

Community Liaison Committee Meeting Minutes

September 6th, 2019
10:00am
Town Hall, St Marys

Present	St Marys Cement: Kara Terpstra, Vanessa Barr, Jose Soraggi St Marys Council: Jim Craigmile, Tony Winter Community Members: Marti Lindsay, Rodger Muir, Marvin Arthur, Sylvia Harvey, Stewart Grant MECP: Krysta-Leigh Johnston Guest: Petr Chocensky Regrets: Brent Kittmer (St Marys Council)
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1. **Welcome and Introduction**

10:00am Kara welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Round table introductions of CLC Members. Community members observing are welcome to observe and speak with CLC members after the meeting.

Guest speaker today is Petr Chocensky who has prepared information on Noise.

2. **Paperwork Provided**

Minutes from June 7th Meeting

Copy of September 6th Community Liaison Committee Meeting Presentation

Copy of HGC Engineering: Acoustic Assessment & Noise Abatement Action Plan for St Marys Cement Presentation

3. **Community Complaints**

Total number June – August 2019.

SMC also highlighted a comparison of complaints year to year including the increase in odour, noise, and dust complaints in 2017 to 2019.

4. **Dust Complaints June 14th to 15th and June 15th to 16th**

Kara reviewed 28 dust complaints received from residents including source on site and preventative measures being put in place to prevent reoccurrence.

5. **Noise Abatement**

HGC Engineering: Acoustic Assessment & Noise Abatement Action Plan for St Marys Cement Presentation

Petr Chocensky outlined legislation regarding provincial noise limits, timelines SMC has taken regarding noise abatement, development of the acoustic assessment report and noise abatement action plan.

St Marys Cement Plant will do testing after the completion of Phase 1 of the Noise Abatement Action Plan. The current timeline of the NAAP is supported by the MECP and is similar to other facilities.

The plant is also aware of the magnitude of some of the noise abatement measures upcoming in the NAAP.

Petr highlighted that improvements, although with a 10 year execution, are gradual improvements where each Stage makes a positive impact on noise levels.

6. Stack Extension – Preliminary Design

Jose noted that the designs for the stack extension were sent to vendors on September 6th for tender. Installation is scheduled for March of 2020. **Addendum** Jose would like to clarify that the extension installation will be completed during a shutdown period which are scheduled for either January, March, **or** June 2020 based on production needs.

7. Community Tours

SMC has provided 3 tours year to date for community members who have expressed interest in seeing the facility. In addition our MP John Nater and MP Erin O’Toole from Dufferin area were on site in August. Residents are provided with PPE as required. The plant has received positive feedback for these tours.

8. Concerns Brought Forward in Advance of Today’s Meeting

None

9. Round Table

Kara highlighted Union Gas work that would be done outside of the entrance to the plant for the next month.

Tony noted he only occasionally smells the odour from the plant and occasionally hears backup alarms

Krysta-Leigh noted the MECP has posted the results of the 2018 Mobile Monitoring (May-June) to the town website. Results showed SMC is an emitter of VOCs and dust with no exceedances. The results from the stationary monitor which was installed in town are still not finalized. The MECP also has testing scheduled for this fall. **Addendum** In an email from Krysta-Leigh on September 9th she noted the testing was already completed in June and August of 2019.

Sylvia noted overall improvements to air quality with the few exceptions being the day of the teddy bear picnic.

Jose expressed gratitude to the members of the Committee for dedicating time over the last 2 years towards constructive dialogue with the cement plant.

10. Closing Remarks

The next meeting will be in December 2019.