

Meeting Minutes

Event:	Community Advisory Panel (CAP) Paris Pit CAP # 13
Date & Time:	Tuesday October 28, 2014 7:00 - 9:00 PM
Place:	Paris Golf Country Club, River House
Chair:	Courtney Somers, Facilitator
Participants:	Shirley Simons, Councilor Murray Powell, Councilor Jeff Broomfield, Neighbour Robb Edwards, Neighbour Gary Strauss, Neighbour Elizabeth Norris, Neighbour Fred Natolochny, Grand River Conservation Authority Kevin Mitchell, Dufferin Aggregates Richard Erdmann, Dufferin Aggregates
Guests:	Chris Fleming, Site Manager, Dufferin Aggregates
Minutes:	Molly Wilkie, Facilitator
Regrets:	Bill Galloway, Dufferin Aggregates Steve Schmitt, Councilor Cyril Parsons, Neighbour Dale Lukas, Neighbour Alex Faux, Neighbour Bill Telfer, Neighbour John McAllister, Neighbour Jake Vandenburg, Neighbour Ross Moore, Neighbour Marilyn Sewell, Neighbour Michael Fox, Neighbour

Minutes

Courtney Somers brought the meeting to order and asked the CAP to review the minutes from June 24th, 2014. CAP members reviewed and approved the minutes.

Courtney Somers reviewed the agenda for the meeting and introduced Kevin Mitchell to give the Paris Pit General Update.

General Update

- PTTW & ECA (isw) applications

- No Change since June CAP meeting:
 - All MOE questions have been addressed
 - Waiting for MOE to schedule technical agency meeting
- County of Brant's consultant (Stantec) has reviewed the PTTW application

Kevin Mitchell highlighted the following statements in Stantec's report: *"No impacts are anticipated at the Gilbert Well Field and the Well Head Protection Area for the well field"* and *"No impacts are anticipated at the Telfer Well Field and the Well Head Protection Area for the well field."*

- Watts Pond Road Reconstruction
 - Construction drawings are completed in draft
 - Details on potential pole relocations are being discussed with Bell and Hydro One
 - Reconstruction of Watts Pond Road from the pit entrance to Hwy 24A/Pinehurst Road is anticipated to commence on April 1, 2015
 - Pit entrance has been established

Kevin Mitchell showed a photo illustrating where the entrance was located and explained the work that has been carried out over the last two months. He says Dufferin Aggregates sub-excavated the topsoil and the sub soil down to the aggregate material and packed it.

Kevin Mitchell introduced Chris Fleming, site manager for the Paris Pit as well as Cayuga Pit and Simcoe Pit.

Chris Fleming explained Site Preparation:

- Fencing
 - Local Ontario Land Surveyor, MacAulay White & Muir Ltd laid out the property boundary
 - Sure Fence Ltd was hired to complete the fencing, using tools and machinery to ensure there was a narrow footprint
 - The perimeter of Paris Pit south of Watts Pond Road has been gated, fenced and marked with "No Trespassing" signs

Chris Fleming showed pictures from the western boundary at a few locations and where it was necessary to remove some trees. He also showed locations, as provided by the site plans, where the fence was offset to preserve the trees

- Stripping
 - Prior to commencing stripping, the limit of extraction was also laid out by local surveyor J.H. Cohoon Engineering
 - The stripping carried out in September & October was to establish the internal haul road and prepare the first area to be extracted
 - Chris Fleming said that all the stripping was uniform; there were a couple of spots that were deeper than others. He noted that the material that was removed was just under a metre in depth
 - The topsoil and subsoil was removed separately and has been stored in perimeter berms near the pit entrance

- During the initial start up/opening of the pit, there were no areas that were depleted and ready for progressive rehabilitation. Consequently, topsoil and overburden are stored in perimeter berms for future use
 - There is equipment being loaded to haul stripped material to perimeter berms
 - Chris Fleming said the berms are currently roughed into place and they need to settle over the during the winter. He said Dufferin Aggregates will come back in the spring to do a final touch-up grading on the berms and then they will be seeded
 - Chris Fleming showed a picture of the stripped area where extraction will commence
- Extraction
 - Crushing of granular A began October 6th
 - Chris Fleming said there is a small portal plant that can do 300 tonnes an hour
 - The pit face has a good blend of sand and stone
 - Chris Fleming explained the depth of extraction is approximately 6 metres and the site is approved to extraction approximately another 6 metres below that. He said the loader is roughly five meters high
 - Chris Fleming explained that extraction began in the back where there was a natural gully, which allowed the plant to be set up in half of the reserve.

Question One: Is the crusher up and running?

- Chris Fleming said yes.
- Stockpiling
 - Chris Fleming showed a photo of the stockpile, which was used for internal haul roads and will be used for the reconstruction of Watts Pond Road and local sales in the spring
- Processing
 - Chris Fleming showed a picture of the portable processing plant which he says is a very small footprint
 - Chris Fleming explained that noise reduction efforts are being made by placing the plant in a gully, and the generator behind the control trailer

Question Two: I live really close to the processing plant and I have never heard it?

- Chris Fleming agreed. He explained that it is a small compact plant and therefore there is not a big footprint and therefore minimal noise.

Chris Fleming showed an aerial view image of the Paris Pit from October 2014. He showed the areas that have been stripped this year. He showed where the stockpile, the plant, the berm and the internal roads are located. He showed where the scaling area plans to be.

Question Three: Is there a natural berm just beyond your fence line?

- Chris Fleming said yes

Question Four: Will you keep that as the berm or will you be adding to that?

- Kevin Mitchell said that is where the railway used to be and it will stay

Question Five: In keeping with the discussion with Hydro and Bell, do you have to go through the municipality to find the locations before you can move forward?

- Kevin Mitchell explained that this was completed through a contractor. He said Dufferin Aggregates is working with Hydro and Bell to locate where the pole lines will be

Question Six: Is there a gas line around the quarry?

- Kevin Mitchell said there is no natural gas; everything is overhead (Bell and Hydro). He explained the pipeline that runs through the pit, which was from the oil company, but it's on the north side of the road and its empty as it is a backup .

Question Seven: Will the crops that are still planted be harvested?

- Kevin Mitchell said Dufferin Aggregates asked the farmers not to plant where they thought the berms were going to go, but everything else was cropped.
- Chris Fleming showed where the crops will be located on the map

Request from Elizabeth Norris

Elizabeth Norris said the Concerned Citizens of Brant (CCOB) feel that the concerns they have brought to Dufferin Aggregates have not been addressed and they requested the following statement be submitted into the minutes to ensure their concerns were formalized:

We, as members of the Community Advisory Panel, whose purpose is to "Provide, encourage and facilitate two-way communication between local residents/regional stakeholders and Dufferin Aggregates on operations." as stated in the terms of reference, would like this statement to go on record:

That we, as representatives of this community, are not satisfied with the answers provided by Dufferin addressing our concerns with regards to the protection of our water, environment and the safety of our community. Instead of irrefutable scientific evidence, you are providing opinions and emotional statements.

The MOE, the County Of Brant and the Brant County Health Unit are just a few government agencies who agree that the evidence provided to date by Dufferin is not sufficient and that there needs to be more in depth scientific studies done on the issues, which include but are not limited to: agrochemical contamination of the aquifer, the cumulative effects of silica and other particulate matter on the air quality, prior to the opening of this gravel pit. This statement is supported by the Concerned Citizens of Brant, a community grassroots organization.

We are not experts in any of these fields and do not present ourselves as such but we are members of this community and we will have to forever live with the consequences.

Dufferin Aggregates in the Community

Chris Fleming began outlining Dufferin Aggregates work in the community

- On September 19 approximately 25 Dufferin Aggregates employees from the Mill Creek, Butler, Flamboro and Cayuga pit sites worked at Camp Teka (Girl Guides of Canada)
- He said they rebuilt and painted the outhouse as well as did a general cleanup

Next Steps

Kevin Mitchell gave an update on the next steps for the pit in the remainder of 2014:

- Kevin Mitchell said they would complete the processing of road based products. He said the crusher would be in the pit for approximately 4-6 weeks and once completed it will be taken out
- He said they will wait to hear from MOE on PTTW & ECA(isw) applications

Kevin Mitchell explained Dufferin Aggregates 2015 plans:

- Reconstruct Watts Pond Road from the pit entrance to Hwy 24A in the spring
- Fine grade the berms and seed so that they become self sustainable
- Install scale
- Commence shipping of product to customers
- Processing as required

Courtney Somers explained that the next CAP meeting would commence in either April or May 2015. She urged CAP members to provide suggestions on future topics. Topics could include: 2015 operational plans

Courtney Somers noted that if there are significant changes from now until April/May, Dufferin Aggregates will send out an email or schedule another CAP if warranted.

Q&A

Shirley Simons presented a letter dated January 24, 2005 from Ken Zimmerman, Land Supervisor of the Brant Flyers Club. She explained that the letter outlines the rules and regulations of the club.

Question Eight: Why won't Dufferin Aggregates be renewing their lease with the Brant Flyers Club?

- According to Shirley Simons, the Brant Flyers Club presented a presentation at Council outlining why they felt they should be allowed to continue to use Dufferin Aggregates land to fly their planes. She asked whether the Brant Flyers Club would be able to present their presentation to Dufferin Aggregates
- Kevin Mitchell cited four reasons as to why Dufferin Aggregates would not be renewing their agreement with the Brant Flyers Club:
 1. Health and Safety
 2. Noise
 3. Liability
 4. Meadowlark Habitat

Question Nine: How critical is the Permit To Take Water and the ECA(isw) to 2015 Operational Plans?

- Kevin Mitchell explained that the primary focus of Dufferin Aggregates is to make the highest quality and valued products; so the sooner a decision can be made on the two permits, the better for the company.

Question Ten: Is the material your crushing going to be stockpiled until spring? Is it staying within the site?

- Richard Erdmann said this winter they plan to build up 100,000 tones of inventory.
- The material is used to build internal roads and the rest will be sold for to local projects

Question Eleven: Is the road construction design all laid out?

- Kevin Mitchell said that they have width and depth dimensions laid out
- He said that everything stays within the current corridor of the road (66 feet) so there is no impact beyond that

Question Twelve: Is there a document that includes the design of the road that we are able to see?

- Kevin Mitchell said the plans are quite large but might be on file at the municipality. He noted the changes are minimal.

Question Thirteen: Does it seem like the Permit to Take Water is taking an extra long time? Is there any estimation on when you may get the permit?

- Kevin Mitchell said yes it does seem long but he has no indication of when the permit will be received
- He explained that the ministry has had a couple of retirements within the staff so it is safe to assume there is a lot of dialogue going on to get new people up to speed

Courtney Somers reiterated that if the Permit to Take Water were to be received prior to the next scheduled CAP meeting in April/May, Dufferin Aggregates would hold the meeting sooner.

Question Fourteen: If you do not get a Permit to Take Water, will you only be taking gravel out of the existing land would you still dig in spring?

- Kevin Mitchell said yes

Question Fifteen: Does the design allow for any turn off line or future traffic lights considering it's going to become a heavily congested intersection?

- Kevin Mitchell said the road platform is the same as any other major road. He said 75% of traffic would go straight across the intersection

Question Sixteen: Can you speak to Dufferin Aggregates selling it's Canadian assets to Lafarge and the impact it may have?

- Kevin Mitchell explained that Holcim Canada's assets are planning on being sold to another company
- He said although Dufferin Aggregates does not know who will buy the company, they don't believe there will be any change as the company is still obligated under the same rules and regulations

Kevin Mitchell noted that Bill Galloway will be retiring and he will be replaced by Ruksana Mirza , Senior Vice President Sustainable Development.

Question Seventeen: Will the name Dufferin Aggregates change?

- Kevin Mitchell said that it's unclear, it depends on what the new owner wants to do

Question Eighteen: What is the status of the Ecological Report? Will it be posted on the website?

- Kevin Mitchell said that a draft has been issued to Dufferin Aggregates and they are still in the process of reviewing
- He said it will be reviewed at the next CAP meeting and then be posted

Question Nineteen: Where can we find the Herbicide and Pesticide Assessment? Can we get the Well-Study as well?

- Kevin Mitchell explained that copies of both the Assessment and the Study were provided to the CCOB's lawyers
- Courtney Somers said the Herbicide and Pesticide Assessment can be found on the Dufferin Paris Pit website under "Listening to the Community"

Question Ten: Have you tested whether the site line at the end of Watts Pond Road is good enough for a Gravel Pit truck driver to see the traffic coming?

- Kevin Mitchell said that they will look into whether the speed limit on Pine Hurst should be lowered to 60km/h

Courtney Somers brought the meeting to a close