
Port Fuels & Material Services, Inc.

Meeting Minutes

Date: February 19, 2015

Location: Boardroom, Art Gallery of Hamilton (123 King St. W)

Chair: Bob Clark, PFMSI (Greg Zilberbrant on behalf of Bob Clark)

Facilitator: Greg Zilberbrant, JBI

Participants: Keith Reid (PFMSI), Stephen Rowe (KNA), Lynn Stewart (McMaster), Melanie (SSNH), Ellen Morris (Gala Hub), Blair (CRA), Tej G (CRA)

Regrets: Bob Clark, PFMSI, Peter DeBoer (City of Hamilton Fire Dept), Ilona Feldmann (BARC), James Kasperetz (Clean Air Hamilton), Linda Lukasik (Environment Hamilton), Chris McLaughlin (BARC)

Welcome & Introductions

Welcome from Greg. Bob is absent due to illness – sends his regrets.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve minutes by Stephen, seconded by Ellen. All in favour. Minutes from the January 20, 2015 meeting approved.

Community Presentation: Keith Hub, Stephen Rowe

- Undertook research and provided it to the Keith Hub
- Participated in the first Open House, suggested to Bob that he should talk to the Keith Neighbourhood Hub, Q&A held with Bob at a meeting
- Ongoing dialogue with PFMSI, Bob attended three meetings
- Listened to all sides, but realized people don't usually mobilize in favour, therefore they decided to hold a vote. Unanimous support at the Hub, so they made a public declaration.
- They are satisfied that the technology is safe and they support the job creation.

Ellen shared her perspectives from the Gala community:

- Explained varied community concerns including perception of initial open house timing/location, understanding of technical information, and scale relative to Swindon facility.

- Some people have opinions that will never change. Some are just very worried of any potential negative impact in the community.
- GALA has stepped forward and said they should provide a more balanced dialogue on the project.

Stephen commented that by no means does the Keith Hub represent everyone in the neighbourhood, but they provide a voice for people and worked to provide opportunities for Q&As with PFMSI.

- Ellen explained that Gala and Sherman are different than Keith. There are ways PFMSI can tell their story to make it feel more human.
 - Keith asked Ellen for suggestions on how to communicate with Gala since an invitation was extended months ago with no success.
 - Ellen suggested that the Q&A provided was a good start for their website, Facebook page, and the GALA newsletter

Ellen has provided a list of questions for PFMSI, the responses of which will be posted on the website, facebook page, and newsletter. Ellen will also share the FAQ from PFMSI website.

- Greg explained the FAQs are publicly available, but to ensure that if information is reprinted it that it is done in full. Ellen agreed.

Ellen asked if public education and the CLC will continue after Feb 27 and once PFMSI gets an approval

- Greg explained there is no end date for the CLC and PFMSI's intent is continue public education in the future

Greg reviewed the questions from the Gala hub and Bob's responses.

- Ellen asked for more detail on potential vermin issues
 - Tej explained that part of the design & operations report has limited storage inside the facility. There is also a requirement in the ECA to have vermin program in place.
 - Ellen asked what happens if there were a breakdown, would trucks keep delivering?
 - Keith explained that the supply would stop immediately

Mel asked if the company could just apply for a permit to process hazardous waste in the future.

- Blair explained that an individual environmental assessment would have to be undertaken. They would not just amend an existing permit, they would have to apply for a new one.
- Mel suggested a link to the legislation that explains this would be helpful and should be documented in the minutes.

POST MEETING NOTE: link to legislation

http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/html/regqs/english/elaws_regqs_070101_e.htm

Mel suggested it would be helpful to generate some additional Q&A focused on concerns that may exist beyond the permitting process ("Day 2" questions). CRA to consider such questions and follow-up in future meetings.

Mel provided feedback from the Sherman community

- Mel explained that unlike the Keith Hub, the Sherman Hub and GALA Hub had not taken an official position on the plant.
 - Ellen agreed that GALA is officially neutral on the issue and re-stated the balanced approach taken to educate the group with both sides of the opinion by community members.
- Community experience, past work that the community has engaged in
 - People have been mobilizing together, created neighbourhood action plans which did not consider such uses as being proposed.
 - Stephen said part of Keith hub strategy, which is very different from Sherman & Gala, is to work with companies to rehabilitate brownfields & create jobs
 - Mel explained that people don't want to get rid of industry but this plant is further preventing potential land use changes, preventing public access to land.
 - Greg asked if everyone had seen the proposed site (from the roadway on Wilcox St).
 - Ellen, Mel, and Lynn stated they had not.
 - Keith suggested a field trip and everyone agreed it would be a good idea if possible

Mel also asked why PFMSI wants to be part of the community and be a good neighbour

- Greg explained they want to hear community concerns directly and work together to address them. They chose to start the CLC early, although not required by the ESR.
- Stephen explained that from his work experience, this corporate mentality is not new.

Greg suggested that due to time if Mel could formalize her notes and provide them at the next meeting, the discussion could continue. Mel agreed.

Outstanding technical questions (Environmental Screening Report):

Greg asked if there were any questions related to the Environmental Screening Report that should be discussed before the group adjourns as the public posting period is set to expire on February 27.

- Mel said she would email the technical questions she has and share them with the group
- No other questions raised

Greg asked if there was any other pressing business that needed to be discussed before the adjournment of this meeting.

- No issues were raised

Greg also shared that PFMSI is working with the city to answer questions related to the ESR, however the ESR public posting deadline of Feb 27 is approaching, so any technical questions (if they haven't been already) should be submitted before then.

Next Meeting: March 26, 2015 at the AGH.

Adjourn - Meeting adjourned at 9:20pm.