



Community Advisory Panel

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March 23, 2005

7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Dofasco – First Floor, Conference Room E

Present: Jessica Aird, Dale Brown, Ed Cocchiarella, Bill Gair, Gord Gilmet, Karen Logan, Martin Rawlings, Pat Thiessen, Stephen Toplack.

Regrets: Martha Allen, Marianne Aird, Marilyn Baxter, Tina Brajic, Ann Buckle, Ellaline Davies, Bill Hostiue, Peter Kaszuba, Carol McNeil, Scott Morrison, Carol Riddell, Sandra Rogers, Andy Sebestyen, JoAnn Simpson, Wayne Simpson, Shawn Selway, Anne Turner, Brian Young

1. Welcome – Bill Gair welcomed everyone and introduced the speakers for the evening.

Presentation – Martin Rawlings from Golder Associates gave an overview of the Liberty Energy Project in Hamilton and the stage it is at currently. This is one of 4 they are currently working on. Martin's presentation included photographs of the area and projected visuals of the finished facility. It is anticipated that material (approx. 1,100 tons of biosolids and 400 tons of biomass per day) for this facility would be acquired within a 75km radius. Once fully operational this facility would provide 10 MW hours per day electricity into the local power grid.

Liberty Energy is working with government to ensure that only acceptable biomass is allowed and any ash that is produced would be used either in concrete production or landfill. They expect to know within one month if they can move forward on the Certificate of Approval. Odour, noise and dust are the three main concerns that have been brought forward. The company must ensure that the facility is properly maintained and that they develop and utilize proper procedures to address and eliminate any concerns. Martin encouraged everyone to go on the company website: www.libertyenergycentre.ca. It has been set up to provide additional information including presentations and questions and answers.

Presentation – Gord Gilmet from VFT gave an update on their Responsible Care Program. This program began in 1985 and has developed international standards for Canadian Chemical Producers (www.CCPA.ca). Every three years these companies go through a verification process to ensure that they are following through on any

required changes and improvements. In their last review in 2003 there were 23 areas identified for improvement including adjustments to: responsible care management systems, outreach, emergency response, safety, security and risk management, and environmental procedures. The final area to be addressed before the next inspection in May involves security and the development of C-TPAT (Customs - Trade Partners Against Terrorism) – a homeland security initiative which guarantees that they can deliver product without incident. Peter Kazuba, a CAP member, will participate again in the recertification process as the community representative.

Presentation – Ed Cocchiarella from Dofasco provided an overview of the Upwind Downwind Conference. There were approximately 160 participants for the two days. The international representatives were not able to attend as they were unable to get visas in time. There were a number of key presentations including one by Murray Finkelstein – “Traffic Pollution & Health” indicating that the largest pollution source in urban areas is from mobile sources. All presentation will be posted on the Clean Air Hamilton website – www.cleanair.hamilton.ca.

2. Discussion – Participant feedback

There was a very interesting discussion for both presentations. This was a great opportunity to share how our organizations work.

3. New Business

No new business – reminders of upcoming events:

- Earth Day will possibly be at the RBG on April 22
- March 30 – Environment Hamilton annual meeting
- HIEA Annual Meeting – Tuesday April 18 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 at the Chamber of Commerce.
- Emergency Preparedness Day – May 13, Bayfront Park, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Community Emergency Response Volunteer (CERV) information on the myhamilton.ca web site

4. Next Meeting

Date: Thursday May 11, 2006
Place: Dofasco first floor conference room F
Speaker: Jessica Aird – The Commonplace Ecovillage and the Ecological Footprint

Reported by Karen Logan