



Dufferin Milton Quarry Community Advisory Panel (CAP) Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date, Time & Location

Tuesday, March 27, 2012, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Dufferin Milton Quarry, Boardroom, 9410 Dublin Line, Milton

Participants

Name	Organization
Colin Best	Town of Milton Councillor
Kay Bottos	Local Neighbour (Guest)
Julia Carslake	Local Neighbour
David Johnston	Niagara Escarpment Commission
Sandy Martin	Milton Chamber of Commerce
Marion McMeeken	Local Neighbour (Guest)
Jan Mowbray	Former Town of Milton Councillor
Bob Vancso	Local Neighbour (Guest)
Walter Heyden	Dufferin Aggregates (site manager, Milton Quarry), CAP Member
Letty Stevenson	Dufferin Aggregates, CAP Member

Facilitation and Support

John McHugh, Edelman Canada
Jeff Lang-Weir, Edelman Canada

Regrets

Steve Clairman – Local Neighbour
Cindy Lunau – Town of Milton Councillor
Maureen Smith – Bruce Trail
Kim Wilson – Local Neighbour (Guest)

Minutes

- 1) Meeting called to order and CAP members reviewed and approved the minutes of the January 24, 2012 meeting
- 2) The action items from the January 24, 2012 CAP meeting were reviewed and updated:
 - a) SERA Executive Director Lorne Johnson presented in Toronto on February 6, 2012
 - b) Walter Heyden said he would present the local ecology update at tonight's meeting
 - c) Walter stated that a testing program to determine the suitability of drinking water from the reservoirs was still outstanding, but that the Quarry is looking into having a sample collected and tested.
- 3) Walter Heyden made a presentation on how Dufferin is protecting endangered species at the Milton Quarry
 - a) Endangered species and their habitats are protected by Ontario's Endangered Species Act
 - b) 206 different species are classified as either Special Concern, Threatened, Endangered or Extirpated
 - c) Licensed aggregate operations had the ability to apply for an agreement to allow them to continue operations if:
 - a. Adverse effects on the species were minimized, and;
 - b. Compliance with the agreement(s) was achieved
 - d) DFA Milton entered into an agreement with MNR for the Butternut Tree and Jefferson Salamander in 2010
 - e) The Jefferson Salamander is classified as Endangered, and DFA Milton has worked to reduce impacts as follows:
 - a. Habitat loss and habitat isolation
 - i. A permanent mitigation system was implemented in 2011 to ensure that the water level and quality of the V2 wetland can be maintained regardless of seasonal factors like drought.
 - ii. The wetland is monitored to ensure that water levels are maintained
 - b. Additional mitigation and reporting measures are to be implemented once East Cell extraction begins
 - c. A training and awareness program is implemented annually for Quarry employees
 - f) The Butternut Tree is classified as Threatened, and DFA Milton has acted as follows:
 - a. The trees are impacted by a fungal disease (Butternut Canker)
 - b. For every five trees that are anticipated to be removed, a 100 saplings will be planted to replace them
 - c. A 50% sapling survival rate is typical after five years

- d. As of the end of 2011 – 72 butternut saplings have been planted and are all still alive
 - e. Trees are monitored by a qualified tree-health assessor several times a year
 - f. Jan Mowbray asked how many Butternut trees there are on the property
 - i. Walter replied that while he does not know the exact number, he believes that it's less than 100
 - g. Julia Carslake asked how planting locations are determined
 - i. Walter replied that locations are chosen in consultation with ecologists to determine the locations that will provided the highest chance of survival for the planted trees
 - h. David Johnston asked if the project operated under oversight by the MNR
 - i. Walter replied that it did
 - g) Holcim's global Biodiversity Directive includes:
 - a. Partnership with International Union for the Conservation of Nature
 - b. Biodiversity Management System has been implemented
 - c. Biodiversity action Plans are developed at sensitive sites, including DFA Milton
 - h) MNR and DFA ecologists have trapped and released a number of salamanders moving to and from the local breeding pond to monitor breeding habits
 - i) Brook trout spawning studies are conducted each year
 - a. Data collection for the 2011 study has been completed
 - j) Bank swallows nest in banks in the quarry that have a vertical facing made from fine, sandy materials
 - a. If bank swallows are found in stock piles or other places in the quarry, those areas are quarantined until nesting season is completed
 - k) Sandy Martin said she doesn't think most people have an understanding of the extent of conservation efforts that the quarry takes and suggested that Holcim undertake efforts to promote these activities
- 4) Walter Heyden presented an overview of the *Together for Communities Volunteer Initiative*
- a) The worldwide Initiative will launch April 19 as part of Holcim's 100th anniversary celebration
 - b) Holcim has 80,000 Holcim employees worldwide and each employee will be encouraged to volunteer one day for a good cause in their local community, which would represent 100 years of volunteerism
 - c) Employees from the Milton Quarry. Milton staff will work in adjoining area, such as Campbellville Road, Brookville Park, etc. and/or would work with other sites on corporate projects. Employees will be encouraged to volunteer with Rail Trails, the Bruce Trails Club and Habitat for Humanity
 - d) Jan Mowbray asked if Holcim is involved in the Corporate Challenge
 - a. Walter replied that the company is involved and that it is being directed by the Holcim's corporate office
 - b. The quarry is planning to clean-up a park in the Campbellville area

- c. Walter stated that if any CAP members had a suggestion about a site that requires a substantial amount of clean-up, that they should send the recommendation to him
 - e) Walter showed a video outlining *Together for Communities*
 - f) Sandy Martin asked Holcim to provide a short article profiling the program, she will include it in an upcoming Chamber of Commerce newsletter
 - g) The quarry will be holding a tree planting on April 28
- 5) Walter Heyden asked CAP members for suggested topics for the upcoming meetings
- a) Sandy suggested that Holcim should create an insert for local newspapers, newsletters, and mailings, etc. outlining the company's CSR activities
 - b) Walter suggested a full presentation on CSR programs as a topic for the next meeting
 - c) David Johnston suggested that Holcim reach out to local schools to educate students about environmental protection and quarry operations

Next Meeting

- 6) The next meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 22, 2012. The meeting will be a tour of the Mill Creek Pit. A bus will depart from the Milton Quarry at 6:30 pm. Upcoming meetings at the Quarry are scheduled for Tuesday, September 25, 2012 and Tuesday, November 27, 2012, both from 7:00 – 8:30 pm.