

**Thane Public Liaison Committee
Meeting 01- 09 Minutes
MOE Newmarket Satellite Office,
1091 Gorham Street, Newmarket
Thursday, April 9, 2009**

Members Present: Dave Fumerton (DF), Shyrin Hirji (SH), Howard Sniatowski (HS), Sue Plamondon (SP), Michele Maitre (MM), Phil Davies (PD), Deb Gordon (DG) and John Hicks (JH)

Regrets: Margaret Jordan (MJ)

1. Introductions

- Members were introduced to each other
- MM, PD and JH requested copies of the XCG report
- SP suggested that a copy of the presentation delivered at the public meeting be sent to all members
- DG suggested that the 2002 report summary provided by Anne Neary also be included in the distribution

ACTION: SH to send to all members, a copy of the XCG report, a copy of the presentation delivered at the public meeting and the 2002 report summary provided by Anne Neary.

- DG suggested that a letter be sent to the applicants that were not selected to be on the PLC, informing them of the committee establishment and representation. SP suggested including a statement that committee info will be posted on the Town of Georgina website for resident information.

ACTION: SH to send a letter to applicants that were not selected to be on the PLC. The letter is to inform them of committee establishment and status as well as the posting on the Town of Georgina website. Shyrin is to be the point of contact for residential enquires or deputations to the PLC.

ACTION: SP to work on setting up what info will be posted regarding the Thane PLC on the Town of Georgina website

ACTION: DG will provide community notification of the establishment and inaugural meeting of the Thane PLC in the local paper, the Advocate.

2. Approval of the Terms of Reference

- The committee discussed the draft Terms of Reference (TOR) and suggested some amendments to the document.

ACTION: SH to amend the draft TOR as discussed at the meeting and distribute to the committee. Committee members agreed to provide feedback within a week of receipt so that SH can finalize the TOR.

3. Other Business

- HS raised some questions pertaining to the site should enquires be made. HS is wondering who is considered the landlord, what the tax implications are, will rent be used to off set the costs of remediation and more. HS is concerned about scaring off potential buyers.
- MM asked about the interests of the PLC members as it relates to the committee's purpose. DF outlined the MOE position as no contamination to the natural environment now or in the future. DG asked about the Region's interest in purchasing the Thane property. The region expressed an interest in the past but was did not proceed as the contents of the site were unknown. With the MOE report, those concerns are addressed. Is the region reconsidering purchasing the property.

ACTION: MM to look into the matter with the region.

- DG stated her interest is to save the Maskinonge River. It runs into Cooks Bay which is a source of drinking water. SP stated that the Town's interest is to get the Thane property cleaned up and then into a condition where it can be reused reasonably. SP also remarked on the Town waste disposal site adjacent to the Thane site that is leaking. This is part of her concern and interest.
- HS stated his interest is to clean up the site first. Any future use will be discussed when feasible. HS has considered providing wetland access to the conservation authority which in turn could help pay for clean up efforts
- The issue of funds was discussed. DF told the committee that MOE and the Town have spent lots of money on the site already. MOE also applied for L. Simcoe federal funding but were rejected.
- JH briefed the PLC about Zemex, a company that brings technology to the site and processes materials on site. The committee discussed brainstorming of clean up solutions. DF cautioned the committee that sometimes the government is provided with information that we cannot share with the group.

ACTION: JH to provide Zemex link to the committee prior to the next meeting.

4. Date, Time and Location of Next Meeting

The venue and a site tour were discussed for the next meeting. It was suggested that the meeting be held at the Town offices and be followed by a site tour. It was discussed that the presentation provided at the public meeting be given to the PLC so that all members have all the information.

ACTION: SH to work with SP to set up the next meeting to be held in mid-May at the Town offices.

SH to invite Andrea Brown to the next meeting to provide background on the XCG report.

DF will deliver the public presentation to the PLC

Next meeting:

May 14, 2009

10:00 am – 12:00 noon

Town of Georgina Offices

Committee Room, 2nd Floor

Georgina Civic Centre

26557 Civic Centre Road

R.R. #2 Keswick, Ontario

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To be followed by a tour of the Thane site (please wear safety boots and dress appropriately. Thank you.)

5. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 12:02pm.