

**Thane Public Liaison Committee
Meeting 05- 09 Minutes**

Ministry of the Environment
Newmarket Satellite Office
1091 Gorham Street, Suite 102
Newmarket, ON

Thursday, October 8, 2009

Members Present: Dave Fumerton (DF), Andrea Brown (AB), Howard Sniatowski (HS), John Hicks (JH), Sue Plamondon (SP), Deb Gordon (DG), Margaret Jordan (MJ)

Regrets: Michele Maitre, Phil Davies

1. Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes

- The September 10, 2009 meeting minutes were approved without changes.

2. Previous Meeting Action Items

ACTION: Thane Liaison Committee information on Town of Georgina website – SP indicated site should be online soon.

ACTION: AB to circulate committee on previous Lake Simcoe Clean Up Fund (LSCUF) application – done

ACTION: York update on possible transfer station plans – MM sent email indicating the Region had plans underway relating to the existing Georgina transfer station and were not considering the Thane site because of the remediation and tax issues.

3. New Business

3.1 Georgina Transfer Station – the committee were interested in what the plans were for this site and whether there would be opportunities to tie into the Thane site if there were new options relating to the site remediation, ownership and long-term care and control developed.

ACTION: DF to call regional councilor

3.2 AB has obtained the MOE template for a Request for Information, which can be used to seek expressions of interested from the MERX, the Canadian project tendering site. There are few previous examples available, and the RFI will have to consider the confidentiality of information appearing in the document, and confidentiality and proprietary information that may arise with submissions.

ACTION: AB to prepare draft RFI for November meeting

3.3 With the upcoming (October 26) call for letters of intent for the Federal Lake Simcoe Cleanup Fund, AB proposed a scoped letter building on the feedback received from Environment Canada on last year's unsuccessful application. DG provided several LSRCA and Stewardship Council contacts who have experience with projects and the fund.

ACTION: AB to circulate draft letter in 2 weeks for application to create stormwater feature and wetland restoration.

3.4 Review of issues/options developed at the June liaison committee meeting:
Funding – Environment Canada LSCUF[priorities relating to phosphorus, habitat rehabilitation], MOE Environmental Clean Up Fund[priority to human health risks, water supply issues, environmental impairment, should also demonstrate stakeholder support for project], York Environmental Stewardship Council [additional information needed]

Governance/Ownership- Financial Assurance and Cost Recovery options have been reviewed, no current application to site. Ownership has been discussed at previous meetings, currently remains with Thane and referenced in Director's Order.

Non-report Options – JH described the aluminum recovery prospects for the site and <5% recovery is likely, HS indicated that while recovery may not be financially viable alone, it could be used to off-set processing costs or considered as an alternative to landfill costs.

Landfill, EPA/EAA – DF indicated that this encompassed on-site encapsulation or potentially consolidation with the adjacent closed Georgina LFS. Both MJ and SP expressed strong concerns about any proposal relating to the Town's landfill which would result in further burden to the residents of Georgina. SP noted for the meeting minutes that Georgina would strongly oppose any option which leave material on Thane or move material onto the Town's landfill. DF noted that the review of each option/issue would explore the process and impediments, and while there are MOE approvals mechanisms relating to the creation of new waste sites, dealing with historic waste issues, and re-opening sites (i.e. landfill mining, or last years carp die-off), the MOE must also consider stakeholder interests and looks for a supported option to move forward.

Ongoing Environmental Issues/Interim Measures- AB to look into MOE's ongoing monitoring in the Maskinonge watershed, interim measures could include replacement of the neighbouring well in the deeper local aquifer and establishment of stormwater and erosion controls at Thane to minimize additional runoff and contact with the wastes and infiltration through the wastes to groundwater

4. Other Business

- JH Brownfields end use/landscaping presentation deferred to next meeting

- JH invited committee members to site after meeting for erosion control trials and trefoil seeding.

5. Date, Time and Location of Next Meeting

November 5, 2009
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

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