reference of the CLC to ensure that the work of the CLC is still consistent with the mission as set out by the Provincial License.
- 2. Review the membership requirements of the CLC as set out by the Provincial license, to ensure that it includes new population growth in South Winnipeg.
- 3. Return to in-person meetings. Consider a hybrid option.
- 4. Continue to meet twice annually, in the evening that includes a dinner option.
- 5. Leverage the CLC for opportunities to promote the work of the Brady Landfill citywide.

#### Summary of feedback and recommendations with Department response

| <b>Recommendations and Member Suggestions</b>  | Water and Waste Department Response   |
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| Review the Terms of Reference of the CLC to ensure that the mission is still consistent with the evolution of the committee. | The Terms of Reference are determined by the Environment Act licence, and under the jurisdiction of the Provincial Government.  The City does not have the authority to change these but reviewing them to ensure that the committee work remains consistent with the mandate is an excellent idea. |
| Review the membership requirements in light of the growth of South Winnipeg and Brady's relevance to the City as a whole.    | Minimum membership requirements for the CLC are set out in the provincial license. We should review the membership requirements and address any major gaps since they were written.   |
| Return to in-person meetings. Consider a hybrid option.  | The CLC will return to in person meetings. If the meeting space is tech-enabled such that virtual members have equal access to discussion, a virtual option will be provided. We are hesitant to provide a virtual option unless all members can participate equally.                               |
| Continue to meet twice annually, in the evening, with a dinner option.   | Great!  |
| Conduct meetings in venues accessible by public transit or arrange carpools.   | When meeting in the City (i.e., not out at the landfill) we can include bus information.  Members should feel free to use the CLC mailing list to arrange for carpools.   |
| Leverage the CLC for opportunities to promote the Brady Landfill city-wide.  | Currently, there is stakeholder engagement work related to sustainability and environment underway through the City's Office of Sustainability. We can look for opportunities to share work across city departments.  |
| Include the Brady Landfill in Open Doors<br>Winnipeg.  | Interesting idea. We will explore the feasibility of this and report back to the committee.   |