



**Dufferin Aggregates Acton Quarry
Community Advisory Panel (CAP)
Meeting Minutes**

Date:	Wednesday October 26 th , 2016, 7pm - 8:30pm	
Location:	Acton Quarry Office, 12791 Churchill Road South RR #4, Acton	
Chair:	Morgan Murphy	Smithcom Limited
Participants:	Norm Elliott Paul Vanhanen Rigoberto Ceballos Shawna McNabb Ron Heller Sheena Switzer	Local Neighbour Bruce Trail Conservancy Dufferin Aggregates Dufferin Aggregates Acton East Housing Corp Guest, Acton BIA manager
Minutes:	Kaitlyn Nightingale	Smithcom Limited
Regrets:	Monica Gunn Doris Treleaven	Local Neighbour POWER

Minutes

Morgan Murphy brought the meeting to order and asked the CAP to review the minutes from June 7th, 2016.

Norm Elliot motioned to approve the minutes, and Paul Vanhanen seconded the motion.

The June 7, 2016 minutes were approved.

Acton Quarry Update

Presented by Rigoberto Ceballos

The Acton Quarry plans to stop crushing this Friday (November 4, 2016) for the season. It's expected the quarry will take a few more weeks to complete maintenance activities before winter shut down. Slow winter is expected, mostly maintenance work scheduled. Production almost hit target this year, 850,000 tonnes so far. Acton is planning to remove the 200,000 tonnes that is left in the quarry ramp next production season in 2017.

Norm Elliott: Is there 200,000 tonnes left in next year's production? Where is the rest of next year's production going to come from?

Rigoberto Ceballos: We planned to remove the setbacks of the existing License. This requires the approval of a site amendment.

Rigoberto Ceballos continues update

Acton open house was on September 10, 2016, 200 – 225 in attendance, including neighbours, local politicians, DFA employees and their families.

Acton extension update:

- August 11, 2016, the joint board issued the final decision which approves the extension
- We are waiting for the NEC to issue the development permit. This is expected in the next few weeks
- After the NEC issues the development permit, the MNRF can issue the license
- DFA has applied for a major site plan amendment to permit extraction of the setbacks in the original license. All agencies were aware this would be applied for and it could not be applied for until after the joint board decision. MNRF will be posting the application on the EBR in the next few weeks
- After the license is issued, MOECC will issue the water approvals

Some other permits are being dealt with the Town to allow us to install traffic lights on the crossing of 3rd Line (similar to what we have at 22nd Sideroad)

Acton Quarry received the Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce “2016 Environmental Excellence Award” last week.

Rigoberto Ceballos concludes his update and asks if there are any questions.

Paul Vanhanen: When do you think the extension will be approved?

Rigoberto Ceballos: Estimated end of this year, things are progressing.

Norm Elliott: On 22nd Sideroad, there are a couple spots where you can see into the quarry. I've noticed the water in the quarry is basically gone. Is this because the water table is drying up? Why is it dry compared to past years? Is there any correlation between the water table and your water-taking permit?

Rigoberto Ceballos: We are de-watering as per approved permits (rates, quality monitoring) because we have planned to remove the setbacks of the existing license (pending approval of site amendment) plus the reserves of phase 5W. Today, we had ecologists doing an Aquatic Water Rescue for any wildlife. We expect to be extracting that area in 2018. Next year we will finish dewatering. After the setbacks and phase 5W are removed, we will stop dewatering completely.

Norm Elliott: After that, are there anymore setbacks planned?

Rigoberto Ceballos: No

Norm Elliott: Is there any impact on nearby wells by the dewatering?

Rigoberto Ceballos: The closest neighbours' wells are on a different aquifer so there is no relation, no connection. The neighbours who live on the west side of the operation are related, but there is no influence on their wells.

No more questions.

Goals as a CAP post extension approval

It was determined that the group will continue to meet after the extension is formally approved.

The members discussed other topics the CAP could explore and Morgan provided some examples of what other CAPs are doing including site tours, presentations about DFA's commitment to safety, the environment and HR policies.

The CAP will let Morgan know if there are topics they would like on the agenda for upcoming meetings. An operations update will always be included in meetings.

Morgan asked the CAP to review the terms of reference. The last update was in 2008.

Norm Elliott: No questions, would like to look at terms of reference and then communicate my thoughts at the next meeting.

Action Item: Members to review the CAP Terms of Reference for discussion next meeting

Discussion Topic: Bruce Trail Conservancy

Paul Vanhanen: No changes in company policy in terms of the Bruce Trail. We have another issue facing us because we may lose trail between 4th and 5th line. An Indian real estate company recently bought the land.

Paul Vanhanen said the Bruce Trail Conservancy is worried the connection between 4th and 5th line, may change where the Bruce Trail is located, may put more on Acton property, but will wait and see who the new owner of property is.

He mentioned that the ongoing problem with the Bruce Trail is keeping the trail going on its current route. They are having delays with the MNRF and approval for new trails.

Paul Vanhanen to keep CAP up-to-date on the Bruce Trail Conservancy

Ron Heller: Would the Canada Trail have to go through all this bureaucracy too?

Paul Vanhanen: Canada Trail piggybacks on a lot of other trails but yes.

Norm Elliott: The Jefferson salamander is endangered, they are all over the place but they are not endangered in Northern US, they seem to be over-emphasized.

Paul Vanhanen: Are the two recently built ponds being monitored for Jefferson salamanders?

Rigoberto Ceballos: Yes, the pond built on phase 7 is monitored by an ecologist; no Jefferson Salamanders are seen yet, but Spotted Salamanders had been seen plus there is plenty of other wildlife.

Ron Heller: Can you open it up for quarrying?

Rigoberto Ceballos: No, we cannot, it is not part of this new License application

General Discussion/Q&A

Norm Elliott: What is coming up at Acton Quarry that we need to know about? Is there anything coming up with the conclusion of the approval?

Rigoberto Ceballos: Just formality; all the concerns have been addressed to all the agencies.

Norm Elliott: When is the logical conclusion?

Rigoberto Ceballos: Hoping for approval of permits by April or we won't be able to do much next year, without access to that area we won't have any work.

Norm Elliott: Suggest tentatively looking at April for our next meeting.

Ron Heller: In terms of recycling, is there a quota on what DFA can take out per year?

Rigoberto Ceballos: Yes. The Company is very open to exploring recycling material, clean concrete recycle so we can complement virgin aggregates with a portion of recycled aggregates.

Sheena Switzer: What is holding them back from approving the intake of recycled materials?

Rigoberto Ceballos: Specifically, for the Acton Quarry existing License, we will have to go through an amendment of the licensing. Milton Quarry's License allows to receive, crush and distribute recycled materials.

Norm Elliott: Has 4 million tons ever been extracted from the quarry? I believe that is the maximum.

Shawna McNabb: One year we reached just shy of 3 million tons.

Norm Elliott: It would seem as if there's more pressure on Dufferin to respond to high demand?

Rigoberto Ceballos: Yes, there is a high demand, that's why it is important to get more licenses approved. We've maintained operations and the workforce by extending the little resource that we had left.

Paul Vanhanen: Does the trail have to be mentioned on the license agreement?

Action Item: Rigoberto to determine whether the trail was mentioned on the license agreement. Rigoberto to determine what legal agreements are to be fulfilled in regards to the trails.

UPDATE: No, because the trail is not on lands associated with any of the permits or approvals.

Paul Vanhanen: Is River Road/ 17th Sideroad a major route for trucks? I've seen them struggling to get up the hill.

Rigoberto Ceballos: The agreement that the Company came with the town was to restrict traffic on Maple Ave. We have to install a camera/monitoring system to track trucks that come down it. We also have to educate the drivers and inform them they can't drive down Maple Ave.

Paul Vanhanen: The weight of the trucks is making tire ruts in the road.

Sheena Switzer: It is a designated route. Not just for the gravel trucks, the town has identified it and approved it. It is one of the only points where trucks can cross the river.

Sheena Switzer thanked the CAP for including her in the meeting. She can now tell BIA members there are mindful processes going on with the Company. There is a lot of discussion about the impact of quarries in general, but this group would allow her to be more informed and report back.

Morgan Murphy brought the meeting to a close.

Action item: Morgan Murphy to circulate possible dates for April meeting.

Paul Vanhanen motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned.