

Meeting Notes

Stelco Hamilton Community Liaison Committee (CLC)

Wed. Nov. 4, 2020 – Virtual Meeting

CLC Members In Attendance:

Jochen Bezner, Stephen Burt, Peter Ipema, Lynda Lukasik, Kristin O’Conner, Scott Peck, Andy Sebestyen, Sarah Yonson

Other Attendees:

Jeremy Gamble (MECP)
Kat Bezner (Observer)
Cathy McPherson (Observer)
Paul Weinberg (Observer)
Kerry LeClair (Observer)
Katie Chan (Stelco)
Dave Rivard (Stelco)
Trevor Harris (Stelco)

Welcome

Introduction of all participants.

Review and Approval of Agenda

The committee accepted them as presented.

General Update

Trevor provided the committee with an update on Stelco’s COVID-19 response to the recent COVID-19 cases at the #6 Pickle Lines at Lake Erie Works. An update was also provided on the recent cyberattack that targeted Stelco.

Performance under O.Reg. 419/05 Site Specific Standard Order - Particulates

Katie provided a summary of the performance of the Hamilton Works coke battery operations for Q3 2020 under the Site-Specific Standard Order for particulates.

The Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks representatives did not have verbal comments related to Stelco’s performance under the Site-Specific Standard Order.

Stephen noted that the Ministry has posted a proposal to extend the Site-Specific Standard expiration date to June 30, 2023 to allow for sufficient time to develop a sector Technical Standard and for companies to apply for it. The expectation is that the facility is to maintain existing limits which align with requirements in the United States.

Lynda and Jochen asked Ministry representatives about continuous improvement compared to status quo. Lynda asked if there are elements that could be implemented sooner rather than

later, and if there are assurances from the Ministry that the community will continue to receive quarterly updates. Stephen replied that a timeline to the year 2023 is proposed to provide enough time to allow for focus on the development of a sector Technical Standard. He also expects for continued meetings with community stakeholders.

Jochen asked if Stelco would voluntarily commit to continuous improvement. Andy highlighted that Stelco is ISO 14001-certified, and that one requirement is to demonstrate that we are continuously improving. We are constantly looking at our equipment and operations, looking for opportunities to improve. In addition, Katie highlighted on-going efforts to conduct preventative maintenance activities.

Coal Field Dust Management Update

Andy provided a summary of recent work in the installation of twelve new sprinklers to improve dust management at Stelco's coal storage dock. This work builds on the effective trial that was conducted in 2019. As a result, coal piles have more consistent suppression to avoid dry areas that could be affected during high wind scenarios. There is a berm along the coalfield, so there is no runoff into the harbour.

Community Comments

Lynda asked about future land intentions at Hamilton Works. Trevor expressed that there is on-going work in progress, with no definitive plan. The severance process is required to help better prepare the land. When the plans are more clear, we will share with the CLC.

Kristin also mentioned that the Hamilton Harbour Remedial Action Plan has improved the criteria for the opening and closing of local beaches. It is now posted online, and an online survey to get public feedback is available now through Nov. 30, 2020.

Kerry asked whether the CLC will be given a heads up on any demolition related to future development on the Hamilton Works lands. Trevor confirmed that the company is following municipal/provincial processes and will continue to do so. Cathy indicated that the community has had some situations with huge clouds in the city in the past, and doesn't want it repeated again. Trevor replied that in working with the province and city, we are preventing such a thing happening on our watch.

Adjournment

The next meeting is scheduled for January 27, 2021.