



Community Advisory Panel

**MINUTES**

January 26, 2005

7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Dofasco – First Floor, Conference Room E

**Present:** Martha Allen, Ann Buckle, Ed Cocchiarella, Bill Gair, Peter Kaszuba, Andy Sebestyen, Shawn Selway, Pat Thiessen, Stephen Toplack, Brian Young, Anne Turner

**Regrets:** Jessica Aird, Marianne Aird, Marilyn Baxter, Tina Brajic, Dale Brown, Ellaline Davies, Gord Gilmet, Carol McNeil, Carol Riddell, Scott Morrison, Sandra Rogers,

- 1. Welcome** – Bill welcomed everyone and introduced Carolynn Reid. She is a Business Development Consultant – Brownfields co-ordinator with the Planning and Economic Development Department with the City of Hamilton.
- 2. Presentation** – Carolynn presented information about the Environmental Remediation And Site Enhancement (ERASE) Program. This is the first program of its kind in Canada and offers incentives (including grants, rebates, etc.) as well as study grants to encourage redevelopment. Carolynn also described the Tax Increment Finance (TIF) Program which can provide 80% of municipal tax increment paid back as a grant for up to 10 years. She gave some examples of how the programs can benefit and who including the vacant property owned by Imperial Oil – it is not used but they still pay taxes and the property on Parkdale that is now occupied by Dofasco. There have been 6 projects since 2001 which involved \$63 million in construction, 27 acres of property. These projects have provided 93 new residential units and created 100 new jobs. Carolynn has asked to return next year to provide the CAP group with an update.
- 3. Discussion – Participant feedback**  
CAP participants would like to see the meeting minutes posted on the website. It was asked that a discussion on reaching out into the community to increase participation be added as an agenda item for the next meeting.

#### 4. New Business

Possibility of changing/alternating the meeting day – There was discussion and everyone decided to change the day of the CAP meetings to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month beginning with the meeting following the Annual meeting.

Trillium Awards – Martha Allan is interested

Ideas/suggestions for future topics/tours

- update on the Upwind/Downwind conference
- Andy Sebestyn offered a presentation on the Sinter Plant
- there is interest in information on the McMaster Research Park Project – Shawn is an architect
- invite Bill Pasil – City of Hamilton Emergency Response Coordinator
- Incineration Proposal - Steve Toplak will provide contact information

Upwind/Downwind conference

Steve Toplak is interested in attending as a CAP representative.

#### 5. Other Business

- Peter Kasuba is involved again with VFT for recertification of their Responsible Care status. This is happening sometime in March or April. VFT could provide a presentation following this recertification.
- There will be a presentation from Bunge to the North End Neighbourhood on Tuesday February 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the Benetto Recreation Centre.
- There is a presentation on Tuesday February 21 at 7:30 a.m. in the Chamber of Commerce discussing the impacts of a Pandemic on Business.

#### 6. Next Meeting

**Date:** Thursday February 23, 2006  
**Place:** Dofasco first floor conference room F  
**Speaker:** Brenda Johnson, Environment Hamilton

*Reported by Karen Logan*