



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

Date:	Tuesday June 7 th , 2016	7pm - 8:30pm
Location:	Acton Quarry Office, 12791 Churchill Road South RR #4, Acton	
Chair:	Morgan Murphy	Smithcom Limited
Participants:	Norm Elliott	Local Neighbour
	Doris Treleaven	POWER
	Paul Vanhanen	Bruce Trail Conservancy
	Rigoberto Ceballos	Dufferin Aggregates
	Shawna McNabb	Dufferin Aggregates
	Ron Heller	Acton East Housing Corp
Minutes:	Alexandra Zwicker-deSmit	Smithcom Limited
Regrets:	Monica Gunn	Local Neighbour
	Enzo Bertucci	Dufferin Aggregates

Minutes

Morgan Murphy brought the meeting to order and asked the CAP to review the minutes from October 26th, 2015.

Ron Heller motioned to approve the minutes and Paul VanHanen seconded the motion.

The October 26th 2015 minutes were approved.

Acton Quarry Update

Rigoberto explained the quarry is running as usual, however Acton has a smaller production schedule this year. Current production is projected at 800,000 tonnes, which is less than previous years. The production season will be done by October 2016 and then maintenance shut down will happen in the winter as scheduled. It is expected that Acton will almost complete extraction of the remaining reserves this year and they will be able to access another 200,000 tonnes once they finish to complete a new access ramp on phase three. He pointed out on the map where Acton is working on phase three as the other two phases have already been completed.

Ron: Why is our production a lot lower than other years?

Rigoberto: Once the quarry receives approval for the extension it will be able to reach the goal of two million tonnes a year (within two to three years of the approval).

Doris: Does the weather have anything to do with the lower production numbers?

Rigoberto: The weather does not lower production. Until Acton receives the extension approval, there are limited reserves left.

Norm: Will the ramp be used for other things?

Rigoberto: The ramp will be used to access phase five and six and the soil can be used to rehabilitate phase 3 or for other projects involving the extension.

Doris: There was land donated to the town from the quarry, which is located just north of the tracks, and it used to be an old dump that is now closed. Has there been any soil testing done to that donated land?

Rigoberto: I am not sure if the donated land was in fact an old dump and if there has been any soil testing done to that land. I will look into this and report back to the CAP.

Action Item: Rigoberto to look into the location of the donated land and whether soil testing has been done on this land.

Update on Action item: Yes, the parcel on the north side of the tracks that was used in the past as a landfill is part of the land to be conveyed to the Town. The landfill was operated by the Township many years ago. The Ministry of Environment and Climate Change has confirmed the landfill is closed in their files which means they are aware of the site but there are no issues.

Rigoberto continued his update.

CSC Certification was presented to Dufferin Aggregates Acton site earlier this year. Rigoberto showed the CAP pictures of the CSC award. Dufferin Aggregates Acton was the first aggregate site to be certified under the Cornerstone Standard Councils. There are 7 principles under the standard.

Doris: Were all conditions met for the certification?

Rigoberto: Yes, all conditions were met. As for principles 3, 5 and 6, we have until August 2016 to complete few non-conformance items for these principles.

Doris expressed concern over the certification while principles are still outstanding.

Rigoberto mentioned they were following the process and are on track for the conditions to be met in August as per the rules.

Doris: Do you have to have a reserve fund for rehabilitation?

Rigoberto: Yes it is a part of the mandate of our license and company strategy.

Doris: Was this certification based on the existing site or what is coming up? Why didn't Milton get one? Are they going to do this?

Rigoberto: This certification was based on the existing licensed site. We would need to reapply to include the extension license once it is approved. I'm not sure why Milton was not certified, however all sites will be certified eventually.

Action Item: Rigoberto will determine what other Dufferin sites are looking into certification.

Update on Action Item: Dufferin Aggregates will certify more sites. (We are waiting for one other operator to move forward with a certification as we do not want to be the only operator. We were the lead on developing it so we do not want to have multiple sites and our competitors not have any)

Ron: Do all your competitors have to be certified?

Rigoberto: We are hoping other producers get certified.

Rigoberto explain that Dufferin Aggregates Acton won the following awards:

- OSSGA, Community Relations Award
- NSSGA, Excellence in Community Relations (Gold Award)
- NSSGA, Excellence in Communications (Platinum)
- NSSGA, National Stars of Excellence Award

Doris expressed that she was skeptical about these awards because Dufferin is receiving awards for things that they are already mandated to do. She also expressed the timing of awards was interesting considering the timing of the current permit application.

Doris: Why did we apply to the awards under CRH seeing that we received these awards a couple months after the change over?

Rigoberto: We have been applying for these awards since 1998. All sites apply for these awards.

Shawna discussed the 16th Annual Tree Planting with Scouts DFA Acton held on April 30, 2016. There were 325-350 participants consisting of scouts, their leaders, friends and family. 3,250 trees were planted this year.

Paul: What types of trees were planted?

Shawna provided a list of 15 trees that were planted native to the land.

Action Item: Shawna will provide the list to Morgan to circulate to the CAP.

Action Item Updated:

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Eastern White Cedar	600
White Pine	800
Paper Birch	250
Trembling Aspen	150
Common Elderberry	100
Red Oak	200
Bur Oak	150
Bitternut Hickory	40
Sugar Maple	385
Black Cherry	75
Ironwood	50
Chokecherry	100
Alternative-leaved Dogwood	50
Silver Maple	250
Highbush Cranberry	25
Northern Bush Honeysuckle	25
Totals:	3250

Doris: Is there a requirement that decides what trees are planted?

Shawna: The environmental department makes the decision and orders the trees for the tree planting events.

Paul: Are the trees planted on the original soil?

Shawna: Yes, the trees are planted on the original soil in areas that are in the rehab plan.

Doris: How many trees were planted last year?

Shawna: 1,900 trees were planted last year, but some of the trees were larger trees than this year.

Rigoberto continued and explained that they celebrated 10 years “No Lost Time Injury” on Monday May 30, 2016. This means that in the last ten years no one has been off with a work related injury.

Doris: How many employees are at this site?

Shawna: Approximately 30 employees on staff and a lot of the staff are local. This has been the same over the past 2 to 3 years. At one point there were about 67 employees on site.

Doris: Is there a decrease in the amount of employees because of new technology?

Rigoberto: The decrease in employees is due to the decrease in production while we wait for the extension to be approved.

Rigoberto showed a list of the 2016 Donations from DFA Acton (to date) to the local community.

Rigoberto provided an update about the Acton Extension Approval Process

- The hearing is on June 21-22, 2016 with the Joint Board
- It will commence for 4 days
- 5 landowners and POWER will have participant status
- Hoping for a final decision to be delivered late summer or early fall
- All legal agreements by CRH, the Town of Halton Hills, Conservation Halton and Credit Valley Conservation have been signed

Paul: Who is a part of the Joint Board?

Shawna: I think that the Joint Board consists of the Environmental Review Tribunal (ERT) and the Municipal Board but we will confirm.

Action Item: Acton to confirm who is a part of the Joint Board

Action Item updated:

They are one of five tribunals under the Environment and Land Tribunals Ontario created under the authority of *Adjudicative Tribunal Accountability, Governance and Appointments Act, 2009*. The Joint Board holds hearings and issues decisions, reports and recommendations based on law, evidence and duty to protect the environment. Individuals are appointed by the Lieutenant Governor to act as the adjudicator

Members Include:

- Assessment Review Board – assessment of property
- Board of Negotiation – land values for property being expropriated
- Conservation Review Board – archaeology licensing
- Environmental Review Tribunal – matters related to the Environmental Bill of Rights, Environmental Protection Act, Ontario Water Resources Act, Safe Water Drinking Act, Pesticides Act, Nutrient Management Act, Toxics Reduction Act and the Niagara Escarpment Commission
- Ontario Municipal Board – planning applications

Doris: What happens after the four-day hearing?

Rigoberto: We hope to hear a decision late summer early fall, ideally before our next meeting.

Paul: Where is the hearing being held?

Rigoberto: I am not sure but can find out for those who would like to attend.

Action Item: Acton to provide the location of the hearing to the CAP

Action Item Updated: Hearing took place June 21-22 2016. It was at the Halton Hills Civic Centre. Unfortunately, we knew about the location the afternoon before the Hearing.

End of presentation

Morgan opens the floor for general discussion.

General Open Forum

Paul: Who owns the Lafarge property? Who is our contact there?

Rigoberto: It should be the same contact as before. Let us know if you can't reach your contact. We were able to maintain same employees when CRH took over because CRH did not have any previous operations in Canada.

Action Item: Follow up with Paul to confirm if we still have a contact at Lafarge

Action Item Updated: Chris McGuckin

Paul: What happens if we don't get the extension?

Rigoberto: If we do not get the extension we would only have the 200,000 tonnes left of production at the end of this year.

Norm: What is the timeline if they get approval for the extension? Is it within 90 days?

Rigoberto: I am not sure of the timelines with the approval process. We would hope to hear late summer or early fall.

Norm expressed his concerns about where the CAP is going. He explained that he, Paul and Ron have been a part of this committee for the last seven years, following the extension process.

Norm: What does the Milton CAP do at their meetings?

Morgan explained that the Milton CAP talks about on-going operations and sometimes presents different topics such as health and safety or environmental commitments. Morgan also explained that if there is not as much to talk about we can continue with meetings twice a year compared to quarterly, knowing that members can always email or call with concerns in-between meetings. Morgan explained that members are welcome to step down at any time they feel that they no longer want to be a part of the CAP. The CAP is open to adding new members as well as new topics of discussion to the agenda.

Doris: Acton needs the CAP as part of outreach. As a member I relay messages to other people in the community.

Ron: The outreach of the CAP isn't going far enough I think. My outreach consists of defending what Dufferin is doing in comparison to informing. I suggest that we stay stable and consistent until the decision is made about the extension. However, we should continue thinking about what our use is going to be after the extension process is complete.

Doris: I am still interested in operations of the company even post the extension approval.

Morgan proposed the idea of thinking about other members that would be interested in joining the CAP in the future.

Norm: I would like to wait until we have a decision about the extension before looking into adding new members to the CAP.

Morgan explained how the Paris CAP is considering developing a one pager to explain what the CAP does in order to provide an explanation when talking about the CAP. Morgan suggested that Acton creates a similar one pager to explain what the CAP does so they do not feel like all they do for outreach is defending the CAP.

Doris: We received a letter about water taking and the request to take water permits. I wasn't too sure what the letter meant due to legal jargon.

Rigoberto: The request to take water permit would be dealt separately from the extension.

Action Item: Doris to bring back information about the letter she received dated May 12, 2016

Paul: What is the Joint Board's mandate? Do they have a decision timeline?

Rigoberto: I am not aware of their formal mandate or decision timeline, but will find out for the CAP.

Action Item: Acton to report on the Joint Board's mandate and decision timeline to the CAP.

Action Item Updated: The Joint Board will make the decision on the license application and land use approvals. The hearing has finished and a decision is expected within a few months.

Morgan provided the suggestion of setting a temporary date of late October for the next meeting or when we hear about the extension approval. The CAP would like to wait and see what happens with the extension approval before setting a date.

Doris: I would like to thank Dufferin for the seven tonne rock that was donated to the Limehouse Millennium Garden, which is located on the corner of 22nd Sideroad and 5th Line. She explained how heavy the rock was and how beautiful it looked all set up.

Agenda topic for next meeting:

- Discuss goals as a CAP post the extension process.

Norm motion to adjourn the meeting.

Morgan Murphy brought the meeting to a close.

Meeting adjourned