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Nicoll, Sara ENV:EX From: Monday, June 13, 2016 4:06 PM Sent: Correspondence Unit ENV:EX To: FW: Composting Permits Subject: Follow Up Flag: Follow up Flag Status: Completed Categories: Greg From: s.22 Sent: Monday, June 13, 2016 10:09 AM To: Karn, David GCPE:EX Subject: Re: Composting Permits David, No, we are residents of Abbotsford and live withing 500 meters of a composting facility. s.22 From: "Karn, David GCPE:EX" < David.Karn@gov.bc.ca > Date: Monday, June 13, 2016 at 10:06 AM To ^{s.22} Subject: RE: Composting Permits s.22 are you with media? From: s.22 Sent: Monday, June 13, 2016 10:05 AM To: Karn, David GCPE:EX

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s.22

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http://vancouversun.com/news/local-news/new-rules-to-cut-the-stench-from-compost-facilities

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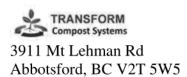
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Appendix B

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Subject: soil deposit permit 5050 Gladwin from 3911 Mt Lehman

Attachments: A10-0540-00-2-GRADING June 16.pdf; Abbotsford soil deposit permit 5050

Gladwin.pdf

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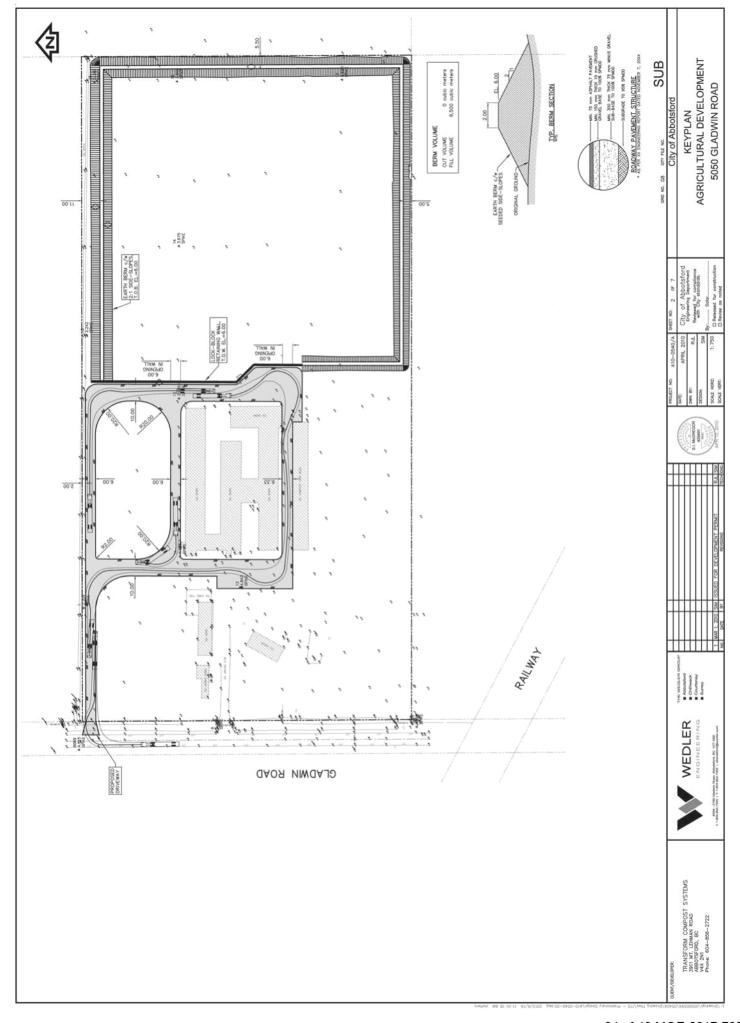
This is phase 1 of the compost facility on this property. We will be using the subsoil from 3911 Mt Lehman Rd, as the driveway base, and the topsoil for the berm around the site. The purpose of the berm is for flood protection. The berm will be fully vegetated.

Please note that a ALC permit is not required as per ALC Regulations: Notification Requirements for specified farm uses 4 (1) the removal of soil and placement of fill for the following farm uses are exempt from the requirement to file an application under section 20 of the Act if the requirements in subsections 2, 3 and 4 are met: (d) the construction, maintenance and operation of a composting facility for the production of Class A compost as defined in the Organic Matter Recycling Regulation BC Re. 18/2002 or compost from agricultural waste, if the area occupied by the facility is greater than 2% of the area of the parcel.

Please let us know what additional information you require.

Sincerely, John

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APPLICATION FOR SOIL REMOVAL/DEPOSIT PERMIT

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8.	The total volume of soil or other material which would be removed/deposited is $\frac{16}{10}$, ($000 \mathrm{m}^3$.
9.	The proposed date of commencement is:July 1, 2010	
10.	The proposed date of completion is: October 30, 2010	
11.	I/We require a type B Permit. ("A" or "B")	
12.	Upon approval of this application I/We hereby agree to fulfill the following condition to the issuance of a permit:	ons prior
	(a) Deposit with the City security in the amount of \$;
	(b) Pay to the City the permit fee when required.	
13.	Submitted are the plans, data and specifications required by the Soil Removal and Bylaw No. 1228-2003.	Deposit
14.	I/We declare that the above information is correct and that I am/We are aware of the and conditions of Soil Removal and Deposit Bylaw No. 1228-2003, and will abide regulations and requirements imposed by the said bylaw and any permit issued to reconnection with the proposed soil removal/soil or other material deposit operation.	e by the
	June 25, 2010	
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SCHEDULE "B-2"

TYPE "B" - TEMPORARY

SOIL REMOVAL / DEPOSIT PERMIT NO
Permission is granted to:
of
(Name) 5050 Gladwin Rd., Abbotsford
(Address)
to remove / deposit soil or other material from / upon the lands described as:
5050 Gladwin Rd. Abbotsford
(Address of Property)
(Legal Description of Property)
in accordance with the provisions of Soil Removal and Deposit Bylaw No. 1228-2003,
Application No submitted by the Applicant and the plans, specifications, and
other supporting data filed, copies of which are attached to and form part of this permit, and
the following additional terms and conditions:
Received Letter of Credit from
No in the amount of \$ as security for the full and proper
performance of the soil removal operation in compliance with Soil Removal and Deposit
Bylaw No. 1228-2003 and all other terms and conditions of this permit.
This permit issued on the day of, 20
This permit shall expire on the day of, 20
This permit shall not be renewed, transferred or assigned.
Director of Engineering

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Jager, Brenda CSNR:EX

From:COS Fraser South Zone ENV:EXSent:Monday, January 16, 2017 3:13 PMTo:ENV Environmental Complaints ENV:EXSubject:2017-6298 PE-105854 247241 ERS 16-5783

Please find report below.

Regards,

CO Hana Anderson

Conservation Officer Service (COS) /Fraser Valley Zone /Ministry of Environment 46360 Airport Road, Chilliwack, BC

----Original Message----

From: ecc.ops1@pep.gov.bc.ca [mailto:ecc.ops1@pep.gov.bc.ca]

Sent: Thursday, January 5, 2017 1:15 PM To: COS Fraser South Zone ENV:EX

Subject: Notification of ERS 16-5783 - CHILLIWACK - ABBOTSFORD

Notification of ERS 16-5783 - CHILLIWACK - ABBOTSFORD

You can access the document at the following URL:

Enforcement Routing Sheet #16-5783

Complaint Received By: PERRY (Operations 1 ECC) Date / Time received: 2017-01-05 13:11

Area: ABBOTSFORD - CHILLIWACK - SOUTH COAST REGION COORS OR#:

CALLER INFORMATION

Caller Name^{s.22}

Mail / Street Address: S.22

City: ABBOTSFORD

Postal Code:

Referred By: ORR: NMACDONALD@ABBOTSFORD.CA

CONTACT NUMBERS

Residence: s.22

VIOLATION DETAILS:

Violation Date: 2017-01-05

Violation Time:

Violation in Progress: Yes Violation Type: DUMPING

Offense Witnessed: outdoor uncovered/uncontained storage of compost material Offense Location: \$\frac{s.22}{2}\$
Abbotsford Offense Details: City Bylaw Officer Gurv Brar attended a property located a \$\frac{s.22}{2}\$ and observed a commercial composting operation that included outdoor uncovered/uncontained storage of composted material. The large pile of composted material was stored in close proximity to a temporary watercourse/ditch that drained to a permanent watercourse located along the northern end of the property. The permanent watercourse drains to constructed roadside ditches along Bates Rd that are permanent and red-coded. The site visit was conducted on October 18, 2016. Gurv spoke with the property owner \$\frac{s.22}{2}\$ and determined that the facility was not registered under the provincial OMRR \$\frac{s.22}{2}\$ mentioned he was currently looking into registering under OMRR and was contracting Mateo Ocejo (Net Zero Waste) to assist with the OMRR registration. The City has not received any update on this property so we felt it prudent to report the property to MOE to ensure they are following OMRR. This property should have been reported back in October but due to staffing levels, we are just now dealing with the file. Please contact either myself or Gurv Brar for any additional information. Gurv can be reached at 604-626-2355 or email gbrar@abbotsford.ca.

Owner of the property is s.22

Gurv Brar, City of Abbotsford, 32315 South Fraser Way, Abbotsford, BC, 604-626-2355

DESCRIPTION

Name (If known): Sex:

Sex: Race:

Height: Weight: Eyes: Hair:

Glasses: Smoker: Build:

Complexion:

Distinguishing Features:

Clothing: Vehicle: Weapons:

Other Details:

there call: Dec. 20, 20/6 3050 Gladwin Rd, Abbots ford (1) Potential Liability - Loning for ALC Berm for Flood proofing
Lycharged the plan Lp not submitted ALC LA new contractor has not . submitted to ALC. Plans Refer casul Local gov't Act - FLNRO-Waterforketi
- Env. Mgnt. Act. Branch Wetland & only clean water to be discharged from Compost Facility leachate or Fecal is high a e-coli Ly dikh is impacled ? Other activities? What is he source of the discharge? a Horizon - tully on their property P Ag. fields from the last may Be impacked - Abbotsford data (Camposting?

Clean Stormwater? Impacked stormwater? I 6 Dipe between Horison Lo 2m higher th Lockraining from compost NE corner excess water that is not collected by the lesshate ingut Agolin - Uncovered Compost Piles, base base - Not on impermeable Surfaces - Fecal report 2016 - Matter. - Report in 2014 Concludes estil Discharge? Lo Zeller from City 2015 Horizon has a septic field HONS E-L

1º 155 We : > Storm water collection - drains under berm direct water to pond. fladwin Pipe drains excess water impacked water-no. Described Completed, I Install pipe on Hovijon property to Horizon Permission.

John went to Professional body, perm removal of Concerns were desmissed. John Wants to ensure his due diligence absolves him from liability Discharge drawings are not John completed ve-Zoning & berms Lo ALC req. non-form use for this industrial facility - Original design was for Ag Waste - 2010 Permission ALC + Dec 2010 Watification Transform Withdrawn - 2011 Net Zero Wasle Submitted Notification + Built facility

Built facility does not makeh primiting plans?

- 1. Berm has partially removed 2. All compost covered omthe
- 3. impervious surfaces OMRA
 - 50 mx 150m wetland area for Storm water ingut. I Leachate

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2. All active: materials cover-not specified OMPR reg. Lue to rainfact.

3. Not fully pared

Notes from phone Conversation with John Paul of Transform Compost Systems on December 20th, 2016 about 5050 Gladwin Rd complaint

Story

John Paul was original contractor and site was originally going to be Ag waste, applied in 2010. He drew up a plan. Then they changed tracks and withdrew their application to be an ag waste site and applied to be a compost site. John made the plan they took to the Agricultural Land Commission to get non-farm exclusion. Then they switched to a new contractor but still used John's plan. BUT they did not follow some parts of this plan.

- 1) Original plan had berm around property, they partially removed the berm
- 2) Original plan had all compost covered. They only have stage 1 covered
- 3) Original plan had whole site ground as impervious surface, they only have some of it. One corner where a compost pile sits is on bare ground
- 4) Original plan had 50m x 150 m wetland area for storm water. John believes their storm water is contaminated with leachate

Originally John Paul concerned with

- 1. Berm Removal
- 2. His own liability in having made the plan
- 3. Pipe which drains to ditch is on neighbor's property
- 4. E coli an fecal coliforms in ditch water

We addressed all of these in the call

- The berm was put in place because of the flood plain. In the local government act it mentions
 MOE as the governing body for this, but that is because FLNRO used to be part of MOE. In terms
 of water protection this is an FLNRO issue. John Paul stated "The berm doesn't really concern
 me anymore because of Carls 2014 report" referring to 2014 Levelton and associates report by
 Carl Miller.
- 2. John went to professional body and they dismissed his concerns, so he will contact FLNRO
- 3. Although this pipe is on the neighbours property, they gave their permission when it was built, so they (Horizon) have a civil liability issue, not MOE jurisdiction
- 4. We will inspect against OMRR to see any signs on non-compliances leading to this.

More info from our conversation:

Property is next to Horizon Aero Sport^{s.22}
Between the two properties is a ditch which boarders the north side of 5050 Gladwin Rd. This ditch is partly on Horizon's land. The ditch starts at the east end of the two properties and flows west along the property lines, then north at Gladwin Rd. There are agricultural fields to the east. John's samples results from 2014 show Fecal coliforms to be 1000/100mL at the eastern most point of the ditch and 40000/100mL at the west end.

The berms are 2m higher than the property. There is a 6" pipe between horizon and net zero under the berm. It drains into the ditch from the north east corner of the site where this is a pile of unknown stage compost on bare ground.

Bigger issue than the pipe is storm water according to John. Site is graded so storm water flows into pond which then drains into ditch. He feels this storm water is impacted.

Fecal coliforms were reported by net zero in 2016 but they attributed them to the septic. Health inspected the septic and it was fine.

Notes:

- Horizon does have a septic field.
- In the summer sometimes the ditch can back flow