

Thane Public Liaison Committee
Meeting 06- 10 Minutes Ministry
of the Environment Newmarket
Satellite Office
1091 Gorham Street, Suite 102
Newmarket, ON
Thursday, March 4, 2010

Members Present: Andrea Brown (AB), Deb Gordon (DG), Howard Sniatowski (HS) Phil Davies, Michele Maitre (MM)
Regrets: John Hicks, Margaret Jordan, Sue Plamondon

1. Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes

February meeting minutes accepted.

2. Previous Meeting Action Items

- DG had contacted federal MP Peter Van Loan's office and would forward any workshop details as available
- DF had submitted request for facilitation services after circulating draft for PLC comment, have had one interested facilitator from Ministry of Community Services, Newmarket.

3. Green Municipal Fund

MM attended presentation and circulated materials o PLC group. Noted fund included grants and loans, but focus on applications by municipalities for projects. Projects also include redevelopment plans and MM raised concerns about focus on removal/dig & dump option vs. other remediation approaches. Additional program information available from the website www.fcm.ca

4. Thane Committee Workshop

PLC members discussed the purpose and scope of the proposed workshop and MM, PD and DG were concerned that the remediation options had narrowed to focus on removal. AB and DF indicated that the Ministry had taken the PLC's comments on on-site encapsulation and monitoring as well as response to XCG's report and later presentation as indicators that removal was the preferred option and the current issue was identifying funding options for any work at the site. The PLC members discussed the purpose of the workshop and information that DF had provided in his request for facilitation services and has recommended deferring the actual workshop until there has been a planning session with the facilitator to come to a consensus on the purpose and format for the workshop

Action Item – PLC to meet with facilitator Monday March 29, 1-4pm to review scope and purpose of the workshop

MM has asked that prior to any workshop a summary of the PLC, site issues and remediation options should be developed. MM indicated that this would be a

valuable summary document and MM/PD have recommended that it include at least the top three remedial options as well as site redevelopment issues.

Action Item – MM to start draft for discussion at the March 29 meeting

AB and DF asked if the group wanted to focus the workshop on redevelopment issues, and explained that Ministry involvement with the site was specific to mitigation of current impacts and the district would have no post-remediation role in potential site use. PD noted that even if the site is remediated, it is not in an LSRCA priority area and he saw no mechanism to convey the property for future parkland or reserve use.

5. Date, Time and Location of Next Meeting

March 29, 2010

1pm to 4pm

Meetings will be held at:

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