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

Event:	Community Advisory Panel (CAP)
	Milton Quarry
Date & Time:	Wednesday, Wednesday October 5, 2016 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Place:	Milton Quarry
Chair:	Morgan Murphy, Smithcom Limited
Participants:	CAP Members:
	Walter Heyden, Dufferin Aggregates, Site Manager, Milton Quarry
	Letty Stevenson, Dufferin Aggregates, Milton Quarry
	Janice Vancso, Neighbour
	Ted Brown, Halton Hills Councillor
	Nancy Mott, Niagara Escarpment Commission
	Stephen Ng Qui Sang, Neighbour
	Nancy Tilt, Bruce Trail
	Colin Best, Town of Milton Councillor (arrived late)
	<u>Presenters:</u>
	None
	<u>Guests:</u>
	Marion McMeeken, Neighbour
	Mohamed Mousa, Dufferin Aggregates
Minutes:	Corey Michaels, Smithcom Limited

Regrets:

Bryan Lewis, Halton Hills Councillor Cindy Lunau, Town of Milton Councillor

Minutes

Morgan Murphy calls the meeting to order. Meeting formally opened.

Morgan: Confirming everyone received the revised agenda, as distributed by email. First item of business is approval of the April 6, 2016 minutes.

Review and approve April 6, 2016 Minutes

- Walter Heyden motions approval of the April 6, 2016 minutes
- Ted Brown seconds the motion
- April 6, 2016 CAP Meeting Minutes are approved

Walter Heyden provides update on recycling program

- Planning in progress, awaiting ministry approval
- Will bring in concrete from demolition to be crushed and mixed with virgin aggregate
- No direct revenues derived from program, but better for fleet utilization and the environment

Morgan asks the CAP to move the meeting "in camera"

- Ted Brown motions to move the meeting "in camera"
- Letty Stevenson seconds the motion

Topics discussed "in camera"

- Vacancies
- Invitation Letter (to be circulated to CAP)

In camera discussion complete

- Colin Best moves to move out of "in camera" session
- Janice Vancso seconds the motion

Year to Date Update: Walter Heyden, CRH Canada Group Inc.

On Townline Road at the circle, Illegal dumping on site has been reduced. May be due to additional signs and increased municipal enforcement.

Stone is left in all three sections of the north quarry. We are currently working in the northwest corner of the north quarry; majority should be gone by the end of the year followed by floor removal. Two extraction areas this year are taking place in west cell, and the ramp has been removed to facilitate rehabilitation. East cell has started and we will be near site edge by next year.

4.75 million tons will be extracted from the site this year. We started the plant in March and currently plan to shutdown during the 1st week of December, to be adjusted based on market conditions and weather. This is slightly later than last year.

CSR initiatives – Built a wheelchair accessible path into woods for Darling Home for Kids, another section to be completed in early June. About 35 people were involved and the material was donated. Battlefield donated the equipment. Ready mix drum program on November 10, where people buy logo on ready mix drum and funds will be donated to healthcare organizations. Made \$5,000 donation to Halton learning foundation, sponsoring Milton sports hall of fame, local minor league sports, 2 kids to Milton camp, United Way and Mayors Golf Tournament.

Morgan opens the meeting to questions for Walter Heyden

Nancy Tilt: Will exhaustion of the northwest cell occur this year?

Walter Heyden: This is a multi-year project to remove the floor material. It won't be complete this year. When this is a lake, it has to be a clean floor, so we are removing any roads and materials remaining under the floor.

Janice Vancso: Are you still extracting from west cell?

Walter Heyden: About a million of the 5 million tons were extracted from west cell this year.

Nancy Tilt: Does the buttress stay in perpetuity?

Walter Heyden: The buttress remains to manage lake level differentials.

Stephen Ng Qui Sang: How far north does the east cell go?

Walter Heyden: The very north edge is right up to the south edge of Townline Circle, around 75 metres. Approximately where the west cell is at the moment

Janice Vansco: Is the production higher than last year?

Walter Heyden: It is slightly higher than last year. Some of that is from the floor material, which can only be used for road base material.

No further questions. End of presentation.

Morgan moves to the next agenda item, and asks Nancy Mott to provide an update on the provincial plan review process.

Nancy Mott: The coordinated provincial plan review (review of all four plans: growth, Greenbelt, Oak Ridges Moraine and Niagara Escarpment) is ongoing. Proposed plan was released in May. Comment period ends in October. Nancy offered the committee information on how to submit comment prior the end of October.

Changes include changes to policies, mapping updates (last plan mapped early 1980s) reflecting changes to natural heritage features, slight changes to designation criteria – more natural heritage. The Niagara Escarpment Commission has proposed some changes to plan, but not in Halton.

Every 10 years when plan review is conducted, there's a opportunity for urban uses – if a municipality wants to expand its urban area or someone wants municipal services. The NEC received 63 applications – some were out of scope. All feedback will be considered and staff will make formal recommendations to the commission who will recommend to minister – minister makes all final decisions. Not sure when process will conclude, but new plans will be released likely sometime next year. New plans come into effect on day one.

Morgan opens the floor to questions for Nancy Mott

Walter Heyden: Is there any grandfathering for in-process applications?

Nancy Mott: No. It's challenging for all of us to understand the implications of the new plan and what the new plan means for existing and future applications. We are very busy and will continue to be very busy. Happy to answer any questions or provide additional information or detailed blowups of a particular site on the revised plan.

Ted Brown: In the last few years, some properties were taken out of the NEC's jurisdiction, will that happen?

Nancy Mott: In this plan, we aren't proposing this but we have made recommendations to remove some areas from developing control. This is not part of the plan review process, and would happen afterwards.

Colin Best: Both the region and the town have submitted comments to the province regarding all four plans. Lots of changes are in the air. We are looking for a common language between the four plans and glad to see a single review process.

Nancy Mott: We appreciate Halton's comments, a very thorough 65 pages.

Walter Heyden: What is an example of an urban area under NEC control?

Nancy Mott: Some parts of St Catharine's. If development control came off, areas could be zoned municipally.

No further questions. End of presentation.

Open forum for discussion:

Marion McMeeken: I've noticed when I've been home you are doing two blasts now, is it all on the east side?

Walter Heyden: There are very rarely two blasts in east cell, most likely from doing the floor in the east cell. Sometimes when we blast in the corner, it takes the full day to load the shot – start at 8am and not ready to fire until 4pm.

Stephen Ng Qui Sang: How late are you allowed to blast?

Walter Heyden: Our site operates under two licenses – in the west and east cell, we are limited to 6pm from Monday to Friday, with no blasting on weekends or statutory holidays. In the other license, far fewer restrictions – no weekend blasting, and I'm unsure if a curfew is specified. Provincial mining regulations limit blasting to 1 hour before / after sunset.

Janice Vancso: This year you are going to go to December, when will you start next year?

Walter Heyden: We plan to start the processing plant in mid-March, meaning the first or second week of February we will begin blasting, weather permitting. There has to be some consideration for weather.

Janice Vancso: You usually shut down in November, why are you going later this year?

Walter Heyden: Because of an extra 300 tonnes of production, which is roughly two weeks worth. We also participate in an electricity conservation program which encourages large industrial customers to come off the grid during peak periods. Our facility stopped ten or eleven times this summer to come off grid during peaks,

usually between 2pm to 8pm and usually during heat warnings. In last two years, peaks were all in wintertime, this year the demand peaks fell during the summer. Milton is not the only facility that participates in the program, our cement plant also participates. For the next meeting, we could present more information on power conservation measures if CAP is interested.

Nancy Mott: Did the drought impact your operation?

Walter Heyden: In some cases, yes. As part of our work rehabilitating a section of regional forest, trees have to reach certain free to grow height – we had to do lots of active watering twice a week for about seven weeks to spray just to ensure trees planted 4 or 5 years ago didn't die. For the rest of the operation, we didn't really have a lot of impact. Our water recovery program worked well.

Stephen Ng Qui Sang: I want to bring up noise pollution again. In the last two days I've been calling Walter, unable to sleep the last two nights – live just north of site and have been hearing heavy machinery in the middle of the night. This is affecting our ability to live.

Walter Heyden: I replied to your email. In the last two days we've been working in the east side, near the wall. I moved the team last night near midnight to another area. We are also asking our crews to adjust loading procedures to generate less noise. These steps were introduced last night.

Janice Vansco: How late do your crews work?

Walter Heyden: Last truck is loaded around 12:45 am, leaving the facility around 1am and returning empty afterwards.

Marion McMeeken: Right now we have benefit from leaves, muffling sound – won't have benefit in the next few weeks

Walter Heyden: We are setting up the site to avoid disturbances at night.

Stephen Ng Qui Sang: Are you expanding the site all the way to the extraction limit?

Walter Heyden: Eventually, yes, but the mine plan has us extracting the south end first, which will take 3 to 4 years before moving north.

Marion McMeeken: How far is the buffer from the top of the property and Bruce trail?

Walter Heyden: There's lots of buffer room. The extraction limit is within 15 meters of service road, and the Bruce trail is just to the north – anywhere from 100 to 200 meters at closest points, then heads north. The Bruce Trail also runs through south edge of our property.

Stephen Ng Qui Sang: What about the reference to high blast from last meetings minute?

Walter Heyden: We report any blast outside limits to the Ministry of Natural Resources. This blast was outside the parameters due to error by our blasting contractor. Two holes rifled because of a design issue by the blasting company causing a large bang, and the contractor's design has since been re-designed to account for confined corners.

Colin Best: On the planning and works committee at the region, we had a staff presentation today for the next official plan for 2031-2041. Stay tuned, there will be lots of public meetings over next four years, and the quarry companies will need to be involved.

Letty Stevenson: Is there an update about Dublin Line?

Colin Best: The region is looking at installing a traffic circle in 2017, extending James Snow Parkway to Dublin Line, extending 5th Sideroad to the roundabout. Work to be completed sometime in 2018, coinciding with interchange work on the 401. A public meeting was held last week, with about 40 attendees.

Marion McMeeken: Will the roundabout be bigger to accommodate trucks compared to the one on Tremaine?

Colin Best: Roundabout will be same size, meets standardized MTO requirements.

Nancy Mott: Taking off my NEC hat and speaking as a resident of the town of Milton, I'm not convinced CN Intermodal truck traffic can handle passing through four roundabouts to get to 401.

Colin Best: CN's plan is for trucks to use Britannia Road to get to Mississauga. Most traffic is feeding in to the retail areas in Mississauga and Brampton. Unfortunately, with 401 backups, trucks are travelling all directions.

Janice Vansco: When are they going to expand the 401?

Colin Best: MTO is already expanding the 401 in Mississauga between Mavis and Meadowview, with the next section to be expanded out to Winston Churchill.

No other business to discuss.

Proposed next meeting: February 7, 2017

Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

- Water management system and relationship with Conservation Halton
- Power conservation program
- Tour of facility

Morgan Murphy requests a motion to adjourn the meeting

- Colin Best motions to adjourn
- Stephen Ng Qui Sang seconds the motion

Meeting adjourned.