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

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<b>Date:</b>	Monday December 1, 2014, 6:15 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
<b>Location:</b>	Flamboro Quarry Office – 685 Brock Road
<b>Chair:</b>	
<b>Participants:</b>	Tim Cruickshanks, Property Owner/Contractor John Elliott, Mineralist Mike Gubbles, Dufferin Aggregates Terry Noftall, Contractor
<b>Regrets:</b>	
<b>Absent:</b>	Dale Arnold, Dufferin Aggregates Robert Pasuta, Councillor, Ward 14 (Flamborough), City of Hamilton Dave Rodgerson, Neighbour John Van Wyngaarden, Businessman
<b>Facilitation and minutes:</b>	Courtney Somers, Smithcom, Facilitator, Sandra Mackie, minutes

### **Action Items from December 1, 2014 CAP meeting:**

1. Tim Cruickshanks will prepare a design/plan for planting trees at the Dufferin Aggregates Flamboro Quarry Community Garden, including recommendations for the best varieties to plant.

### **Minutes**

- June 23, 2014 minutes were reviewed.
- The committee members approved minutes.

### **Review of Action Item from June 24, 2014 CAP Meeting**

1. Tim Cruickshanks will bring a completed design/plan for the Flamboro Quarry Community Garden to the next meeting.

### **Discussion of recent neighbour concerns/2015 site plans regarding blasting/night shipping**

- Mike reminded the committee that Dufferin Aggregates is currently for sale. At this time Dufferin Aggregates is not sure who will be buying the company but they are already touring prospective buyers and tenders are expected to be submitted by the end of December. It's anticipated that the new owners will be identified by mid-2015.



- Mining was initiated in the lower bench in 2014. Dufferin Aggregates has been able to blast the lower bench and still stay within the ministry limits regarding vibrations and noise. They have also been able to manage the water for about half of the year.
- In compliance with its water permits, all water pumped off site must leave from Sump 1, located in the south-east corner of the quarry. Currently, the lower bench is deeper than Sump 1 and some of the water being pumped from the lower bench to Sump 1 returns in a recirculating loop. Therefore, plans are in place to deepen Sump 1 in the winter months so that it will become the main collection point for all in-flow and ground water keeping the lower bench dry during mining operations. Orica (the blasting company) has been engaged to provide product that will have negligible effect on water quality during the deepening operation.
- Dufferin Aggregates will soon be blasting the east wall, which means the mining will bring them closer to the neighbours on the Brock Road. Dufferin Aggregates requires more precision blasting and are currently working with the blasting company, Orica. Orica has been asked to provide technical support and investigate the best way to blast this area that will have the least amount of impact on the neighbours regarding noise and vibration. Orica will also address how to avoid the possibility of fly rock.
- Terry Noftall mentioned to the committee that he was on site recently on a day when Dufferin Aggregates Flamboro was scheduled to blast. He left the site and went home to the 11<sup>th</sup> Concession East and about 20 minutes after he had left the site he actually felt a blast at his home. Mike told Terry that Dufferin Aggregates had had a visit from the Hamilton Wentworth Regional Police recently regarding a complaint from a resident on the 6<sup>th</sup> Concession west near Hwy 6. The resident had felt blast vibration the same day that Dufferin had blasted, but approximately an hour before the Flamboro blast. Mike noted that LaFarge had actually blasted that day at approximately the time that was indicated by the police. Mike also noted that Dufferin Aggregates has blast monitors in place, and that all vibration and noise results are discussed with Orica (Blasting Company) to ensure that limits are not exceeded.
- Tim said that he doesn't generally notice most of the blasts; just the odd one every once in a while.
- Courtney asked if any neighbours have expressed concerns. Mike said overall no; however he did note that there was a concern expressed by one resident regarding trucks banging their gates in the early hours of the morning, the smell of aggregates, and dust on the Brock Rd. Dale Arnold, Site Supervisor for Dufferin Aggregates Flamboro parked on the side of the Brock Rd. early one morning between the site gate and the 4<sup>th</sup> Concession trying to determine where the truck box noise was coming from. He determined that it was a local business further south on the Brock Rd. where the trucks were unloading very early in the morning and banging the tailgates of their boxes.
- Tim mentioned that some of his workers had noticed an ammonia smell in the air after a recent blast but he wasn't sure if it was a Dufferin Aggregates blast or a LaFarge blast.
- Mike mentioned that there have been requests from Dufferin Construction to provide night shipping in the future. Mike said that historically there have been no complaints from neighbours regarding night shipping so he wasn't concerned at this time should night shipping be required.
- Tim mentioned that he had two concerns regarding the Brock Road. First he was concerned about the condition of the road. Terry said that this has been an issue for some time and is a City of Hamilton concern. Tim also mentioned that several times in the early morning he has been behind trucks heading to the Flamboro quarry driving at a low rate of speed (e.g. around 20 km/hr) and he is unable to pass them as there are few places to pass on the Brock Rd.



- Mike told Tim that the trucks are not allowed to be on site prior to opening, so they are driving slowly to the site so they arrive on site at the right time. Mike also mentioned that at a recent meeting with Councillor Robert Pasuta, Robert noted that there is a request before City Council to lower the speed limit on sections of Brock Road from 80 to 50 km/hr. and also suggests the installation of 4 way stops at each concession.

### **Open Discussion**

- The panel discussed when the next meeting should be. They decided that it might be good to have a meeting in March 2015 to provide an update on the company status due to its pending sale, etc. The date is yet to be determined.
- Tim asked how neighbour loads are arranged. Sandra provided Tim with the Customer Service Centre phone number.
- Terry said that he is asked often by people what has the CAP does. He said he would like to tell people what the panel has accomplished, but isn't sure what that is. He said that he knows there has been discussion about some things but wonders what has actually come to fruition.
- Tim said that he feels the panel has accomplished a lot of small things that would not necessarily be listed. Terry asked if there was a way to record these things so the panel knows what they've accomplished
- Courtney said that the purpose of the panel is to act in an advisory role to the company (Dufferin Aggregates). She said the members are meant to act as a conduit to the community and to bring concerns from the community to Dufferin's attention through the meetings. Courtney said that if there wasn't a Community Advisory Panel the company would likely appear unapproachable.
- Mike suggested that he and Sandra could do a review of the action items from the past minutes and put together a list of accomplishments and issues that reach resolution.
- Courtney suggested that a "10 minute share" be added to the agenda moving forward to discuss any items from the previous meeting that had reached resolution, or any situation that had come up since the time of the previous meeting that had been resolved.

### **Next steps**

- Review plan created by Tim Cruickshanks for the tree planting at the Dufferin Aggregates Flamboro Quarry Community Garden.
- Add "10 minute share" as an agenda item to next agenda as discussed.

The next meeting will take place in March 2015 in the Flamboro boardroom, date to be determined and communicated by email.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.