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## Dufferin Flamboro Quarry Community Advisory Panel (CAP) Meeting Minutes

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<b>Date:</b>	Monday March 5, 2012, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
<b>Location:</b>	Flamboro Quarry Office – 685 Brock Road
<b>Chair:</b>	Sarah McEvoy
<b>Participants:</b>	Dale Arnold, Dufferin Aggregates Bus Blayney, Neighbour Martin Bradley, Dufferin Aggregates Alex Caruana, Operations Analyst, Dufferin Aggregates Tim Cruickshanks, Property Owner/Contractor Jessica Davidson, Properties and Approvals Specialist, Holcim Terry Noftall, Contractor Ron Van Ooteghem, Dufferin Aggregates
<b>Regrets:</b>	Robert Pasuta, Councillor, Ward 14 (Flamborough), City of Hamilton
<b>Absent:</b>	Susan Coverdale, Business Development Consultant, City of Hamilton John Elliott, Mineralist Penny Gardiner, Flamborough Chamber of Commerce Dave Rodgerson, Neighbour John Van Wyngaarden, Businessman
<b>Facilitation and minutes:</b>	Sarah McEvoy, Edelman – facilitator Sandra Mackie, DFA Site Administrator – minutes

### **Action Items from March 5, 2012 CAP meeting:**

1. Ron Van Ooteghem will follow up with the CAP Committee regarding the inquiry voiced by Robert Pasuta about the possibility of Dufferin Aggregates supplying the stone for free to resurface Brock Road from the 5<sup>th</sup> Concession to Highway 5.
2. Dave Rodgerson will review the Aggregates 101 presentation and present some possible questions to the committee for the aggregate fact sheet handout.

### **Minutes**

- Minutes were reviewed.
- Tim Cruickshanks & Bus Blaney motioned to approve the December 5, 2011 minutes.



### **Review of Action Items from December 5, 2011 meeting.**

- Ron Van Ooteghem informed the committee that he has been in discussion with Kevin Mitchell, Land Development & Geology Manager, Holcim, regarding Robert Pasuta's inquiry about the possibility of Dufferin Aggregates supplying the stone for free to resurface Brock Road from the 5<sup>th</sup> Concession to Highway 5. Kevin provided Ron with a letter addressed to the City of Hamilton from Dufferin Aggregates, dated June 23, 2005, that indicates Dufferin will honor the original agreement that was made between the City of Hamilton and the Gray family (former owners of the Flamboro Quarry). This agreement, which came about as part of the original license expansion and Site Plan Amendment for tonnage increase, indicates that the Flamboro Quarry will provide 4600 tonnes of Granular A material to the City as they require it, for the maintenance of the Brock Road. The letter was addressed to Robert Walters, City of Hamilton, and was copied to the Ministry of Natural Resources and David Braden who was a Ward Councillor at the time. Kevin is currently looking for the Feb. 8, 2000 letter sent by the Gray family to the City of Hamilton that should outline the specifics of the agreement. Dufferin doesn't know if the City has taken any of this stone material to date. This will need to be investigated. More details will follow.
- Dave Rodgerson was scheduled to review the Aggregates 101 presentation and present some possible questions to the committee for the aggregate fact sheet handout; however, as he was absent, this item will be discussed at the next meeting.

### **SERA**

- Alex Caruana, Operations Analyst, Dufferin Aggregates, provided the committee with an update about Socially and Environmentally Responsible Aggregates (SERA) which contained the following:

#### **Standards Development Panel (SDP)**

- The SDP was designed as a forum for discussion of and reaching consensus on evolving the draft SERA standards. The panel consists of eNGO and Industry Caucuses which each discuss and reach common ground before the SDP discusses the details. This is done to facilitate discussion and consensus on developing the SERA Standards and is proving to be productive in this regard.

Some recent additions to the SDP are:

- First Nations, Paul General
- Bob Gardner, The Coalition of Concerned Citizens (Caledon)
- Penny Richardson, The Coalition of Concerned Citizens (Caledon-Observer)
- Keith Brooks, Environmental Defense, (Observer)
- Helen Purdy, Gravel Watch (Observer)
- Michael Zeidenberg, Sutherland Construction



- Principle One (Compliance with Laws) and Principle Four (Benefits to local communities and workers) have both been finalized with the SDP. The other six principles are in progress and are in various stages of completion.
- The SDP only evolves the Standards after they are presented to the board and the broader public for their input. The SERA Board proposed and approved the following consultation strategy on February 24, 2012 which includes:
  - CIU Debate “close to market” (April)
  - A delegation to AMO (March 30) and Individual Municipalities (Mar-Apr) online and personal town hall meetings (Principles will be presented and surveyed at the half way and completed mark)
  - Announce and post updated Principles with online survey for broader consultation (July-Nov)
  - First Nations Consultation (underway)
  - Revisions to standards and presentation to Board (Nov-Dec)
  - Board review and specific stakeholder concerns (Dec-Jan)
- To achieve its ambitious goals, the SDP has agreed to meet every three weeks.
- Next steps are to:
  - Receive Six Nations input on Principle Three – Respect for First Nations rights and culture (Paul General gave a presentation at the SDP about who the First Nations are and what they represent and has taken this principle back to his Council for their input)
  - Review Principle Five – Environmental and Water Impacts and Site Stewardship and to reach an agreement about expert consultation before working on the principle section by section
  - Finalize Principle Two – Community Consultation and Involvement
  - Review Principles Six and Seven (resource efficiency and traceability i.e. if you are certified, how is that material traceable?)
  - Audit standards and preamble i.e.: how you audit and how effective is that process
- Ron asked Alex what purpose an observer serves. Alex replied that an observer acts as an advisor or as a proxy if the voting member is away. Only voting members can speak. During the meetings, breaks are taken and in this time members can consult with their observers.
- Alex said that SERA has a desire to involve as many concerned and affected individuals as possible. He noted that when the discussions happen it can be a challenge to come to an agreement as everyone is coming from a different place and that once an agreement is reached, the Standards will then be presented to the public for their opinion so it is a process that involves a great deal of input.
- Ron noted that creating the Standards is a huge commitment and Alex agreed.
- Bus wanted to know if Alex had spoken to Graham Flint yet and Alex replied that he had and that Graham will be attending the June CAP meeting.
- Ron mentioned that field tests will be taking place later in the year. SERA will adopt an auditor and do a few test drives at actual pits and quarries to see how the principles and audit practice will work.
- Ron also mentioned that Lorne Johnson, who recently spoke at the SERA meeting in Acton on February 6, 2012, will be quite involved in the public contact and communication for SERA moving forward. He said that approximately 30 people attended the Acton meeting including Flamboro CAP members Terry Noftall, Tim Cruickshanks and Robert Pasuta. During the question and



answer segment of the meeting, the attendees were asked “How do we (quarries) communicate more effectively?” Terry Nofall answered the question by saying that he believed the CAP was a good way of doing that.

- Terry Nofall said that he believes that traceability will be difficult to achieve and that a quarry or pit can be certified but it will be difficult to trace. Alex said that if you are undertaking those practices (i.e: saying that you are certified when you are not), there is a great deal of risk, and credibility can be lost. He said that in this “electronic age” not much happens without being discovered.
- Ron told the committee that they will continue to have updates at future meetings. Alex is taking over for Kate Lyons-Davies, so he will often attend to provide the updates. Ron also noted that there are now more and more people involved in the SERA process including a lot more eNGO’s, and that we need to remember that the end result is to make it clear to everyone involved as to what is the right thing to do.

### **Neighbourhood Wells Project**

- Jessica Davidson presented the update regarding the Neighbourhood Wells Project associated with preparation for the mining of the lower bench.

The presentation explained that:

- The Flamboro Quarry Neighbourhood Wells Project is a proactive initiative undertaken by Dufferin Aggregates in preparation for extraction of a lower depth at the quarry. It was initiated because Dufferin recognized that groundwater levels around the quarry could be affected when the extraction proceeds to a lower level, and Dufferin wants to ensure there is no impact on neighbours.
- The current extraction depth is approximately 240mASL, and the current license allows extraction to a depth of 230mASL.
- The purpose is not to increase annual tonnage but to access the next phase of extraction. The current license allows 3,000,000te/year.
- Before Dufferin modifies its operations to accommodate lower bench extraction, they will ensure that every neighbour will have an adequate water supply when they do so.
- The action plan has involved a proactive strategy to evaluate neighbours’ water supplies and provide solutions where necessary to anyone potentially affected. Current stage involves implementation of alternative or modified supplies where necessary.
- Solutions are being prioritized on a home by home basis, based on the state of current water supply and potential impact as per the study and recommendations provided by Dufferin’s expert hydrogeological consultants.
- All solutions will be implemented at no cost to the landowners and will be completed prior to modifying quarry operations.
- To date Dufferin has finished eight installations with five installations ongoing. The response so far on new water supplies has been positive and follow-up visits are being undertaken with landowners to ensure their satisfaction with their new systems.
- Dufferin is also currently completing follow-up calls to all residents that did not require modifications.



- As Dufferin progresses, recommendations from **Conestoga-Rovers & Associates (CRA)** may be modified to accommodate landowner's needs.
- Every resident who filled out a survey will receive the data collected for their home and any modifications needed to their systems prior to the extraction of the second bench. The anticipated date to lower extraction is late summer 2012. This date will be communicated to neighbours by letter.
- The Ministry of Environment will receive the final Hydrogeological assessment report for their records once the project is complete.

#### **Action Plan to Prepare for Extraction of Second Bench**

- Dufferin will communicate with neighbours when they prepare to extract the lower bench so neighbours can ensure their water supply remains unaffected and notify Dufferin of any changes.
  - Monitoring of the drawdown effect will be ongoing when extraction of the lower bench proceeds, and immediate attention will be given to any unanticipated issues that may arise.
  - Immediate temporary water supplies shall be on hand should any unforeseen shortages occur.
  - Dufferin will stay in regular communication with neighbours and stakeholders to evaluate their satisfaction with the management of the project.
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- Jessica said that most of the neighbours have indicated that the system Dufferin has installed for them is better than what they have had previously and that there has been a great response from landowners regarding the vendors that are doing the installations as well.
  - Bus Blaney had a system put in at his home and he mentioned that it is good and is doing everything he wants it to do. It doesn't lack for a thing and the installers did a great job including the electrical. Ron said that the systems are state of the art.
  - Tim inquired about the maintenance on the systems. Jessica told him that maintenance is the responsibility of the homeowner and that there is a warranty in place. The company that installed the system has their company sticker on most of the system parts so they can always be contacted. The installer has also prepared a maintenance summary for each homeowner that has had a system installed, so that the homeowner has a quick reference guide which they can refer to.
  - Ron mentioned that when Dufferin started the project they weren't sure if installing wells etc. would work but this has become a better system than just having a holding tank installed and continually filling it up –this system is more sustainable. The water is available and is also treatable.
  - Tim indicated that they would have had no room to have the system installed at houses on the Brock Road. Jessica mentioned that some homes might not be able to sustain the same kind of system, however Dufferin is willing to modify the recommendations to accommodate the home and the preferences of the landowners.
  - Tim said that most people who have cisterns (holding tanks) are used to them and are not too concerned but do have to deal with the delivery truck coming in several times a month.
  - Terry asked if there had been any problems with tile beds and Jessica said that there hasn't been.
  - Ron mentioned that Tim has been helping out with the landscaping, tree trimming etc., but that most of this has been deterred until the spring thaw is complete. Tim noted that he has been in communication letting the neighbours know what he is doing and what stage he is at. Some residents have had questions but are happy with the result.



- Ron said that by the next meeting the project should be near completion. He also mentioned that the project has provided a good opportunity for him and Jessica to connect with the neighbours.

### Open Forum

- Bus noted that the blasting “has been pretty good lately”. Ron told Bus that Jason Barnett, Dufferin’s Production Engineer, has been working with blasters trying to improve the blasting. He said Dufferin is blasting close to the neighbours and it is not an easy corner to blast but they have done a lot to improve the blasting via design changes. Dufferin’s focus is on vibrations as noise is dictated more by the weather – design changes occur as they are needed.
- Tim mentioned that a two mile long gravel spill happened on the Brock Road recently from the quarry driveway to Hwy 5 and noticed Dufferin’s 980 loader cleaned it up. Martin Bradley told Tim that there was nothing on Dufferin’s exit road, so something must have happened between the gate and Hwy 5. Tim asked if it was Dufferin’s responsibility to clean up these spills and Ron replied that it was not, and that if Dufferin can determine the trucking company that is involved, they will try to charge it back to that company. Dale Arnold noted that he would rather clean it up then risk incidents with possible window chips etc., so Dufferin tends to deal with spills once they know about them.
- Tim asked if Dufferin has had any issues with trucks parking on Hwy 5. Tim has noticed trucks parked on Hwy 5 waiting to turn onto Brock Road. Ron said that it came up last fall and Dufferin has discussed it with the City of Hamilton and the police and they are working with the company regarding this. Tim said that sometimes they are parked there sleeping at 4 am and are in the lane. Ron said that this can be a hazard and that Dufferin will continue to work with the police and discourage it if the police notify us. Sarah McEvoy asked if the police can ticket the truckers and Ron said yes, but generally only if there are “no stopping” signs posted
- Terry mentioned that Dufferin makes so many efforts to keep things in order that they aren’t required to do, that it is a real sign of good faith.
- Tim said that he still sees the odd person pull out in front of a car. Ron said that there are still instances where something has happened and Dufferin tries to do what is right for the neighbourhood, however the truckers have to work with the company too and that is not always easy. Trucker tailgates are issued monthly to try to mitigate this and Ron can show these to the committee if they are interested.
- Ron mentioned that he was considering turning the old Gray property on the Brock Road into a pumpkin patch. He will discuss the details with Tim and see what would be involved. Terry suggested that Dufferin may be able to arrange for some soil to be donated.
- Bus Blaney will be moving to the West Coast in the next few months and will let the committee know when the date is firm.
- Sarah McEvoy will be on maternity leave for the June meeting so will have an associate of hers facilitate the next meeting. We wish Sarah all the best with her new baby.
- Dates to remember – Tree Planting – April 27, Open House – June 16.
- The meeting ended at 8:15pm.



### **Next Meeting**

- The next meeting will be held on Monday June 18, 2012 at 7 p.m. in the boardroom at the Dufferin Aggregates Flamboro Quarry.
- Dave Rodgeron will present the committee with some ideas for the aggregate fact sheet based on his review of the Aggregates 101 presentation.
- Jessica Davidson from the Holcim Planning and Regulatory Affairs Department will be attending to provide the committee with an update on the status of the Neighbourhood Wells Project as it pertains to the site moving down to the lower bench.
- Nic Schulz, Director of Communications, SERA, will provide the committee with an update on the progress of SERA.
- Graham Flint, Chairman, FORCE, will provide the committee with an overview of FORCE.