



Dufferin Aggregates Acton Quarry

Community Liaison Committee (CLC) Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Event: **Community Liaison Committee (CLC) Meeting**
Acton Quarry

Date & Time: Wednesday June 14, 2023 – 6:00PM- 7:30PM

Place: Zoom

Chair: **Morgan Murphy, Smithcom Limited**

Participants: CLC Members:

Trisha Hileman, Local Resident

Matt Andrews, Local Resident

Trish/Lucky Lamont, Local Resident

Daniel Meliherasik, Local Resident

Ian Sinclair, Local Resident

Walter Heyden/Brett Yake and or SMEs based on topics, Dufferin Aggregates

Odette Palis, Dufferin Aggregates

Kevin Mitchell, Dufferin Aggregates

Melanie Frazer, Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce

Jason Brass, Councillor Ward 2, Halton Hills

Joseph Racinsky, Councillor Ward 2, Halton Hills

Doris Treleavan, POWER

Minutes: Paula Daidone, Smithcom Limited

Regrets:

Michael Jander, Local Resident

Neil Young, Local Resident

Minutes

Morgan welcomes participants. Morgan confirms quorum and begins introductions for inaugural meeting. Asks members to describe why they joined the CLC.

CRH employees introduce themselves and describe their roles.

Trisha Hileman: joining to bring up concerns about the day-to-day operations.

Matt Andrews: lives down the road from Acton Quarry and has safety concerns and wants to discuss truck traffic.

Lucky Lamont: lives on third line. Wants to better understand the quarry given it is close to home.

Daniel Meliherasik: lives on fourth line. Concerned about truck traffic.

Ian Sinclair: Safety concerns, road condition on the fourth line and how it's disintegrating; concerns about dust and how it's affecting his family's quality of life.

Melanie Frazer: President & CEO of Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce.

Jason Brass: Councilor. Joins because there's a lot of interest from area residents. Wants to be a part of this to hear it first-hand and looks forward to dialogue and important information.

Joseph Racinsky: Councilor. Echoes Jason's comments about joining.

Doris Treleavan: President of POWER; protect water and environmental resources. Has spoken out in the past against quarry expansions and trying to mitigate damage to the environment. Was previously on the Acton CAP.

Trish Lamont: resident of third line. Safety concerns.

Morgan introduces the DRAFT terms of reference and reads each section. Members are encouraged to review the terms of reference and share feedback over email and make recommendations and adjustments before the next meeting. At the next meeting, the expectation is that the terms of reference will be finalized and adopted.

Joseph requests that the criteria for consideration is changed from Acton to Halton Hills to better reflect location of attendees.

Jason Brass is aligned that a maximum of 12 members should be represented. Notes the importance of balance representation between community representatives and Dufferin representatives. Jason adds his preference for in-person meetings. References tour he received of Acton and would recommend for members.

Doris mentions that they used to hold meetings at the Dufferin office.

Morgan concludes reviewing terms of reference.

Walter gives an overview of the quarry operation and opens floor for questions and comments.

Joseph asks question about dirt on the roads. Walter clarifies that a third-party sweeping company was engaged. Walter states that Dufferin took additional measures. Explains that rush hour traffic can pose a challenge.

Doris raises question about hours of operations. Walter explains that there are regulations on the hours of operation. Maintenance is allowed 24/7. Shipping and operation hours are more limited

Doris states she receive complaints about noise at 1am. Doris asks when it's after 11pm, people are surprised about noise coming out of quarry. Walter clarifies that production ceases prior to 11:30pm. Kevin adds that the approvals come from Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks. The operation is allowed to make noise as much as it generally matches the noise on the road. Operations have been reviewed by an acoustic engineering consultant and approved by Ministry. Once the truck is on the road shipping it's not the responsibility of the operation.

Dan says he can hear the rock crusher at 12am. Dan says he will record the sound of the rock crusher.

Trish asks when was the last time a noise review was conducted.

Dan asks why are trucks going into Acton before 6am? Kevin explains that we let trucks in before 6am because we don't want the trucks staging on the side of the road and must follow rules of Halton Hills about trucks parking on the side of the road. If this becomes an issue Odette has and will instruct people not to come earlier. Dan states that this has already been an issue and that they had to call the town to complain. Odette adds that there is a third-party company patrol around the quarry. Dan questions if there is a vehicle all day. Kevin adds that they are not the only operators with a location on the 4th line. Kevin states that if the gates were closed before 6am, it would cause more issues.

Matthew asks if trucks are allowed to travel south from Highway 7 and access quarry from that direction. Kevin responds yes. Matthew asks why that isn't required for all trucks. Matthew states that trucks turn left onto 17th pass all kinds of homes and school busses and go north along 4th line. Says there is an easy way for trucks to access the quarry via access line. Walter adds that the truck routes are determined by the town and suggests that next meeting someone from the town join and clarify. Walter states that they are following the rules as set by the town. Councilor Brass adds that the town is required by the province and someone from transportation would speak to it better or perhaps the commissioner can join the next meeting to explain. Quarry has no control over truck routes.

Ian asks a question about possibility of having Halton Hills police attend these meetings about their input. Adds that he has talked to Maureen about the pavement of roads. States that the shoulders of the road are disintegrating. States that the road composition is different. Says you can visually see that the roads are going from paved to a rural country road. Councilor Joseph adds that they have plans to repave the roads. Joseph adds that next meeting when town staff are invited they will address these questions. Ian poses concern about his house - covered by dust and needs to clean his pool every two days. Condition of the roads is causing debris to fall off the trucks. It feels like living in a construction site. Councilor Brass responds and adds that town representatives should join a future meeting.

Trish asks about truck routes and Walter clarifies which routes are used according to the rules.

Doris asks three questions:

- Light pollution: Is there some way the lights can be streamed down (very bright currently)
- Dufferin or region tests noise pollution - when has it been done last?
- Response of mitigation to invasive species; currently not acceptable

Walter suggests questions are added to the tracker and they can be answered in the next meeting.

Matthew asks why there are no meetings in July and August. Walter explains that it's summer holidays and many people are away. In the past, struggle to get quorum.

Trish states that newsletter needs to go into Acton where blasting is happening. Walter adds that newsletter is delivered to 120 homes in the area. Walter states that anyone can access the newsletter. Trish clarifies name of Facebook Group – 'Acton Ontario Tell Sell.' Trish states that she can share content. Private group.

Doris adds to chat: We are also concerned about the water issues. If we could discuss at next meeting. Thank you.

Majority of members would like to meet in mid-August. Consider a site tour. Morgan recommends August, Wednesday 16, 2023.

Morgan adjourns meeting.