

Thane Public Liaison Committee
Meeting 02-11 Minutes
Ministry of the Environment
Newmarket Satellite Office – MAG Boardroom
1091 Gorham Street, Suite 102
Newmarket, ON
Thursday, July 7, 2011

Present: Howard Sniatowski (HS), Naomi Davison (ND), Michele Samuels (MS), Dave Fumerton (DF), Andrea Brown (AB), Sandra Thomas (ST), Pat Wellman (PW), Catherine Parsons (CP), Debbie Gordon (DG)

Guests: Ron Trivet (Golden Environmental), Brenda Boyle (Green & Clean)

Regrets: Phil Davies, Phil Craig, Sue Plamondon/Bob Magloughlen

Introduction of New Attendees:

- Roundtable introductions including new attendees PW and CP

Green & Clean/Golden Environmental Presentation

- BB has walked site and have had the opportunity to meet already with the Region of York about the Thane issue, have also received and briefly reviewed XCG site report.
- Preliminary assessment by BB and RT is that the priority needs to be to move soil to the upper portion of the property and install permanent silt fencing.
 - Next steps would be to obtain an updated engineering report from the MOE.
 - AB noted that the Town of Georgina does semi-annual groundwater monitoring at the Thane site as part of the post-closure program for the adjacent landfill site
 - BB explained that Clean & Green does excavation and hauling and based on their preliminary inspection of the site they believe that with screening they could recover and recycle 50% of the materials at the site. HS and AB asked about what materials BB believes can be recovered and further work would be necessary to refine this estimate.
 - RT circulated the Golden Environmental Certificate of Approval issued by the Ministry and explained how they would stabilize metals at the site through the addition of oxidants to reduce the toxicity of site conditions. RT indicated their company has previously remediated sites with metals and dioxin contamination.

- AB had questions relating to Golden Environmental activities and what is set out in their approval as well as how oxidation would affect all Thane contaminants.
- BB and RT provided presentation materials

Review of Liaison Committee Terms of Reference

- Committee reviewed May 2009 Terms of Reference to discuss scope of committee and membership composition
- DG noted that MJ and DG have not sent formal letters of resignation and were not copied on emails relating to this meeting. DG provided an overview of her concerns relating to committee membership, demands on her time and her and community expectations relating to the committee work and results
- DG recommended additional public participation and representation at the committee, DF confirmed that the MOE supports additional public representation.
- Discussion around committee focus on whether scope is specific to remediation of the Thane site or includes redevelopment and post-remediation land-use considerations
- Some discussion about concerns with committee involvement and communication regarding the soil remediation proposal received this year
- Suggested committee hiatus during purchase option period, recognition of other public consultation requirements and forums for site redevelopment.

Next regular PLC meeting

September 8, 2011

9:30 am

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