

Draft Meeting Notes

Stelco Hamilton Community Liaison Committee (CLC)

Wed. July 28, 2021 – Virtual Meeting

CLC Members In Attendance:

Jochen Bezner, Stephen Burt, Lynda Lukasik, Kristin O'Connor, Andy Sebestyen

Other Attendees:

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

Welcome

Review and Approval of Agenda

The committee accepted them as presented. The committee also accepted the draft meeting notes of the previous meeting.

Coke Battery Performance

Katie provided a summary of the performance of the Hamilton Works coke battery operations for Q2 2021 in relation to the regular Method 303 and Method 9 audits conducted on-site.

The Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) representatives commented on Stelco's good performance in relation to Method 303. Stephen also noted that the MECP has posted a decision on the Environmental Registry in regards to Hamilton Works' Site-Specific Standards for benzo[a]pyrene. The value was lowered an additional 4% to June 2023. In addition, the Ministry is continuing with conducting coke battery audits at relevant facilities.

#1 Baywater Intake – Recent Maintenance Dredging

Andy provided an overview of recent maintenance activities conducted at the #1 Baywater Intake at the facility. Water from this intake is used for dust control within the site. An internal inspection showed that silt and sediment had built up around the intake pipe. Andy highlighted the process used to conduct the dredging work, including obtaining appropriate permits from Hamilton Conservation Authority, Department of Fisheries and oceans, and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry.

Additional Updates

Two additional updates were shared with the Committee:

- The application for an Environmental Compliance Approval for waste receiver (existing wastewater treatment facility) with limited operational flexibility, which was previously discussed with this CLC, is on the Environmental Registry for public consultation
- Stelco Hamilton Works received an updated Site-Specific Standards for benzo[a]pyrene from the MECP which demonstrates continual improvement at our facility

Community Comments

- Cathy indicated that there is confusion on Facebook that Stelco is going to “pull out” maybe because of demolition that can be seen at Hamilton Works. Trevor clarified that the company’s commitment in Nanticoke and Hamilton remains.
- Kat commented on yellow emissions she observed from a stack on July 10. Stelco representatives will review based on the information shared by Kat.
- Jochen commented that steel mills don’t get adequately followed up by MECP with respect to odour complaints from the community. Stephen acknowledged that there is a lot of industry in North Hamilton, and that it can be difficult to isolate odours to specific locations. He also noted that some nuisance odours under certain meteorological conditions can be trapped by an air inversion which also makes it difficult to determine the source of the odour.

Adjournment

The next meeting is scheduled for October 27, 2021.