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Dufferin Aggregates Milton Quarry Community Advisory Panel (CAP) Meeting Minutes

Event: Community Advisory Panel (CAP)
Milton Quarry

Date & Time: Wednesday, October 7, 2015 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Place: Milton Quarry

Chair: Joanne Kearney, Smithcom Limited

Participants: CAP Members:

Walter Heyden, Dufferin Aggregates, Site Manager, Milton Quarry
Letty Stevenson, Dufferin Aggregates, Milton Quarry
Colin Best, Town of Milton Councillor
Sandy Martin, Milton Chamber of Commerce
Bryan Lewis, Halton Hills Councilor
Nancy Tilt, Bruce Trail
Nancy Mott, Niagara Escarpment Commission

Presenters:

Nancy Mott, Niagara Escarpment Commission
Dan Ventresca, Niagara Escarpment Commission

Guests:

Marion McMeeken
Kay Bottos
Don Schrader

Minutes: Morgan Murphy, Smithcom Limited

Regrets:

Janice Vancso, Neighbour
Pam Sheldon, Neighbour
Ted Brown, Halton Hills Councilor
Stephen Ng Qui Sang

Minutes

Joanne Kearney asked guests to please remove themselves for a brief in camera session.

In camera session, Joanne Kearney calls the meeting to order. Meeting formally opened.

Joanne Kearney discusses with CAP members the CAP terms of reference regarding attendance and guests.

In camera session closed, guests invited back in.

Review and Approve June 3rd Minutes

- Colin Best motions approval
- Bryan Lewis seconds the approval

Nancy Mott Presentation

- Nancy discusses the Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC)
 - Geology and ecology
 - Discusses the ecological wonder of the NE
 - History
 - 50s/60s concern of growth and development of the escarpment
 - 1973 Planning and Development Act created to administer the Niagara Escarpment Plan
 - Roles and Responsibility
 - Development control
 - Process plans amendments ex. New quarries
 - Commenting Agency on provincial and municipal land issues
 - Environmental monitoring
 - Partnership, stewardship, outreach to councils, schools, conferences
 - UNESCO Biosphere Reserve Designation
 - Periodic reviews, biodiversity summits
 - NEBR Forest Biodiversity Monitoring
 - Contact
 - www.escarpment.org
 - How to apply for development permit
 - Is my property in the NEP?
 - Dark skies, tourism information
 - NEC policies
- Dan Ventresca gave a GIS presentation
 - Milton quarry one of the largest on the NE
 - Overview of other aggregate operations in the area
 - Operation for 50 years, some parts now being rehabilitated

Formal Presentation ends. Joanne Kearney opens the room for questions.

Bryan Lewis: How do licensing changes work?

Nancy Mott: We look at the designation in the Plan. We evaluate the criteria and try to see what we what is the most appropriate designation based on the designation criteria, the characteristics of the property after extraction and the proposed after use.

Colin Best: I am a member of HAAC, would you be open to a fill operation to return it to previous use?

Nancy Mott: We have considered that. It is desirable to return the land to its original agricultural potential. We did a Discussion Paper as part of the review of the agricultural rehabilitation policies during the Co-ordinated Provincial Plan Review on this. It is important to note that it may not work in all situations. For example, in a quarry where you have gone below the water table.

Colin Best: Will connect with Nancy to learn more

Marion McMeeken: Discussion about making former quarries known?

Nancy Mott: We are not in the driver seat on decision-making that may take place with making former quarries known. I encourage you again when the Ministries come out with changes in provincial plans to get your voices heard.

Bryan Lewis: Comment about processes for living in the NEC.

Nancy Mott: Some real estate agents are good at knowing our policies and working with us. We want to work with the public. Folks need to inquire before building if they need to get Development Permits from us. Thank you.

Presentation ended.

Committee Discussion/Open Forum

Bryan Lewis: Details requested regarding blasting after 6pm a couple of months ago.

Walter Heyden: Discussed why the blast off after 6pm. Due to a technical issue with blast explosives and due to a big lingering storm, the blast was programmed for 5:50pm and went off at 6:12pm. Explained this was a rare incident done to mitigate safety risks

Bryan Lewis: Concern is that the public has no idea when this happens

Walter Heyden: Issued 5 minute warning at 5:50pm. Explained this was a one off situation when it blasted after 6pm due to a technical issue and safety issue with the storm.

Bryan Lewis: Mentions the police road blitz. Police commended Dufferin's efforts to assist in overloading and tarping issues.

Sandy Martin: Were they pulling over random trucks?

Bryan Lewis: Random cars, motorcycles, trucks etc.

Sandy Martin: Concern about only highlighting the bad.

Bryan Lewis: The statistics will show a breakdown.

Walter Heyden: Reminds CAP of the ongoing issue with trucks and arriving on site with empty gas tank and then filling up outside the quarry after they are weighed and provided a weight ticket. Dufferin can only control what goes on inside the quarry. Mentions surveillance system for tarping area.

Walter Heyden: Mentions the two police blitzes with tarping recently. They are intended to be informational. 1 at Acton and 2 in Milton this year.

Bryan Lewis: Informs CAP of another blitz coming in Acton. Informs CAP of TAPMO, an organization looking into the effects of inhaling of dust products in a quarry.

With no further questions from the CAP members, **Joanne Kearney** opened the floor to questions from guests.

Marion McMeeken: Witnessed a blast on the Halton Hills site recently. Quite surprised to feel the house move. The owner said he has not heard a response from Dufferin yet.

Walter Heyden: It was a ramp blast in a new part of the quarry. Testing a new technique. In regards to results, we should have them in few weeks. Explained 'decking' and blast process.

Bryan Lewis: Would it be a beneficial for CAP to go see the blast and understand it better?

Walter Heyden: New CAP members to discuss trip to view a blast. Blasting will stop likely at the end of November, subject to weather. Walter to provide operations update next meeting.

Bryan Lewis: Requested update on 5 Sideroad project.

Walter Heyden: Reported the program is doing well.

Bryan Lewis: Reported statistics from police blitz. 458 vehicles were pulled over, 162 were taken out of service which means 35% were taken off road. 24 sets of licenses seized and 316 charges.

Joanne Kearney: No further questions. Next meeting for December 2nd. As a reminder, if guests are going to attend, we need 1-week notice with your topic so we can be prepared to answer questions.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

- 1) Update on 2015 operations
- 2) Change in Ownership Update

- 3) NEC Plan Review Update
- 4) CAP field trip to quarry [for fall or Spring]

Joanne Kearney: Meeting formally adjourned