



Dufferin Aggregates Community Liaison Committee (CLC) Meeting Minutes (Approved) Draft #3

Meeting Date, Time & Location

Monday June 11, 2012, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Acton Quarry office, 12791 Churchill Road, Acton

Participants

Name	Organization
Norm Elliott	Local Neighbour
Monica Gunn	Vision Advisory Committee (VAC)
Ron Heller	Acton East Housing Corp
Paul Vanhanen	Bruce Trail Conservancy
Enzo Bertucci	Dufferin Aggregates
Rob McDougall	Dufferin Aggregates

Regrets

- Geoff Knuff, Local Neighbour
- John McNabb, Local Neighbour
- Shawn Steepe, Local Neighbour
- Andrea Bourrie, Holcim (Canada) Inc.

CLC Facilitation and Support

- John McHugh
- Jeff Lang-Weir

Minutes

- Members reviewed and approved the September 28, 2011 CLC minutes
- Rob McDougall gave an operational update of the Acton Quarry
 - The quarry is into full production season and has experienced strong sales so far
 - Supply has largely been to subdivisions and roadwork and for factory requirements
 - Good weather has helped to move construction work forward, which has been good for business
 - Holcim is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year through its *Together for Communities* program
 - Worldwide, Holcim is encouraging each of its 80,000 employees to volunteer one day for charities, which would result in the company's employees giving one million volunteer hours globally



- The Acton Quarry is going to shut down for a day for a tree planting
 - Paul Vanhanen asked how many people will be planting trees
 - Rob said that the entire quarry staff would be involved (32 people)
 - Paul said that the parking lot was finished in the spring and thanked Dufferin on behalf of the Bruce Trail Conservancy
 - The parking lot can hold 18 cars and a school bus
- Enzo Bertucci provided an update on the proposed Acton Quarry Expansion
 - Through discussions with the Joint Agency Review Team (JART) and other interested stakeholders, it became clear that there were specific elements of the proposed extraction plan that some would not support
 - Three documents were revised: the Ecological Enhancement Plan, the Adaptive Plan and the Site Plans
 - The original application proposed 71 million tonnes (MT) to be extracted, which has since been revised to 50 MT
 - The original application proposed a total extraction area of 99 hectares (ha), which has been revised to 66.7 ha
 - This revision provides enhanced protection for some wetlands and Jefferson salamander habitat
 - Dufferin believes that the revised application addresses the issues that have been raised concerning the earlier proposal
 - These changes represent the largest downscaling of the application that could still result in the promised benefits from the quarry
 - 39 objectors had originally come forward when the application was first proposed in 2010
 - Since then, responses to objectors and revisions to the application have resulted in 21 objectors dropping their objection
 - Norm Elliott asked about the six agencies currently listed as objectors to the proposal
 - Enzo said the six have objected because they have not completed their review of the application and are objectors as a matter of process
 - Ecology, water management meetings and legal meetings continue to provide the necessary background for the agencies to resolve their concerns
 - The revised application provides an overall increase in the amount of wetland that will be available in the region
 - JART will likely release its final report in early fall
 - Local municipal councils are expected to vote on the revised application in February or March 2013
 - Dufferin hopes that by this time next year, all of the agencies will have taken a final position
 - Ron Heller asked when the last successful expansion application in the Niagara Escarpment took place
 - Enzo stated that it was the Milton expansion, approved in 2006
 - Paul asked if the new, smaller footprint would change the life span of the quarry

- Enzo said that assuming consistent demand, it would reduce the life of the quarry by about ten years
 - Agencies have continued to visit the site
 - Details about the revisions to extraction areas are available on the Acton Quarry website at www.dufferinactonquarry.com/en/revisions.asp
- Enzo provided an update on the Amphibian Demonstration Pond
 - Dufferin has partnered with the Ministry of Natural Resources, Conservation Halton and Credit Valley Conservation to build two ponds as habitat for the Jefferson salamander
 - The ponds are now greening up and tadpoles are visible in the ponds
 - Water level was higher in spring and has dropped in a manner that is consistent with other wetlands
 - Monica Gunn asked why there was a fence around the area
 - Enzo stated that it's a silt fence put in place at the time of construction to prevent the soil from washing away before grass began to grow
- The Acton Quarry held its annual Tree Planting Event on Saturday, April 21, 2012
 - More than 300 people took part in the tree planting event
 - 4,000 trees were planted in less than two hours
 - Norm asked what kinds of trees were planted on April 21
 - Rob said there were a variety of species planted, consistent with the types of trees that would naturally grow in the area. They were randomly spaced so that some trees would grow quickly and provide the cover that other trees need to grow properly
 - Paul asked if the trees were growing well; Enzo replied growth was progressing well
 - Norm asked about the topsoil that was used on the island
 - Rob replied that all of the tree planting is taking place on rehabilitated land, so the quarry has provided the soil
- Norm asked what the next few months hold for the CLC, given the progress of the expansion application
 - Enzo said that Dufferin hopes that the CLC will continue to meet in order to maintain communication with the community including on items/matters that do not necessarily pertain to the expansion application
- Norm said that the lake level of Fairy Lake, which is quite low and asked if the water they have seen in the quarry is low as well
 - Rob replied that water levels at present are low in the quarry because there hasn't been much water generated from spring melt or large rains
- Paul asked about pipes that can be seen along Fourth Line
 - Rob replied they are pipes that deliver water to natural features in that area. The Ministry of Natural Resources is currently reviewing to determine if it wants water to continue to flow to that area
- Paul asked about burying the pipes
 - Enzo said they would examine a permanent solution when the ministry provides feedback on the needs of the features being fed by the pipes



- Norm said he has heard virtually no objection to the quarry expansion raised in Acton and expressed that he would like to be able to provide information to people if they do raise concerns so that they can be well informed
 - Enzo said that Dufferin's goal is to explain its plans to the local community so people can better understand the expansion proposal and its over-all vision.
- Norm said that Dufferin should be commended for its efforts as a corporate citizen in the community and pointed to Dufferin's support for the Acton Library as an example
- Rob stated that for future meetings, he will send around a list of suggested topics that the CLC can discuss for input from members
- Norm suggested putting an ad in the local newspapers naming the members of the CLC and pointing out that information is available on the quarry website
- Enzo said that the Acton Quarry Open House is scheduled for September 8, 2012 and invited the CLC members to attend

Next Meeting:

This has been tentatively booked for Tuesday September 4, 2012, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at the Acton Quarry office.