



**Town of Oxford  
Committee of the Whole**

**Notice of Meeting**

Date: Wednesday, December 13, 2023  
Time: 6:00 pm  
Place: Council Chambers and conducted through and zoom streamed live to Facebook

**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order – Welcome
2. Approval of Agenda  
*pages 1 - 2*
3. Presentation
  - 3.1 Stephen Rayworth, General Manager for GFL Environmental Inc.  
*pages 3 - 15*
4. Approval of the Minutes – November 8, 2023  
*pages 16 - 20*
5. Town Departments Reports
  - 5.1 Public Works Department – presented by Nick Purdy, Public Works Supervisor  
*page 21*
  - 5.2 Fire Department – presented by Bruce Rushton, Fire Chief and Kyle Purdy, Deputy Fire Chief  
*to be submitted separately*
  - 5.3 Municipal Physical Activity Report – presented by Jimmy Ward, MPAL Leader

*to be submitted separately*

5.4 Administration Report – presented by Linda Cloney, CAO  
*pages 22 - 23*

6. Council Committees and Boards Reports – presented by Linda Cloney, CAO  
6.1 Accessibility Advisory Committee Report  
*Verbal report*

6.2 All Saints Community Health Care Foundation  
*pages 24 - 25*

6.3 Cumberland Public Library Report  
*page 26*

6.4 Solid Waste Management Report  
*pages 27 – 28*

6.5 Police Advisory Board Report  
*pages 29 – 32*

6.6 Cumberland Central Landfill Community Liaison Committee Report  
*pages 33 - 36*

7. Items of discussion and correspondence – presented by Linda Cloney, CAO  
7.1 Nil

8. Adjournment



DECEMBER 13, 2023

# We are **Green For Life**

GFL is the vision of our Founder and CEO, Patrick Dovigi. Patrick started GFL in 2007 when he was 26 years old with a single solid waste transfer station east of Toronto, Canada, and the desire to build a sustainable environmental solutions company with a difference – a 'one-stop shop' provider that would meet all our customers' diverse environmental service needs.

Today, GFL is the fourth largest provider of environmental solutions in North America with over 20,000 employees. We provide our solid, liquid and soil remediation services to customers and communities across Canada and more than half of the U.S. states.

As a founder-based company, we are different than many of our larger competitors. Our entrepreneurial and innovative culture is what makes us stand out. In all our diverse lines of service, we provide solutions that allow our customers to manage their waste in an environmentally-responsible manner, and that help support our shared sustainability goals. That's why our vision is to be ***Green For Life***.

# GFL (Solids) in Atlantic Canada

- Over 500 employees
- Regional Office Located in Dartmouth
  - Tim White, Regional Vice President
- 9 hauling sites (Sydney, Halifax, New Glasgow, Antigonish, Fredericton, Moncton, Saint John, Charlottetown, St John's)
- 5 solid waste sites (West Hants, Cumberland, Guysborough, Miramichi, North Road)
  - Chris MacDonald, Director of Landfill Operations & Environmental Compliance

# Cumberland

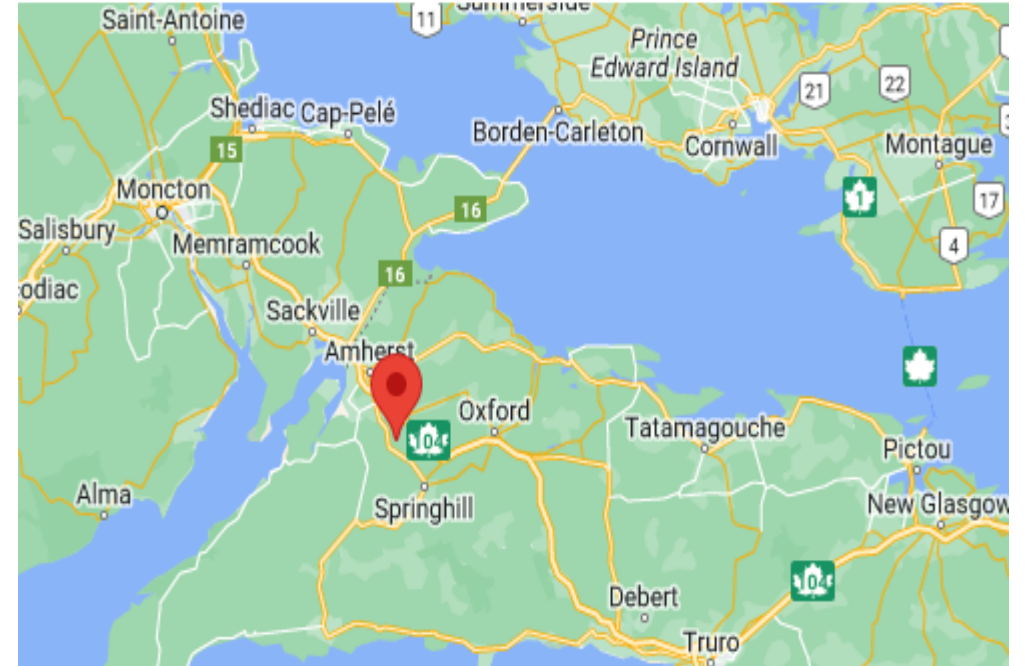
## Acquired on February 1, 2022

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation Landfill
- Composting Facility
- Construction & Demolition Debris Landfill
- Recycling Transfer Station
- Asbestos Disposal
- Septage Facility
- Leachate Treatment Facility

## 25 Year service agreement as part of sale

- Outlines requirements of all parties
- Annual tipping fee increase (CPI) July 1

## Existing Approval Requires a Community Liaison Committee



# Community Liaison Committee

- Approval requires establishment of a Community Liaison Committee
- Committee meets twice annually, usually in the spring and fall
- Purpose (from the Committee Terms of Reference):
  - “The Cumberland Central Landfill Community Liaison Committee (“the Committee”) will provide an opportunity for regular consultation between GFL Environmental Inc. (GFL), the Municipality of the County of Cumberland, the Towns of Amherst and Oxford and the community at large on matters relating to the operation of the Cumberland Central Landfill (“the site”) during its operating period.”
- Committee comprises of:
  - An independent Chair
  - One elected official from each municipality
  - Ideally 2 residents in vicinity of the site
  - Ideally 2 residents/business owners from the broader Cumberland region
  - The Municipal Solid Waste Educator
  - Representatives from GFL
    - A representative from NSECC is also invited

# 2<sup>ND</sup> Generation Landfill



Landfill designed with many layers of environmental protection

- Material received
- Compacted
- Covered daily

# Compost Facility



- Material shredded and mixed with amendment to reduce moisture ratio
- Placed in windrows – let mother nature break down material
  - Turn piles to ensure aeration
  - Material screened to remove contaminants

# Construction & Demolition Landfill



- Clay lined disposal area
  - Material that has been attached to a structure
  - Material covered frequently to minimize litter and leachate generation
  - New regulations July 5, 2023

# Recycling Transfer Station



Material delivered in hauling vehicles

- No sorting ability on-site
- Material consolidated and shipped to MRFs' for processing

# Asbestos Disposal



- Requires 24 hours' notice
- Hole dug in advance
  - Truck dumps asbestos into hole
  - Material covered immediately

# Septage Facility



For households with septic tanks

- Haulers empty into aerated holding tank
- Solids removed using polymer/geobags
- Liquid effluent goes to leachate treatment system

# Leachate Treatment Facility



Very similar to wastewater treatment facility

- Includes lift stations, underground lines, etc to get leachate from cells to facility
- Sampled monthly
- Wastewater Treatment License required



THANK YOU

QUESTIONS?



## Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting

Place: Council Chambers, Zoom, streamed-live to Facebook  
Date: Wednesday, November 8, 2023  
Presiding Officer: Deputy Mayor Arnold MacDonald  
Councillors Present: Carla Black, Chrystal McNutt, Olivia Canning, Paul Jones, and Mayor Greg Henley  
Councillors Regrets: Brenton Colborne

**Staff in attendance:** Linda Cloney - CAO, Stan McDougall - Admin Assistant (recording secretary), Nick Purdy - Public Works Supervisor, Jimmy Ward – MPAL, and Bruce Rushton - Fire Chief

**Public in attendance:** Nil

Fire Chief Bruce Rushton left the meeting at 6:19 PM.  
MPAL Jimmy Ward left the meeting at 6:24 PM.

### 1. Call to Order / Welcome

At 6:02 PM, Deputy Mayor Arnold MacDonald called the meeting to order.

### 2. Approval of Agenda (pages 1-2)

Moved by Mayor Henley and seconded by Councillor Jones that the agenda of the Committee of the Whole Meeting for November 8, 2023, be approved, as presented.

***Motion Carried***

### 3. Presentation

3.1 Mariana Nardy, Y Reach Settlement Support for Oxford & Pugwash areas -  
*Introduction of Ms. Nardy provided by Councillor Black*  
***(Verbal presentation)***

***Councillor Black introduced Mariana Nardy, the Y Reach Settlement and Support Staff for the Oxford and Pugwash from the YMCA Immigration Services. Y Reach stands for Recognizing, Extending, Aligning and Community Horizons.***

Deputy Mayor Arnold MacDonald and the Committee of the Whole thanked Mariana for her presentation.

#### **4. Approval of minutes from the previous meeting**

- 4.1 Committee of the Whole Minutes – October 11, 2023  
*(pages 3-7)*

**Approved by** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Deputy Mayor Arnold MacDonald, Chair, on November 8, 2023**

#### **5. Reports of Town Departments – presented by respective Department Heads**

- 5.1 Public Works Report – *Nick Purdy presented, (pages 8-9)*  
5.2 Fire Department Report and Monthly Call Report – *Fire Chief Bruce Rushton presented. (Report to be submitted separately)*  
5.3 Municipal Physical Activity Leader (MPAL) Reports – *Jimmy Ward presented. (pages 10-27)*  
5.4 Administration Department Reports – *Linda Cloney presented. (pages 28-29)*

Deputy Mayor Arnold MacDonald thanked the Town Department Heads for their respective reports.

#### **6. Reports of Committees and Boards – Linda Cloney presented all reports, reports available for review in package.**

- 6.1 Accessibility Advisory Committee, *(page 30-37)*

Deputy Mayor Arnold MacDonald thanked all Committees and Boards for their respective reports.

#### **7. Items of Discussion and Correspondence**

- 7.1 **Mary Black, Nova Scotia Power – Fall Update re: NS-NB Reliability Tie – Information - Linda Cloney presented, (page 38)**

CAO Cloney discussed with the Committee of the Whole the NS-NB Reliability Tie update from Mary Black, Nova Scotia Power. From a previous COW meeting held last year at the Fire Hall, this updates the information provided at that meeting. Conceptual engineering and geotechnical investigations have been completed for the project in preparation for the filing of the Class 1 environmental assessment to Nova Scotia Environment and Climate Change for the construction and operation of the Reliability Intertie between Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

**7.2 Information/Communication Technology Usage Policy – Amendments requested – *Linda Cloney presented, (pages 39-42)***

CAO Cloney reviewed with the Committee of the Whole the policy as adopted on June 20, 2022. This policy has been further reviewed to line up with the Oxford Technology Devices Policy in agenda item 7.3. The Information/Communication Technology Usage Policy is being updated for some grammar updates which have been highlighted. Further discussion and a motion to approve these changes are to be made at the next Council meeting.

**7.3 Oxford Technology Devices Policy – Amendments requested– *Linda Cloney presented, (pages 43-48)***

CAO Cloney reviewed with the Committee of the Whole the policy and amendments to be made to the policy for some grammar updates as highlighted but also to address an addition on page 4 of 5 regarding employee layoff, retirement, or leaving employment at the Town of Oxford, which includes all Council. The change adds that when leaving employment for any reason, all devices must be returned to the Town of Oxford for proper disposal of municipal property. Further discussion and a motion to approve these changes are to be made at the next Council meeting.

**7.4 Municipal Housing Needs Report – Information - *Mayor Henley presented, (pages 49-76),***

Mayor Henley presented the Committee of the Whole the Municipal Housing Needs Report. Mayor Henley discussed that the report's information seemed to be based on the latest census that suggested the Town of Oxford's population has gone down and the information presented in the report is based on that decrease in population based on current population is not accurate.

**7.5 Municipal Registration: EPR for PPP – Update for municipalities – Divert NS – Information - *Linda Cloney presenting, (pages 77-79)***

CAO Cloney updated the Committee of the Whole on the EPR for PPP. Over the next few weeks, Divert Nova Scotia will be providing municipalities with further information about the registration process. The Committee of the Whole has already passed a motion to opt into the program and therefore

will be registering for this process. The update, included in the package, also contains further information in the frequently asked questions section.

7.6 Snow and Ice Management Policy – Amendments requested – *Nick Purdy presented, (pages 80-87)*

Public Works Supervisor Nick Purdy reviewed with the Committee of the Whole regarding requested amendments to be made to the Snow and Ice Management Policy to be presented to the Committee of the Whole for acceptance at the next meeting.

The Winter Ban parking was announced as now in effect until April 1, 2024.

Moved by Councillor Jones and seconded by Councillor McNutt to recommend to the Council to accept the amendments to the Snow and Ice Management Policy, as presented.

***Motion Carried***

Prior to the adjournment of the meeting, Deputy Mayor Arnold MacDonald made the following announcements:

Remembrance Day Ceremony for 2023, to be held on Saturday, November 11, 2023. The Cenotaph Service will begin at 10:45 AM. There would be no parade to the cenotaph. The Legion will be open after the ceremony for coffee or tea, or hot chocolate. Between 5 PM to 6 PM there will be a meet and greet and at 6:00 PM there will be supper. The cost is \$15.00 per person, and Veterans are no charge.

The Transfer Station will be closed on Saturday, November 11, 2023, for Remembrance Day. The Town Office and Public Works Department will be closed Monday, November 13, 2023.

## **8. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

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**Deputy Mayor, Arnold MacDonald, Chair**

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**Stan McDougall, Admin Assistant**

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**Date Approved**

**DRAFT**

## **Public Works Report November 2023**

**Weekly garbage pick ups.**

**Weekly water samples.**

**Water meter reads for house closings.**

**New sump pump installed at well#4**

**624 loader serviced by Brandt tractor**

**2 new sections of sidewalk installed**

**Water break on Foundry Street**

**Gravel holes on water break patches**

**Yearly service on flow meters**

**Christmas float for parade**

**Greased fire hydrants**

**Water break on Waverly Street.**

**Water break on Water Street.**

**Pothole patching on Pugwash Road**

**Installed Christmas decorations through out town**

**Storm drains for heavy rain**

**Repaired water leak on Foundry Street**

**Painted new cross walk on Water Street, along with new signs and maintenance to sidewalk due to bridge being closed.**

**Winter maintenance on salt truck**

**Water break on Pugwash Road.**

**Any questions feel free to reach out, Thanks.**

**Nick Purdy**

**Public Works Supervisor**

**902-397-3002**



## November 2023

- License registrations processed for Public Works vehicles.
- Started a draft revision to the Town of Oxford Personnel/Employee Policy started for additional wording, grammar, and other amendments to bring it up to date.
- Mental Wellness AMANS session in Springhill Nov. 21, 2023, with clerk.
- Zoom meeting with Manager of Finance for AMANS re: Taxable vs. Exempt Supplies for Municipalities Nov 16, 2023
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Water Bills – prepped and printed water bills. Assisted clerk in sorting, folding, and sealing to send out in the mail.
- **Monthly Interest Posting** in TownSuite for Property and Water taxes completed.
- **Online social media Posting:** Town & Provincial-Related articles, news, alerts, proclamations, minutes, notices, surveys, and updates to the Oxford website and Oxford Facebook Pages.
- **Accounts payable** - paying bills online via Scotia Bank.
- **Deposits** – Posting in Sage50 for General & Water Operating, assisting when required to set up deposit batches for the clerk in her absence.
- **Bill Posting** - in Sage50 bills are paid online, by Visa, by cheque, and bills due to Water Operating account 1303/58xx.
- **Mid-month reporting** for Payroll (Manulife Pension, Union Dues, Workman’s Comp, Source Deductions (Revenue Canada)), and payment of the above in Scotia Bank.
- **IT Support and Maintenance for:**
  - **Hardware and devices** – Troubleshooting, updates to software and firmware, and maintenance to printers, computers, laptops, cell phones, tablets, and other devices.
  - Updates to Microsoft Windows 11, Microsoft Office 365, Sage50 Accounting, TownSuite, Adobe Acrobat, system drivers, and other software.
  - **Daily Backup** - Maintaining a daily backup of server data to external hard drive. Stored daily in the safe.
- **Payroll:**
  - Timesheet entry & analysis bi-weekly into payroll spreadsheet. Requested information from Connie’s Financial Services and from employees regarding hours and other payroll information when required.
  - Submission of payroll timesheet to Connie’s Financial and processing generated paystubs into Scotiabank online banking for each employee for the pay period with Council included monthly.
  - Payroll time allocation tracking for Public Works assisting the Manager of Finance with current and future budgets and Public Works time allocation to set GL accounts.
  - Keeping track of and analysis of LIEU, Sick, and Vacation hours ongoing for all staff

- Analysis and tracking of anniversaries and changes to accumulated bi-weekly values for Sick and Vacation hours as required and as per CUPE and admin HR booklets.
- **Covering at the front desk** – customer service for tax and water payments and general inquiries when the clerk is absent.
- **Various Committee and Council/COW meetings:** Assisting in assembling and printing agenda packages, recording minutes, updating action items, scanning, and uploading minutes and related information to the Oxford website and file server (Health & Safety, COW, Council, Accessibility, Policing Services Review, etc.). Auditing minutes and website to ensure past minutes, proclamations, bylaws, policies, and other documentation were signed and uploaded for committees and council. Audio/Video setup and troubleshooting as required for Zoom. Uploading Zoom meeting video from Facebook to YouTube.
- **Website and Facebook page updates:** Posting of updates regularly to the Town of Oxford website and Town of Oxford Facebook pages.
- **Other administrative/clerical/IT and general duties as required and ongoing.**

**ALL SAINTS COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE FOUNDATION**

**Regular Meeting**

**September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**9:30am**

**Multipurpose Room ASCHC**

**Present:** Doug Marshall, Bob Spence, Mary-Lou Bourgeois, Jim Kurchak, Carol Brown, Ken Brownell, Linda Cloney, Maryanne Jackson, Rev'd Dr. Brian Spence, Dr. Colette Sauveru

**Regrets:** Archie St.Peter

**1) Call to order:** Chairman Doug Marshall called the meeting to order at 10:20am.

**2) Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION**

**Carol Brown/Bob Spence**

To approve Agenda as presented

**CARRIED**

**3) Approval of Minutes:**

**MOTION**

**Linda Cloney/MaryLou Bourgeois**

To accept the minutes of June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023, as presented

**CARRIED**

**4) Business arising from the minutes**

- a) **Dave Higgs Investment Report** – Dave reported on the Foundations investments with Wood Gundy and answered any questions the board members had. Dave's report is attached.
- b) **Equipment Request** – Maryanne has requested 2 Bikes for the rehab department totaling \$5,736.20 and wound care cart for the emergency/ambulatory care department totaling \$5,083.06.

**MOTION**

**Brian Spence/Ken Brownell**

To save the above requests totaling \$10,819.26 to our first meeting in the new year.

**CARRIED**

- c) **Bylaws Review** – Charles Ellis has agreed to review the bylaws and take into consideration of anything we want or need to change to bring the bylaws up to date. Doug, Bob, and Brian will sit with Charles to discuss the review. Charles is doing this on a voluntary basis therefore there will be no charge to the board.

**MOTION**

**Bob Spence/Brian Spence**

To approve the review of our bylaws.

**CARRIED**

- d) **Investment Withdrawal** – \$50,000.00 was withdrawn from our Wood Gundy account on September 14<sup>th</sup> to cover committed equipment purchases for 2023.

**5) Reports:**

- 1) **Dr. Sauveur** – attached.
- 2) **Maryanne Jackson** – attached.
- 3) **Jim Kurchak** - reported the Auxiliary meets next week to discuss and vote on whether it will continue or fold.
- 4) **Treasurer** - Mary-Lou reported on the Foundations finances.

**MOTION**

**Bob Spence/Linda Cloney**

To accept Mary-Lou's financial report as presented.

**CARRIED**

**6) Correspondence:** No Correspondence

7) **New Business:** Doug wanted to report that the exercise machine we funded for the community center was originally on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor off the walking track. It has since been moved downstairs underneath the bleachers. Doug has a close friend that was using the equipment and the lights went out as they are on motion detection, and it was cold. Doug is working with the supervisor and mayor to see if we can get heat there and inquire why it was moved.

8) **Other:** Next meeting - November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 9:30am.

9) **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn this meeting was offered by Carol Brown.

# External Committee Report

## Cumberland Public Libraries

### November 2023

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#### **DEIA overview of policies**

The Board has started a review of Cumberland Public Libraries' (CPL) Personnel and Operational policies. CPL had an audit of all of our policies done through a Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility lens. This audit was conducted by Chrysalis Human Rights Agency and the library received a grant to cover the cost.

#### **Rapid Test Still Available**

Cumberland Public libraries is still distributing Covid-19 test at all our locations.

#### **Fundraising**

CPL is hoping to engage in some fundraising activities in 2024 an attempt to offset some of our impending deficit. Laura Teasdale wrote a play that she is providing for free to public libraries in Canada. She has indicated it could be used for fundraising purposes. One of our regular library patrons has donated paintings to be used in a possible auction. The Library will be looking for volunteers to help us implement these fundraising activities.

#### **Statistics**

In the month of September, Cumberland Public Libraries signed out over 12,000 items, 922 items in the Oxford library alone. This includes books, movies, TV shows, magazines, ebooks and more.

Also, in September the Oxford library offered 3 in-person programs with 57 people in attendance. The Oxford library had 336 in person visits.

**Next Board meeting February 20, 2024.**

# Cumberland Region Solid Waste Management Report

## December 2023

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### Provincial Updates

#### Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)

- Staff are working on the registration/data collection file to Divert NS for EPR.

#### 300kg Goal

- Nova Scotia Environment received feedback on the consultation on reducing the province's solid waste disposal rate to 300 kg per person per year by 2030 and are now working on a "What We Heard" document.

#### Sharps

- There has been a lot of discussion at the Regional Chairs/Coordinators table around the Voluntary Sharps Program. Some municipalities are seeing a shortage of containers available at their pharmacies and facilities are seeing the materials come across the recycling sort line. A request has been made by Divert NS, Coordinators, and NSE to meet with the Pharmacy Association of NS so that we can share our concerns.

### Education & Enforcement

#### Recycling Audits

- Due to recent audit results at the Cumberland Central Recycling Facility, staff are currently working on an education campaign to promote Dual Stream Recycling to try to reduce the level of contamination in recycling bags.

#### GFL Community Liaison Committee

- The committee met on November 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- There was significant discussion on the recent recycling audits that took place. GFL is looking for improvement in source separation and will begin rejecting loads on February 1, 2023 if necessary.
- The new transfer station for recyclables is nearing completion.
- A new cover for the compost building took place in October 2023.
- GFL has invested over \$2M in the site in 2023.
- GFL reported that they will be working on a landfill expansion plan throughout 2024.

#### Nova Scotia Community College

- Staff presented to the students of the Continuing Care Program at NSCC in Amherst on proper waste separation.

### Schools

- Staff continue to work with schools to ensure that they have the proper containers in place for source separation.

### Electronics Drop Off

- The drop off location in Amherst (The Bridge Workshop) is no longer accepting electronics, instead residents can now take electronics to the Cumberland Central Landfill in Little Forks.

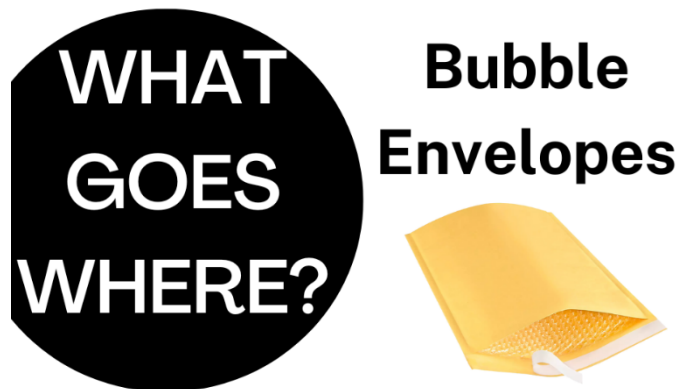
### Social Media

Staff continue to have weekly “What Goes Where Posts” on our Cumberland County Solid Waste FB page.



Bring select end of life electronics to an EPRA drop-off centre. Visit <https://recyclemyelectronics.ca> for a list of acceptable products and drop off locations near you.

Wondering "What Goes Where?"  
Download our free mobile app *Cumberland County Solid Waste*  
and take the guesswork out of sorting!



These types of envelopes belong in the garbage. This is an example of a multi-material product that is not recyclable due to the fact that the plastic and paper can't be separated.

Wondering "What Goes Where?" Download our free mobile app *Cumberland County Solid Waste*



Did you know that you can return up to four regulated used tires, to any tire retailer for free?

Unwanted or worn-out tires must be whole, off rim and free of mud and debris.

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**RCMP**



ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

# Town of Oxford

## Police Advisory Board

**July 1 to September 30, 2023**

Sgt. Brian Cameron



Royal Canadian Mounted Police  
Gendarmerie royale du Canada

Canada

# Town of Oxford

Calls for Service  
July 1 – September 30, 2023

## Criminal Code Offences

Assault	1
Break and Enter	2
Criminal Harassment	1
Disturbing the Peace	2
Extortion without Firearm	1
Fraud	2
Make Sexually explicit materials available to a child	1
Mischief	8
Non Pursuit Flight from Peace Officer	1
Theft	7
Unauthorized Possession of Firearm	1
Uttering Threats	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>

## Non Criminal Code Offences

Motor Vehicle Act – Speeding	11
Motor Vehicle Act – Seat Belt	5
Motor Vehicle Act – Use of Electronic Hand-held Device	1
Driving while Disqualified	1
Traffic Collision	4
Check stops	5
Other Provincial Traffic Offences	12
CDSA	1
Coroners Act	1
Child Welfare Act	1
Firearms Act	1
Liquor Act	1
Mental Health Act	2
Off Road Vehicle Act	2
Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Property	9
Wellness Checks	5
Other non Criminal Code Offences	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>78</b>
<b>Total Criminal Code and Non CC calls for Service</b>	<b>108</b>

# Oxford Detachment Occurrences

July 1 – September 30, 2023

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**20231317369** Protest- Main Street during first day of school. Arrangements were made to stand down the protest and the School Board agreed to meet with the involved party.

**2023993690** Mischief - Oxford Regional Educational Center's windows were broken overnight. More than 32 windows were broken. 3 suspects observed on video, 2 of them observed causing the damage by throwing rocks. The suspects were recorded on video but covered their faces.

**20231308988/ 20231423500** Off Road Vehicle Act- Two ATV operators were charged while operating ATV's on Main street. One was charged for not having registration while the second incident involved a driver failing to wear a helmet.

**2023950890** 911- Male called to report a Break & Enter he was irate and uncooperative to dispatch stating someone broke into his house and took everything out and let his dogs out and they are running around in oxford. The complainant threatened police and started fighting with brother in law and damaging a truck with a pipe. He was arrested for causing a disturbance, uttering threats and mischief. Due to extensive history he was held to be released by a judge.

**20231027255** 911- Toddler and infant locked accidentally in a Dodge Ram. Member attended and a tow was called but they were going to be roughly 10 minutes. The mother said that was too long and gave member permission to smash a window. Member smashed the front passenger door window and the children were safely removed.

## Cumberland County RCMP Resources

### District Office:

**District Commander:** Staff Sergeant, (Vacant Expected January 1<sup>st</sup>)

**Operations NCO:** Sergeant

**Community Policing officer:** Constable, (Vacant due to paternity leave)

**Domestic Violence Coordinator,** Public Servant.

One Public Servant

### Amherst Detachment:

**NCO:** Corporal

Five Constables

One Public Servant, (Vacant expected to be filled January 1<sup>st</sup>)

### Oxford Detachment:

**NCO:** Corporal

Four Constables

One Public Servant

### Parrsboro Detachment:

**NCO:** Corporal, (Vacant)

Four Constables, (One Vacancy)

One Public Servant

### Springhill Detachment:

**NCO:** Sergeant

Six Constables, (Four on light duties or off duty sick.)

New Cadet has been named and will arrive in January.

One Public Servant

### Pugwash Detachment:

**NCO** Corporal

Three Constables (One on Paternity Leave)

One Public Servant

### Street Crime Unit:

Is currently not up and running. A new Corporal in Charge has been named and a vacant constable position is expected to be filled in the coming months. The third member is currently filling a shortage on the watch.

### Surplus to Establishment:

The province has given Cumberland a STE position which will allow us to get another member without Cost to the Town of Oxford or the County. This position is currently with staffing.



**Cumberland Central Landfill Community Liaison Committee**  
**May 16, 2023 – 11:00 AM**  
**Minutes**

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**PRESENT:** Councillor Lisa Emery - Town of Amherst  
Councillor Mark Joseph - Municipality of the County of Cumberland  
Linda Cloney - Town Clerk, Town of Oxford  
Don McCormack - Principal, NSCC Cumberland  
Brenda Rioux - Municipal Solid Waste Education & Contract Coordinator  
Beverly Smith - Hydrogeologist, Dillon Consulting Limited  
Neil Gillis - Nova Scotia Environment and Climate Change  
Chris MacDonald - GFL Dir. Landfill Operations & Environmental Compliance  
Stephen Rayworth - General Manager, GFL Environmental Inc. (Cumberland LF)  
Kathy Douglas - Recording Secretary, GFL Environmental Inc.

**REGRETS:** Councillor Chrystal McNutt - Town of Oxford  
Dylan Dawson - Community Member  
Greg Herrett - CAO, Municipality of the County of Cumberland  
Jason MacDonald - CAO, Town of Amherst

**1. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS**

Members were welcomed to the meeting. There were introductions around the table. Mr. Rayworth suggested a change in the order of the agenda. He will proceed with a PowerPoint presentation of the Landfill Cell Liner, originally prepared by Chris Shortall of Dillon Consulting in 2017.

**2. PRESENTATION – LANDFILL CELL LINER**

Mr. Rayworth reviewed the procedure for closing a cell once capacity has been reached. The liner system schematic shows the various layers of specialized materials utilized (total thickness of 2 metres).

Mr. Rayworth explained that once the cell has been closed, the material breaks down over time. Mr. MacDonald added that research has indicated that after approximately 100 years, the material no longer produces methane, leachate, etc. There is continuous testing after the cell has been closed. Mr. Rayworth noted that the CLC Committee meetings are scheduled around the Dillon Consulting sampling reports – spring and fall. Today, Bev Smith of Dillon will be reporting on the Fall of 2022 events.

**3. REVIEW OF TERMS OF REFERENCE**

Mr. Rayworth noted that it is a regulatory requirement to establish a Community Liaison Committee. It is important to make everyone aware of site operations as well as plans for the

future. Dillon Consulting has reached out to area residents while conducting well monitoring. Mr. MacDonald noted that the situation is similar at other sites. GFL wants to develop a trusting relationship/partnership with its neighbours. Ms. Cloney suggested that the Town of Oxford could reach out to industry leaders such as Oxford Frozen Foods.

Mr. Rayworth added that we are seeking an independent Committee Chair. As noted previously, meetings will be held twice a year based on Dillon's reporting requirements.

Councillor Joseph suggested the first step should be a 15-minute presentation to explain the liner system to the Municipal Committees of the Whole. Ms. Cloney suggested a presentation to a Joint Council meeting of the 3 Municipal Units. Please submit requests to Mr. Rayworth – the CAOs have his contact information. Mr. MacDonald noted that presentations are topic driven and can be tailored to a request. He felt that the information on the cell liner is good for those on the Committee to understand but may be too technical for the general public.

**4. NOMINATION OF CHAIR**

It was noted that the position of Chair cannot be held by an elected official. **Moved by** Councillor Emery and seconded by Councillor Joseph to nominate Don McCormack for the position of Chair. Mr. McCormack accepted the nomination. **MOTION CARRIED**  
Mr. MacDonald thanked Mr. McCormack for his offer to hold these meetings at NSCC.

{Mr. McCormack assumed the role of Chair.}

**5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Moved by** Councillor Emery, seconded by Councillor Joseph to accept the Agenda as circulated. **MOTION CARRIED**

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of NOVEMBER 9, 2022**

**Moved by** Councillor Emery, seconded by Ms. Rioux to accept the Minutes of November 9, 2022 as circulated. **MOTION CARRIED**

**7. SITE INITIATIVES REPORT**

Mr. Rayworth provided a brief overview of his report. Divert NS is conducting waste audits at all landfills in the province to better inform regulators of possible opportunities for future diversion programs. GFL will be conducting audits of recyclable materials to identify contamination levels in incoming materials to better inform municipalities of opportunities to strengthen program compliance.

Mr. MacDonald noted that efforts must be made to support the mandate recently provided by NSECC to reduce the volume/person/year to 300 kg. by 2030. In Nova Scotia, the volume is currently over 400 kg/person/year. Ms. Rioux noted that we must have a plan on how to reach that goal.

Mr. Rayworth noted that NS Solid Waste Regulations are not permissive – the regulations state what *cannot* be done. For example, organics are *not* permitted in the landfill.

Effective July 1, 2023, treated wood is *not* permitted in the Construction & Demolition site.

Contamination comes in many forms – it is what you *cannot* put in recycling. Previous audits have shown that recyclables are not as well sorted as they should be. Up to 40% of material in blue bags is contaminated. Commercial loads are worse than residential but residential is not great either. Contamination can be plastics/containers in the paper/cardboard bag or vice versa. Covid has also had an impact on the situation.

Ms. Rioux asked about timelines for dealing with contamination. Mr. MacDonald stated that further communication must take place. He asked how much rejection is being conducted curbside. Ms. Rioux noted that she gets daily reports from the haulers. She also noted that previously, there was an allowable level of contamination. Mr. MacDonald replied that 10% would be expected. He noted that once the new Transfer Station is up and running, GFL can better understand what weight of recyclables is coming in and going out. Ms. Cloney asked how Cumberland compares with other landfill sites. Mr. Rayworth replied that Cumberland is the only site that is a one-stop shop. He added that it is frustrating that all regulation around solid waste is at the landfill. Once the materials have been picked up curbside, it's too late.

#### **8. OPERATIONS REPORT**

Mr. Rayworth noted that the Operations Report (attached to meeting package) covers the period of November 1, 2022 to April 30, 2023. Nova Scotia Environment and Climate Change has released new Construction and Demolition disposal guidelines. Effective July 1, 2023, treated wood will be banned from C&D disposal facilities, and will need to be disposed of in a second-generation landfill. Councillor Joseph noted that the Transfer Stations have been busy with C&D debris from Fiona-related damage.

Mr. MacDonald noted that the Province understands the need for a 1-year grace period to allow facilities to adapt.

Ms. Rioux reported that the Regional Coordinators are looking for an education piece from NSECC which is consistent across the Province and can be communicated with the public. She noted that the transfer stations receive treated wood which then goes to the Landfill. Mr. Rayworth stated that GFL needs assurance regarding how this will be handled at the transfer stations since the treated wood has always been mixed in with the C&D debris. GFL will be providing education to customers in the form of site signage.

Mr. Gillis noted that C&D is not as regulated; there are less stringent requirements for disposal. Treated wood will now go into the Landfill which is more expensive.

#### **9. MONITORING REPORT – DILLON CONSULTING**

Bev Smith, Hydrogeologist distributed the Cumberland Central Landfill and C&D Debris Disposal Site Monitoring Results – 2022 Fall Event. The monitoring program involves visiting the site on a semi-annual basis and collecting samples from numerous locations as outlined in this report. Two on-site wells were dry in the fall so could not be sampled. Ms. Smith noted that a result above the guidelines is not necessarily cause for alarm.

There were 15 private water supply wells in October 2022 (tested annually). Property owners with total coliform bacteria counts (4) and E. coli bacteria (1) were contacted by phone. Sampling result letters were issued to each property owner in December. Ms. Smith noted that this part of the monitoring program has been done for a very long time. Residents are asked to

call if there are questions. Also, if a homeowner is going to shock their well, they are provided with instructions on how to do it. More time is spent with new homeowners to explain the reports. Mr. Gillis receives a few general calls per month about wells, etc. but not necessarily about these reports.

The spring monitoring event is scheduled for the week of May 15, 2023.

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. MacDonald noted that GFL is constantly evaluating new opportunities within the waste industry. He noted that the Cumberland Landfill is the most complex site (municipal solid waste, septage facility, asbestos, C&D, etc.). It requires a great deal of management which Mr. Rayworth has been managing successfully for many years. GFL hopes to enhance its potential. The Cumberland Landfill receives materials from other jurisdictions and also sends material to recycling facilities. We do not know where the recyclables go after being processed.

**11. NEXT MEETING**

**November 22, 2023 – 11 am to 1 pm – NSCC – Amherst Learning Centre.**

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Councillor Emery to adjourn at 12:50 pm.**