

**Thane Public Liaison Committee
Meeting 01-11 Minutes**

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

Thursday, January 13, 2011

Present: Phil Davies (PD), Deb Gordon (DG), Howard Sniatowski (HS), Margaret Jordan (MJ), Sue Plamondon (SP), Naomi Davison (ND) – New Ward 1 Councilor for Town, Phil Craig (PC) – New Ward 2 Councilor for Town, Dave Fumerton (DF), Andrea Brown (AB), Sandra Thomas (ST), Jennifer Mackey (JM)

Regrets: Michele Maitre (MM), John Hicks (JH)

1. Introductions

- Naomi Davison and Phil Craig, the new councilor members elected in Georgina were introduced to the group and provided a copy of the XCG report.

2. Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes

- *December meeting minutes accepted.*

3. Previous Meeting Action Items

- MM was unable to attend meeting, but will arrange the meeting (between Region, Town and MOE) once the matrix is completed.
- AB reported that she met with the Region of Durham and they have no interest in using the material for landfill cover. There is a concern about the existing levels of sodium and chloride in the material. This concern would probably also be expressed from other landfills as well.
- JM followed up with ministry's Terrestrial Assessment Unit and reported that phytoremediation would only help reduce the salt levels in the soil and not the slag material.
- SP reported that it was determined that the site alone is not feasible for a solar project, a minimum of 50 to 75 acres is required.
- JM report to the public will be developed once the matrix piece is completed

- JM reported that Kathy Little from Region of York was unable to attend, but will work on having her attend a future meeting to discuss funding. She did provide several suggestions which the group can review.

4. New Site Proposals

- SP reported that two potential options from the private sector have made serious offers for the site. The group agreed that the details of the proposals at this point are to be kept confidential (as per one of the proponent's request). HS is looking for input from the group on the options.
- Both offers have a condition attached to them that would grant them exclusivity to the site while they explore the feasibility of their proposals. Neither proponent wants to invest any money into the site unless HS agrees to the conditional offer.
- The first proponent is proposing a dig and dump option. The proponent is offering to remove all the contaminated material after which it would establish a permanent soil remediation facility at that location. The soil remediation operation would need to get approvals from both the conservation authority and the ministry in order to operate. Ministry approvals would include an Air Approval and a Waste Site Approval (the waste site approval would include a condition that would require the proponent to provide financial assurance for the site). There was also a question of whether this type of operation would be captured under the current zoning. The first proponent is asking that the conditional period would be until June, during which time they would undertake public consultation (February), work with the Town on the zoning and update the 2008 remediation costing, that XCG estimated in 2008, (March). If they went ahead with the project then they would begin removing material as early as May and would expect to have it completed by September – then they would acquire the property and obtain the approvals for the soil remediation facility.
- The second proponent is proposing an entombment option. The proponent is offering to partially remove some of the contaminated material, and entomb the rest. They would then build a climate controlled warehouse that would be used to store produce. They are asking that the conditional period offer be 4 months, during which time they would retain XCG to provide information on what would need to be removed and estimate the cost to entomb the remaining material.
- There was much discussion about both options. Concerns about leaving material on the site were mentioned in relation to the second option, but many seemed to prefer the future proposed land use of this option. Some around the table were not familiar with soil remediation

facilities and wanted more information (including how a soil remediation facility operates, risks associated with the operation, truck traffic, etc).

- The first proponent is willing to come and give a presentation to the group on soil remediation. The meeting will be planned for the afternoon of January 25 or 26th.

4. Other Business

- HS noted that Toronto Police Services is looking for a site for a heliport.

Date, Time and Location of Next Meeting

January 25 or 26, 2011 (for presentation on soil remediation)

1:00pm

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