



Meeting Minutes

Event:	Community Advisory Panel (CAP) Paris Pit CAP # 15
Date & Time:	Tuesday October 13 th 6:00-8:00pm
Place:	Paris Pit Site, 708 Watts Pond Road, Paris, Ontario
Chair:	Joanne Kearney, Facilitator
Participants:	Robb Edwards, Neighbour Gary Strauss, Neighbour Michael Fox, Neighbour Alex Faux, Neighbour John McAllister, Neighbour (and guest) Ashley Graham, Grand River Conservation Authority Kevin Mitchell, Dufferin Aggregates Chris Fleming, Site Manager, Dufferin Aggregates Maria Topalovic, Environmental Specialist, Dufferin Aggregates
Minutes:	Morgan Murphy, Facilitator
Regrets:	Shirley Simons, Councilor Cyril Parsons, Neighbour Dale Lukas, Neighbour Bill Telfer, Neighbour Jake Vandenburg, Neighbour Ross Moore, Neighbour Marilyn Sewell, Neighbour Elizabeth Norris, Neighbour Murray Powell, Councilor Jeff Broomfield, Neighbour Richard Erdmann, Dufferin Aggregates

Disclaimer: Elizabeth Norris, Jeff Broomfield and Cyril Parsons noted opposition to the proposed tour of the pit and did not attend.

Tour

The topic for the October 13th CAP was a pit tour. CAP members met at the Paris Pit office and toured around the Paris Pit in a 12 passenger van. Chris Fleming led the tour and discussion in the van. CAP members were shown the scale and scale house and then the tour proceeded to the active area of the pit where CAP members were allowed out of the van for a discussion. At the pit face, Chris and Kevin Mitchell described how the pit was laid out and operated. Chris described that an Ontario Land Survey was retained to survey and stake out the limit of extraction. Chris also described the equipment used on site including the portable processing plant that was set up at the pit face. He described how the plant operated and the products produced. Chris also described the location of the proposed source water and settling ponds.

The location of some of the ground water monitoring wells was pointed out. Chris explained how the pit face will advance and where extraction is planned for the next year. He also talked about how much material has been moved to date and how much can be done in a typical day. There was a general discussion on the sand and gravel exposed in the pit face.

Members commented that depending on the way the wind is blowing, they could hear some pit activity. The noise they hear the most is the back up sensors on the equipment. Chris mentioned that the back up alarms are required by the Ministry of Labour for safety and that an alternative type of sensor with low frequency was being looked into.

Kevin answered questions regarding the PTTW and was optimistic that approvals would be coming. Members commented that they were appreciative for the opportunity to view the pit and learn more about the operation. One CAP member commented that it was unfortunate others were not here to see it. Kevin reiterated that he would be happy to provide tours to the other members and answer any questions.

The tour lasted 25-30 minutes.

Minutes

Joanne Kearney brought the meeting to order and asked the CAP to review the minutes from May 19th, 2015. Robert Edwards motioned to approve the May 19th minutes and Michael Fox seconded the approval.

2015 Pit Update

Watts Pond Road Construction

Kevin Mitchell: Majority of reconstruction work is now complete. During the week of October 13th, the placement of topsoil in the ditches and the granular A base on the road is scheduled to be completed. Asphalt will be placed the week of October 19th. There is a one-year guarantee on the road by the construction company.

Question: Are lanes being put in at the Brookfield subdivision?

Kevin Mitchell: The county is looking into it, but no, traffic numbers are not there. Other than this section is Brookfield, all is approved and will be done.

Question: Where will the traffic go?

Kevin Mitchell: There is a road coming onto Watts Pond, Oak Ave. Nothing major coming onto Pinehurst Rd. There is one road running parallel to Watts Pond as well.

PTTW and ECA

Kevin Mitchell: No news on this yet. We anticipate we will be getting the permits soon. We have not received questions on the applications from MOECC since our last CAP meeting

Regarding the long wait time, it has been frustrating, especially considering we had to let some hourly employees go because we just didn't have the work for them. As a reminder, we filed on March 18th, 2013.

Question: Can you comment on the sample products you have on display?

Kevin Mitchell: We have five samples here for you to touch and you will see the difference between washed aggregate and unwashed aggregate and the different types of stones.

- Granular A (everything in it, nothing removed)
- Paris Pre-screened sand
- Mill creek concrete sand
- Concrete Stone (to be crushed)
- Mill creek 13.2 MM Round

Chris Fleming: The difference really is to see what water does. The wash plant design being considered will likely have more flexibility than what we currently have. Essentially we would like to expand our customer base. We are looking at a plant design that can produce crushed and round stone products and sand products. As the industry is changing, we need to innovate and become more versatile. Washing sand and gravel is important for colour consistency. It is important when constructing a concrete wall as the customer wants the wall colour to be the same across the entire length of wall. Another example is colour consistency on driveways.

Question: Are there any members of the CCOB represented on the CAP?

Kevin Mitchell: Yes, Elizabeth, Cyril and Jeff.

Question: On the Dr. Howard conversation, the problem is there could be an accumulation of atrazine over a number of years, you don't know what is going to happen. Can you comment?

Kevin Mitchell: The testing that was done looked at the fine material with atrazine. Third party engineers did all testing. The analysis that was done was to look at the potential accumulate over time, but testing didn't find any. There are a number of checks and balances in place. The people that have reviewed it say our science is good. Lots of peer reviews have been done. Its

been looked at by several agencies. Everyone is saying it makes sense. But we will also be monitoring throughout.

Chris Fleming: Any information we present to you is factual. The purpose of the CAP is to present you with the science and fact and let you come to your own conclusions.

Question: What about truck impact?

Kevin Mitchell: Most of the trucks will be trailers. Yes, you will notice an increase in trucks on the road.

Question: Can you comment on the County's findings?

Kevin: The County conducted their own testing and did not find atrazine. They can test our wells any time, as the County has direct access. Even if anyone does say we are skewing the data, the County can look at the wells. We will continue to do testing and measure the surrounding houses.

Question: Ashley, can you comment on the GRCA's stance?

Ashley: No concern from GRCA. We review the information when it comes in. I don't believe we provided comments on the source water.

Kevin Mitchell: We did have a meeting with GRCA staff.

Question: Who did the survey of the location of the wells?

Kevin Mitchell: The Ministry of Environment and Climate Change. They also witnessed the drilling of the wells. The position of the wells was thought out based on which way ground water is flowing.

Next Steps:

Kevin Mitchell:

- Paris Pit will continue to operate until late November/early December.
- Road reconstruction will be completed before the end of October. If something comes together with Brookfield, we will be back at it next year.
- Dufferin will continue to wait for MOECC to issue PTTW and ECA. If issued prior to next CAP meeting, DFA will send an email to CAP members informing them
- Next CAP Meeting: March/April 2016
 - Potential topic: 2016 Operational Plans; PTTW and ECA if issued

Joanne Kearney suggests also reviewing CAP member terms of reference, attendance and guest policies at next meeting.

Comment from CAP member: Perhaps also developing a communication fact sheet on the CAP and a discussion to review our purpose so we can better communicate with others.

Joanne Kearney opens up the meeting to general discussion and questions.

General Discussion

Comment from CAP Member: Thank you for the tour today. I really learned a lot.

Question: Where does the Council stand?

Kevin Mitchell: The Council has been neutral, we are talking to them on a regular basis. We have offered doing a personal tour for them as well as the ward Councilors soon.

Ashley: I just want to clarify the role of GRCA. We wouldn't normally be reviewing for chemical concerns. Our role in this is to review the impact of surface water features – any concerns as it would relate to surface features, not the quality of the water.

Question: Why is this so difficult to get plans rolling?

Kevin: We were really open with the community and very transparent about our plans well before we were scheduled to open the Pit. While it has taken more time than we would have thought, we are proud about the work we have done - the new road and the new electrical wires specifically. The road was well over \$1 million. We think we are close on the permit. Hopefully Chris will be washing next year. In addition to the CAP meetings, please don't hesitate to call or email me any time. Chris and I are happy to answer questions.

Joanne Kearney formally adjourns the meeting.