

**Thane Public Liaison Committee**  
**Meeting 03- 11 Minutes**  
Ministry of the Environment  
Newmarket Satellite Office  
1091 Gorham Street, Suite 102  
Newmarket, ON  
**Thursday, April 14, 2010**

Members Present: Sandra Thomas (ST), Deb Gordon (DG),  
Sue Plamondon (SP), Howard Sniatowski(HS), John  
Hicks(JH), Margaret Jordan(MJ), Michele Maitre(MM),  
Phil Craig (PC)

Regrets: Phil Davies, Andrea Brown, Dave Fumerton

### **1. Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes**

- The minutes from the January 25, 2011, were accepted.

### **2. Previous Meeting Action Items**

#### **a) Tour of the Direct Line's Soil Remediation Facility located in Pickering**

- It was agreed that the tour of the Direct Line facility would be postponed for the time being. Some members have expressed concerns about the objective of the tour and their participation.

### **3. Sites Proposals**

- HS advised that he signed a conditional sale offer for the site which proposes a dig and dump scenario and a soil remediation facility as the end use. The purchasers have requested a 4-5 year extension for the agreement. HS was advised that it is his decision to extend the conditional sale agreement and SP recommended that he obtain legal advice before doing so.
- DG and MJ expressed concerns about soil remediation and the trucking of contaminated soils from Toronto to Georgina and the potential for contaminants to impact the Maskinonge River. They also noted that the Town of Georgina official plan and zoning bylaw prohibit soil remediation facilities.
- DG gave a deputation to the York Region's Environmental Advisory Committee regarding the use of the Thane Property as a Community Environmental Center (CEC) and capping the site.
- A staff report will be presented to the Regional Environmental Advisory Committee which will be presented to Regional Council the first week of May with a recommendation about the CEC.
- DG would recommends consideration to a CEC solution for this property.
- SP noted that consensus since inception of the PLC was dig & dump and over the past year some members have now agreed they could consider some other solution.

- Committee discussed role of PLC and whether this committee was tasked with determining end use. Both PC and SP expressed concerns about the usefulness of this PLC if consensus could not be achieved.

#### **4. Other Business**

- Discussion surrounding cleanup and that the ministry is the responsible party. ST advised that HS is the responsible party. Additionally, PC asked about funding and ST explained the Environmental Cleanup Fund (ECF). PC requested a list sites and wants to know where Thane is ranked as he was advised by the Conservation Authority that contaminants are discharging from the Thane property to the Maskinonge River. ST advised that based on the XCG consultants report that no contamination was identified in the River.

#### **Other Solution(s)**

- To clarify current committee concensus SP presented the following:
  - Committee/community would accept dig and dump
  - Committee/community will only accept encapsulation if a level of government has responsibility over the site
  - Consider a partnership with all 3 levels of government to provide funding for the CEC.

#### **Questions presented by PC for Roland to be reflected in minutes**

1. How can we ensure remediated soils will be taken off-site?
2. What is the payment scheme for soil remediation?
3. Why can't soil be used at Ashbridges Bay for lake infilling?
4. Does the general public know that contaminated soils will be placed beside crops?

#### **Action Items**

##### MOE

1. Provide a copy of the XCG report to PC
2. Obtain a copy of the ECF risk ranking of sites across the province
3. Will the MOE partner with the Region and provide funding for the cleanup and construction of a CEC?

##### York

1. Prepare a matrix for the committee by the next meeting

#### **5. Date, Time and Location of Next Meeting**

June 2, 2011

9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

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