
Port Fuels & Material Services, Inc.

Meeting Minutes - Community Liaison Committee

Date: Thursday, October 16, 2014

Time: 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Location: Boardroom, Eva Rothwell Resource Centre at Robert Land, 460 Wentworth St. North

Chair: Bob Clark, PFMSI

Facilitator: Greg Zilberbrant, JBI Environmental Consulting Inc. (JBI)

Participants: Bob Clark (PFMSI), Keith Reid (PFMSI), James Kaspersetz (Clean Air Hamilton), Laurence Smink (SSNH), Peter DeBoer (Fire dept), Linda Lukasik (Environment Hamilton), Lynn Stewart (McMaster), John Anagnostou (PFMSI), Gordon Reusing (CRA), Blair Shoniker (CRA), Stephen Rowe (KNA)

Regrets: Chris McLaughlin (BARC), Ilona Feldmann (BARC)

Welcome & Introductions

Greg Zilberbrant thanked everyone for attending and explained safety/emergency procedures. Bob thanked everyone for attending and introduced John who will be able to help out in his absence.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Greg distributed the minutes for review. Motion to approve the minutes was moved by James Kaspersetz, seconded by Bob. Minutes from the September 18, 2014 meeting were approved.

Final Discussion on Terms of Reference

Greg distributed the draft ToR and opened the floor for comments.

- Lynda Lukasik wants CLC meetings opened up to community members to attend as observers
 - Bob thought it was a good suggestion but wants to wait for CLC to progress further before a decision is made
 - Greg suggested to include it as a discussion note within the approval of the ToR

Motion to approve the draft ToR was moved by Lynn Stewart, seconded by Laurence Smink. Draft ToR with discussion point from Lynda approved.

Status of Environmental Studies

- Blair introduced that CRA is leading the Environmental Screening process and provided an overview of the progress to date.
- Blair presented a list of studies that are in progress
 - Human Health Risk Assessment not required by the guide as part of the regulation, but PFMSI volunteered to complete one.
 - Bob explained that the studies also address the cumulative air quality impacts.
- Bob provided an explanation of the site facility aerial presented in CRA's presentation.
 - Lease agreement with Hamilton Port Authority (HPA), who will be preparing the site. Rail line through the centre of the property will be relocated.
 - Entrance planned to be on Sherman Ave
- Blair provided an explanation of the Design & Operations report
 - James asked if incoming shipments included all forms of transportation types
 - Bob explained that ongoing negotiations are local, within 1-2miles to keep within PFMSI's green footprint philosophy/approach.
 - James suggested that PFMSI might require a Marshall for the yard
 - Lynda asked for clarification on the nature of the contaminated soils
 - James, John, and Bob indicated that it would be non-hazardous
 - Bob reiterated that this proposal is for non-hazardous waste
 - Lynda asked for a definition of contaminated soils, such as the MOE's definition
 - Blair indicated this definition would be provided
 - Lynda clarified her question and asked what PFMSI is seeking approvals for in regards to the source of the Gasplasma and Direct Plasma systems.
 - Bob explained they are not proposing to use hazardous waste
 - James explained that this would be like Taro (non-hazardous)
- Blair provided an overview of the surface water study area and explained there would be no outdoor storage and no outdoor processes.
- Blair provided an overview of the Geology and Hydrogeology study area
 - James asked what the current property status is
 - Stephen Rowe indicated it is a brownfield
 - Bob indicated it is reclaimed land. Boreholes will be done as part of PFMSI requirement with the lease agreement with HPA.
 - James thought it would be good to know if HPA would cleanup any contamination that may exist before the lease agreement.
- Blair provided an overview of the air quality study area
 - Gord added that there are other particulate sources in the area, not just from PM10 due to trucks. Benzo(a)pyrene is also a common containment due to the steel mills.
 - James asked if metals are higher in syngas (compared to natural gas and propane)
 - John explained that natural gas, synthetic gas from waste, landfill gas are all based of carbon monoxide and trace elements and they all have to be cleaned. Therefore syngas with some additional cleaning can also be piped into natural gas grid, so it would have the same composition.

- Gord explained they have done the modeling and there are no issues with O.Reg 419 standards.
 - Gord indicated that only when syngas can't go to the engines, it goes to the oxidizer
 - James suggested this would be in the operations report. Clean Air Hamilton has raised the issue of what happens in emergencies. What is the possibility of this happening and what are the ways to mitigate?
 - Gord explained this would be addressed in the reports
- Blair provided an overview of the land use & socio-economic study area
 - James asked if a zoning amendment was required
 - Bob explained that HPA & City of Hamilton are still discussing this
- Blair provided an overview of the acoustic study area
 - James asked if there will be any berms since it is a good mitigation measure
 - Gord indicated it is not required
 - James asked if the largest noise source is the generation or the gasification side
 - Gord indicated largest noise sources are the engines, emissions control equipment (fans), oxygen, nitrogen generation equipment, truck traffic
- Blair provided an overview of the natural environment study area
- Blair provided an overview of the cultural heritage assessment
 - Recommendations will be made, but HPA is responsible for mitigation measures
- Blair provided an overview of the traffic study area
 - James suggested there would be a lot more 9 ton trucks. From his experience, typically 20 foot, 20 or 10 ton roll-off box.
- Blair provided an overview of how the Canadian Environment Assessment Act (CEAA) applies
 - Lynda asked if there are federal public consultation requirements or if it is fully harmonized with the province.
 - Bob explained his understanding that the federal government would take the public consultation information into consideration; there is not a separate one.
 - Blair explained under the old process, there wasn't a requirement to do public consultation for a screening. In the new process, feds rely on the province.
 - Greg added that there is an opportunity for public consultation through the provincial process, so if there is dialogue needed, the CLC is great forum for it.
- Blair provided an overview of the ESR & next steps and explained there are more public consultation opportunities in the ECA process
 - Lynda asked for more detail
 - Blair explained Step 12 of screening is the notice of completion, which has a 60-day review period. ESR is posted on website and in public spaces. Public can comment and request an elevation request. If no elevation request, there is and ECA process, where applications are posted to the EBR for public comment.
 - Lynda explained her past experience has been that there is no requirement to post ECAs to the EBR through the EA process

- Blair clarified that the EA process is different to the ESR process, so in this case ECAs will be posted to the EBR.

Greg thanked Blair for the presentation.

- James asked for a copy of the presentation
 - Bob said that a final presentation with more results will be presented at the open house
 - James asked for clarification on what CLC members can discuss outside of CLC meetings
 - Bob indicated that members can discuss any details as they need to and that the presentation will be available. He wants to ensure studies are done, so that all facts are available for the public.
- Bob discussed the open house format
 - Bob has asked Stephen if they can host it at the Eva Rothwell Centre because it is close to the site facility (which was a suggestion from the first open house)
 - Bob asked members to send any open house recommendations to him & Greg
 - James suggested to look at all the negative press/questions and gear the first 20 minutes toward those questions
 - Bob explained he has had multiple one on one meetings to clear up the misconceptions and continues to do that

Next Meeting & Future Topics

- Bob's recommendation is to have a CLC meeting after the Open House (date TBD in November)
 - James asked would he not want to use this group as a pilot
 - Bob would like all final details to be presented at once to members and public
 - James was fine with Bob's approach
- James suggested the next meeting would be in January since December is difficult with holidays
- Greg confirmed next CLC meeting will be in January to provide enough time from the Open House to provide recommendations, questions from each respective group, etc.
- Bob asked everyone to send questions as they come up and not wait until the CLC meeting
- Greg explained that the importance of the CLC is that we can dialogue outside of meetings
- James asked for clarification if anyone from the public can attend
 - Bob prefers to keep attendance as is now and we can discuss at a later date
 - Bob prefers to address anything that comes up directly so if anyone outside of this group has questions, separate meetings can be setup.
- Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, January 15, 2014 from 7:00-9:00pm at the same location (Eva Rothwell Resource Centre at Robert Land, Boardroom).

Bob thanked everyone for attending and for all of the questions.

- James made a final note that when discussing contaminated soils, they should have composition information because people will want clarification.

Adjourn - Meeting adjourned at 8:48pm.