

**Community Liaison Committee
Minutes**

September 7th, 2018	
Present	St Marys Cement: Kara Terpstra, Vanessa Barr St Marys Council: Al Strathdee, Jim Craigmile Community Members: Marvin Arthur, Sylvia Harvey, Marti Lindsay MOECC: Krysta-Leigh Johnston,
Guest	Ruben Plaza (St Marys Cement VCNA Environmental Manager)
Regrets	Jose Soraggi, Brent Kittmer, Rodger Muir, Stewart Grant

1. Welcome

10:00 Kara welcomed everyone to the meeting

2. Paperwork Provided

Minutes from June 1st meeting were provided to members.

Copy of September 7th Community Liaison Committee Meeting Presentation

Letter to the Editor dated July 5th, 2018 and colour coded.

3. Welcome and Introductions

Kara welcomed everyone to the table and thanked visitors for joining. It was noted that there was an issue with getting the newspaper posting about the September 7th meeting into the August 30th newspaper and it was not posted until September 5th. In retrospect the ad will be posted 3 weeks in advance and Kara will ask for information regarding meeting dates and times to be spread via word of mouth.

Round table introductions. Members of the CLC were seated at the table, with 3 members of the community present in the observation section. Members of the CLC introduced themselves to community members. Also in the audience were noted Robin Manzer who is the Production Manager at St Marys Cement, and Jon Reed who is working on the website for St Marys Cement.

Format of the Meeting – Jim Craigmile reviewed the format of the meeting. He noted questions from the community were to be submitted in advance so that the committee could respond during the meeting.

4. Review of June 1st Minutes

No comments received regarding the minutes.

5. Community Complaints

Total number of Year to Date complaints were shared. Also provided the number of Health Concerns brought forward to SMC and the PDHU since the start of 2018. Note that Health Complaints are identified as part of odour complaints so the number of health complaints in a month is a portion of the odour complaints.

The MOECC noted that there will be a new report regarding complaints in the previous years which will be posted on the Town of St Marys website. There will also be further information posted regarding the data at the monitoring station in town.

Jim Craigmile highlighted that the bags in the main baghouse at St Marys Cement were changed in June 2018 which is noted in the decrease in dust complaints from 2017.

6. Recent Concerns – Letter to the Editor, July 5th, 2018

CLC members were provided with a copy of the Letter to the Editor which was published in the July 5th, 2018 in the Independent Newspaper. SMC reviewed the letter and found 5 main categories or topics of discussion which were addressed in the letter.

1. St Marys Cement Commitment to the Community and Being a Good Neighbour
2. Fuels (Petcoke and Alternative Fuels)
3. Production and Plant Operations
4. Air Emissions
5. Health Concerns

SMC addressed the questions presented in the letter and provided background information for each topic.

7. Recent Concerns - Email from Resident re. Benzene

An email was sent to the MOECP regarding 'Benzene Emissions from St Marys Cement' on 31/05/2018.

Krys Johnston reviewed the questions asked and the response provided by the MOECP including the toxicologist review. She noted that though there were exceedances in Benzene they were not of concern and that permanent monitoring was not needed at the levels monitored, rather mobile monitoring is sufficient. Krys also noted the difference in Ambient Air Quality Monitoring and POI testing.

It was also highlighted what other sources can contribute to high levels of benzene during mobile testing including vehicle traffic.

8. Recent Concerns – Additional Questions

Sylvia Harvey presented additional questions submitted by a resident including request for information regarding changes in the past few years, location of complaints relative to the complaint, changes in weather affecting the odour, changes to the process during specific wind directions, and the focus of the odour investigation.

Jim Craigmile highlighted the different perception of odour, and the different regulatory reports that SMC presents regarding emission levels including NPRI and GHG reports.

9. Odour Abatement Plan Status

Kara showed some pictures of the equipment which is installed and operational in the lab at St Marys Cement. The plant is currently developing methodology for the equipment including temperature and retention time for samples.

10. Website

Progress is being made on the website for St Marys Cement which will now highlight St Marys Cement within the community, the history of SMC, and sustainability including air quality and odour abatement, noise reduction, ministry updates, and the algae project.

11. St Marys Cement Open House

Vanessa Barr noted the open house is cancelled. SMC feels that a more intimate approach, similar to the tour that CLC members were able to go on, would be a more informative way to view the cement plant. The website will provide opportunity for the community to request tours in the new year (spring).

12. Round Table

Al Strathdee mentioned the consistency of petcoke as a fuel and why it is used in various countries around the world. He noted that the CLC meetings were making good progress.

Sylvia Harvey noted that there were difficulties for both parties involved in the Community Liaison Group. She suggested that it would be beneficial for both sides to work together to get to the root of the problem. She also noted there was a difference between Air Quality and Odour which was an important factor in the Odour Abatement Plan.

Marti Lindsey noted that it would be beneficial to have open meetings with the public but noted that it would be important to make sure it is not one sided so the cement plant is not attacked. MOE, PDHU, and other experts present will be beneficial.

Jim Craigmile noted he would do more research on petcoke at other plants and noted the improvement in dust since changing the main baghouse.

Krys Johnston noted there was more mobile monitoring completed in early summer 2018 and reports on the stationary monitor would also be updated.

13. Closing Remarks

The next meeting will be on December 6, 2018 at 6:30pm. There will be a lot of prep work done in advance to examine how to get information to the public before the meeting to answer as many questions as possible beforehand, as a lot of information has been covered in previous meetings.