

**Thane Public Liaison Committee
Meeting 02-11 Minutes**

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

Thursday, January 25, 2011

Present: Phil Davies (PD), Deb Gordon (DG), Howard Sniatowski (HS), Margaret Jordan (MJ), Sue Plamondon (SP), Phil Craig (PC) – New Ward 2 Councilor for Town, Michele Maitre (MM), Dave Fumerton (DF), Andrea Brown (AB), Jennifer Mackey (JM)

Regrets: John Hicks, Naomi Davison

Proposal for the Thane Site – Presentation Summary

- Rob Carnegie (RC), Nick Marchese (NM) and Gary Foch (GF) were introduced and presented the conditional sale offer they are making for the site.

Background Information on the proponents

- RC and NM have worked with the Townships of Whitchurch-Stouffville and East Gwillimbury to develop commercial fill by-laws, and have also presented their ideas on fill by-laws to the Township of Uxbridge.
- Currently RC and NM operate the Mount Albert Pit (MA Pit) operation, which is a site that accepts clean fill.
- AME is a consultant they work with in relation to the MA Pit, AME reviews and approves the soils that are received at the site.
- The MA Pit has incorporated a two part fill ticket into a computerized tracking system.
- Fill received at the MA Pit is Table 2 Commercial, they have an agreement with the Town to receive fill at the site.
- The MA Pit averages 100 loads/day and the operating hours are within the hours specified in the noise by-law (Mon to Fri 7 to 7, Sat 7 to 2).

Information about the Proposal

- They are proposing to remove all contaminated materials already present on the site and would be seeking approval from the Town of Georgina and the Lake Simcoe Conservation Authority to bring in clean fill material (predominately clay). After all the contaminated material is removed the proponent plans to 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. The 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.

- MA Pit would be receiving some of the soils that would be processed at the Thane site if they operate the soils remediation facility they are proposing.
- They would also be incorporating dust control measures on the site, depending on the time of year they would either use water trucks or would cover the piles.
- Business case the parties will absorb the losses (immediate), they estimate the clean up costs have increased to \$6M.
- Proponents plan to request a loan of \$3M and would plan to repay it monthly (\$10K).
- Proponents would also want the Town to give land to operate the site.
- None of the proponents are currently involved in a soil remediation operation.
- Site would have storm management on the site.
- SP was interested in the PLC's opinion of the proposed land use.
- MM would need to know the planning requirements for the Region, if they the proponents are able to meet the requirements then MM can't see the Region opposing to the proposed land use.
- DF mentioned that in general operations that are properly approved are
- Community members on the group are not comfortable expressing an opinion at this point, they do not have enough information.
- Local concerns expressed included truck traffic, odour, noise, groundwater concerns and the required approvals.
- Some discussion on the PLC potentially visiting a soil remediation facility to learn more about that type of operation, there is one in Pickering that the ministry can try and arrange a site visit for.
- Other discussion included the role of the PLC and whether it is appropriate for the PLC to give an opinion on the proposal as the mandate of the PLC is to explore remediation options, not future land use, if the site is fully remediated then the goal of the PLC would be achieved.

ACTION – MOE staff will try and arrange a visit at the Pickering soil remediation facility (suggested date was Feb 3, 2011).

Date, Time and Location of Next Meeting

TBD (soil remediation site visit in Pickering)

Next regular PLC meeting

March 3, 2011

9:30 am

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