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**Dufferin Aggregates Acton Quarry
Community Advisory Panel (CAP)
Meeting Minutes**

Date:	Monday, May 25, 2015 – 7pm - 8:30pm	
Location:	Acton Quarry Office, 12791 Churchill Road, Acton	
Chair:	Sarah Blazak	Smithcom Limited
Participants:	Norm Elliott	Local Neighbour
	Paul Vanhanen	Bruce Trail Conservancy
	Rob McDougall	Dufferin Aggregates
	Enzo Bertucci	Dufferin Aggregates
	Ron Heller	Acton East Housing Corp.
	Rigoberto Ceballos	Dufferin Aggregates
	Norm Young	Neighbour
Guests:	Doris Treleaven	POWER
Minutes:	Allana Brandt	Smithcom Limited

Minutes

Sarah Blazak brought the meeting to order by prompting the CAP to review the minutes. CAP members reviewed and approved the October 20, 2014 minutes.

Sarah Blazak introduced herself and Allana Brandt from Smithcom.

Enzo Bertucci introduced Doris Treleaven from POWER, Protect Our Water and Environmental Resources. She is sitting in as a guest today. If Doris is interesting in joining the CAP after today, a vote will be taken at the end of the meeting.

Norm Young asked about the status of Phase 7.

- Enzo explained that Dufferin has removed Phase 7 from the expansion plans. When MNR completed it's a determination of footprint, it had concerns about the presence of a Jefferson Salamander habitat in the area of Phase 7. Dufferin has decided to remove Phase 7 from the current expansion plans, but will conduct testing in that area for Jefferson Salamanders once Phases 4, 5 and 6 are complete.

Norm Young asked when extraction will begin for Phases 4,5, and 6

- Enzo explained that there isn't a set date, and that there are other steps in the process that have to happen before extraction can begin. However, certain approvals have already



been met, like with MNR, Credit Valley Conservation, Conservation Halton and the NEC. Dufferin is waiting on the final decision from the town and the region, which are waiting on finalized legal agreements.

Norm Young asked if the water in the lakes was hazardous in any way.

- Rob explained that the water is completely safe, with the only potential hazard being the depth of the quarry. Enzo went on to explain the future plans for rehabilitating the land. The lands will be turned over to Halton Hills, which has a master-plan involving a park, reservoir, beach front, camping, entertainment, etc. This master plan will not be executed until the land has been fully extracted.

Operations Update

Rob McDougall gave an update on the Acton Quarry operations.

Rob McDougall introduced Rigoberto Ceballos as the new site manager. Rigo has worked at several other Dufferin sites and has a lot of quarry experience.

Rob updated the CAP on the Lafarge-Holcim merger, announcing that the buyer of Dufferin Aggregates is an Irish company named CRH. Rob reassured the CAP that Dufferin will likely keep its name, and does not foresee major changes in philosophy, as CRH is an aggregates company that has a similar approach as DFA does to community, safety, and the environment. The purchase will take effect on or around August 1, 2015.

Rob gave a production update. Winter maintenance ran as usual, and production started around April 1. Sales have been strong this spring, which can be attributed to the very dry weather we've had, allowing construction projects to be ahead of schedule. Due to the Pan-Am games being held in the region this summer, there is concern about increased traffic that could slow truck traffic. This may cause business to slow down in the middle of the summer, which we would not normally see.

Rob gave an update on Dufferin Acton's annual Earth Week tree planting event. Approx. 1,900 trees were planted with the Boy Scouts and other local volunteers. The tree planting was part of a reforestation project on 22 Side Road, where invasive species were removed, and trees were re-planted. The entire project is expected to take about three years. Paul noted that there has been a problem of trash being dumped at the site, and suggested the idea of having a camera being installed to collect video evidence of illegal dumping. Dufferin said that they are willing to charge trespassers, but have had issues getting the police to follow up.

There is also a front entrance improvement project beginning for Dufferin sites across the province, where gates are being replaced, trees planted, etc. to improve curb appeal.



Doris asked about the dead trees on the stretch along the cliff. She noticed there were hoses in place, and it seemed like a good idea, but it just didn't work because the seeps drained the water away. She asked what the plan is to deal with that problem.

- Rob explained that Dufferin pumped to the seeps continuously from May until October. Enzo explained that there is a proposal to the relevant agencies regarding a solution, but that Dufferin is unable to act on it unless all agencies agree on the strategy. Enzo assured it will be something that Dufferin continues to revisit.

Norm Young mentioned he is hearing something that sounds like a bulldozer, more often than last year.

- Rob explained that Dufferin is doing the last of the stripping in the area that is closest to his house, but that it should be finished as of last week.

Paul Vanhanen inquired about Butternut Trees growing on the property.

- Enzo explained that Dufferin conducted an evaluation on the edges of the property during its Visual Impact Assessment and no Butternut Trees came up in the report.

Update on Acton Extension Application

Enzo Bertucci explained that since we last met, Credit Valley Conservation approved the application in December, Conservation Halton approved the application unanimously in February, and the Niagara Escarpment Commission voted 9 to 3 in favour of supporting its Staff's Positive Report in support of NEC Plan Amendment and Development Permit on March 19.

Enzo Bertucci explained the importance behind the NEC decision. The commission has opposed numerous quarry applications in the past several years, but after meeting with staff and commissioners, it understood the importance of this extension and Dufferin's dedication to the surrounding environment sensitivities. The NEC felt this application stood out and was comfortable enough to support it. This is a very positive step moving forward.

Moving forward, Enzo Bertucci explained the next steps are for the Town and Region to meet with their councils to finalize their approvals. This cannot happen until all legal agreements are signed (Umbrella, Haul Route, Water, AMP, EEP, Land Conveyance, Confidentiality). Most of these agreements are very close to being signed, with others requiring a few more meetings, but general approvals have been met for all. The Town of Halton Hills is expected to approve the application in June 2015, and the Halton Region is expected to approve the application in July 2015. This will then trigger a Joint Board hearing.

Norm Elliott asked a question regarding the appeal process for the City and the Region.

- Enzo explained that appeals can occur, and anyone appealing the decisions would become an objector on record. These objectors would have a chance to come forward at



the Joint Board meeting to lay their position in front of the Tribunal.

Doris Treleven asked about what is happening with the well water agreements.

- Enzo reassured that there are agreements in place regarding well water. The process that occurs is this: If there is an issue with someone's well water, residents can contact Dufferin and it will provide water within 24 hours. A third party company will then investigate the situation and assess what is impacting the well water. If it is found that the quarry is responsible for the impacts, Dufferin will take care of fixing the problem. Going forward, if the reason for the impact is undetermined, Dufferin will take still responsibility, and solve the problem for the resident.

The only case in which Dufferin would not take responsibility is if it is proven that something/someone else is responsible for the problems with the well. While factors such as distance will be taken into account, Dufferin will hear and investigate all complaints. Within the area of influence, Dufferin will take care of residents indefinitely.

Question and Answers

Paul Vanhanen asked which direction the ground water flows.

- Enzo explained that it can change, but that it generally goes North to South. He explained using a site map, noting that water levels change throughout the area.

Paul Vanhanen asked how long the CAP meetings will continue.

- Enzo said that the CAP meetings will continue to occur even after the expansion has been approved, in order to discuss other affairs, provide updates, and continue to keep lines of communication open.

Norm Elliott asked if Dufferin has met with Recreation & Parks to discuss rehabilitation/long term vision?

- Enzo explained that Dufferin has met with them about a variety of topics, but that they have not yet been invited to the CAP yet because we are waiting on legal agreements to be finalized.
- There are still many aspects up for discussion, such as implementing a lake in Phase 4. NEC has an interest in bringing back wetlands, so Dufferin redesigned its site plans to include grasslands for species development.
- The Town is most interested in developing the short-term area, which could include developing trails. This area can be conveyed at any time, but there needs to be an approved design, and right now the issues of dirt bikers and trespassers have to be taken into account.
- There is opportunity to work with universities, municipalities, and NGOs to collaborate.

Next meeting date:

- August 24, 2015 (unless there is a pressing issue sooner)



Topics:

- Update on application for expansion
- Update on CRH purchase and any resulting company changes

Doris Treleaven stepped out while the current CAP members took a vote on having POWER as a CAP member. The vote was a unanimous yes, and Doris/POWER are now CAP members.

Sarah Blazak brought the meeting to a close.

Adjourn