

# Meeting Minutes

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May 25, 2017

Lakeside Community Centre

**CLC Member Attendees: Valda Walsh, Milt Larsen, Kathy Lea**

**CLC Member Regrets: Murray Power**

**Others: Chair Ken Donnelly, Scotian Materials President Rob MacPherson, Mark Webb - Scotian Materials, Shayne Vipond - HRM, Peter Lund**

**Others Regrets: Iain Rankin, MLA - Observer, Ben Jessome, MLA - Observer**

## **1. Agenda Review**

There were no changes to the agenda.

## **2. Introductions**

Everyone at the meeting introduced themselves.

Ken Donnelly welcomed Peter Lund and explained that Peter accepted an invitation to attend as he wished to discuss the Golder Report on emissions.

## **3. Golder Report Discussions**

Peter Lund addressed the Air Quality report. He first stated that he is a scientist, and his expertise is water quality, not air quality. However, he was involved in air quality monitoring for the Sydney Tar Ponds project.

Peter stated that after reviewing the work done by Golder and speaking with representatives from the company at the Open House, he had no concerns about air quality impacts from the operation of the proposed mobile asphalt plant.

Peter did make some recommendations for additional information. Specifically, he wondered about impacts from:

- fog;
- temperature inversions; and,
- any other issues in the handout from Westwood Hills Residents Association (WHRA).

Peter suggested that these issues raised by WHRA and in a separate handout that was being distributed (without the name of an author) should be addressed by Scotian Materials. He felt that they represented concerns being expressed in the community, and it was fair to local residents to examine them and formulate a response.

Rob MacPherson agreed and pledged to have the issues raised in the publications from the Open House addressed.

Peter Lund also stated his concern about the access to the quarry. He believes that the road is too long and, because it has little overburden, would be porous should there be a spill of fuel or other material by a vehicle accessing the site. He felt that there were better and more direct options for access.

Rob MacPherson responded that he has suggested alternative access routes to DNR and NSTIR and continues to speak with them. However, to this date, they still require the use of the existing road.

#### **4. Open House**

Rob MacPherson spoke about the Open House.

He felt it was a good process and it gave people an opportunity to access information directly from Scotian Materials and their consultant. However many attendees did not engage with the company and its representatives. He felt that of those who did, about half had questions and listened to answers, and the others just expressed opposition.

There were over 400 attendees and 330 responses to the survey conducted by HRM.

The survey indicated that a large majority of people felt the land was unsuitable. There was also a large number who were concerned about the land in the area being opened up to industrial development as a result of re-zoning, although there is no re-zoning as part of this project.

## **5. Other Business**

Shayne Vipond was asked to provide an update on timing of the process. He said that a report from staff was not likely to be ready until Fall of 2017.

The Chair asked if it would be appropriate for the CLC to make a submission to HRM to be considered as input to the process. As the answer was yes, the CLC agreed that it would provide a report to HRM Planning regarding the proposed asphalt plant.

## **6. Meeting Adjourned**