



Community Advisory Panel  
**DRAFT MINUTES**  
May 14, 2009  
7:00 to 9:00 p.m.  
Dofasco – First Floor, Conference Room E

**Present:** Jessica Aird, Martha Allan, Steve Brotherston, Dwayne Alexander Brown, Jack Dugas, Gord Gilmet, Lance Larkin, Debbie Levo, Karen Logan, Paul Loney (Pinchin Environmental), Leo Muzzin, Andy Sebestyen, Ray Sims (Lafarge), William Reynolds, Lori Small, Jim Stirling, Pat Thiessen.

**1. Welcome and introductions**

**2. Update re the HIEA CAP Adopt-a-Creek project:**

BARC staff will give a short presentation at the June meeting to explain what will take place on the day. They will work with us to select an appropriate site and date.

**3. Green Hamilton Update:**

The 2009 budget allotted \$15,000 for tree planting to be divided between Ward 4 & 5. HIEA worked with Councillors Merulla and Collins to select sites in their ward. Lake Avenue School, Steels Park and Andy Warburton Park were selected this year for the trees. It had been suggested that a BBQ could be held at Lake Avenue School after the planting to engage the community but the school principal felt this would not be appropriate. The city staff informed us this afternoon that the trees would be planted tomorrow – May 15 at all three sites.

**4. Update on MOE citizens panel re Alternative Standards Request:**

At the January CAP meeting representatives from the MOE gave a presentation explaining the Alternative Standards process and invited anyone who was interested to participate in a citizens review panel. A group has been formed including Dwayne Brown, Lorna Moreau, Debbie Levo, Linda Lukasik, Karen Logan, John Dolbeck (Chamber of Commerce), as well as representatives from Hamilton Health department and the MOE. The first meeting was held on April 15 to set the context for the discussions. Jim Stirling was there to provide information and explained that ArcelorMittal is investigating technology benchmarking to investigate ways for improvement. Their application will probably be presented in September with ArcelorMittal hosting an open house in mid September to offer additional information. There is a separate meeting being held to help explain how modelling is done. The next citizen panel meeting is planned for June 15.

**5. Review CAP mandate and terms of reference:**

There was a discussion around the need for better structure for CAP and how concerns are raised at the meetings. Members felt that the roundtable discussion is not specific enough and would like a section on the agenda for specific citizen concerns that could be discussed as a group – not as an individual. They should also look at who should be represented and look to include other community/neighbourhood associations.

CAP members agreed to meet separately – without company representatives to discuss terms of reference. There will be a special meeting on Thursday June 4 at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room at ArcelorMittal.

There is a need to put more structure and documentation around citizen concerns – who deals with them, what are the next steps and reporting – to identify action items and a quantifiable, more managed process for concerns. CAP was formed to provide a forum for companies and citizens to talk.

## **6. Business arising**

There was a discussion about the concerns raised as a result of extreme winds and the resulting dust problems on April 25. Residents on Beach Road were impacted and the problem was a real concern for this community.

Lafarge had invited their consultant to come to the meeting to address these questions and provided a presentation explaining the company's best management practices. The consultant identified 3 possible sources for fugitive dust – paved and unpaved roadways, areas of work and stock piles – and how the company manages them. He explained that slag has a higher moisture content than sand and can be about the same size as gravel.

He explained how the slag was processed. The stockpiles near Eastport Drive were developed over a year ago to be used as a wind screen and are not being touched. All processing is done on the upwind side of the piles and they are diligent about minimizing any operation that could create dust including minimizing the drop from conveyors and any material handling during high wind conditions. They did point out that they are processing approximately 1 million tonnes of material per year that in other countries would be considered waste. They identified that road surfaces are the primary source of dust and that there are very low levels coming off the stock piles and parking lot. Track out from unpaved areas to paved areas is the biggest problem. Slag only becomes an issue as a result of this track out. Heavy trucks tend to crush the slag into fine particles and drag this silt out onto the roadways. Last year Lafarge identified issues and hired a consultant to develop a best management plan to correct them. Some things they do includes water and chemical spray suppression, vacuum sweeping, and reduction/stoppage of truck traffic during high wind periods. They have also changed traffic patterns to minimize the potential for track out on their property. This plan is registered with the MOE. There is concern that other Hamilton Port Authority tenants are not doing their part to reduce dust. Jim Stirling will contact Marilyn Baxter from HPA regarding their possible membership with HIEA. Jack Dugas invited everyone to contact him for a tour of Lafarge. The presentation will be posted on the website – [www.hiea.org](http://www.hiea.org).

It was also noted that maintenance at U. S. Steel is ongoing during the shutdown and they are using this time to implement upgrades and accelerate maintenance on the facilities.

One member asked about ongoing noise issues – re pile driving near Wellington Street and wondered if anyone knew what was happening. Lance Larkin from the MOE provided his business card and suggested calling when the noise starts again and he will investigate.

## **7. Next CAP Meeting**

**Date:** Thursday June 11, 2009, 7:00 p.m.

**Place:** ArcelorMittal Dofasco

Kelly Pike from BARC will explain the process for our Adopt-a-Creek project.

*Reported by Karen Logan*