



Community Advisory Panel  
**MINUTES**  
May 23, 2006  
7:00 to 9:00 p.m.  
Dofasco – First Floor, Conference Room E

**Present:** Jessica Aird, Marianne Aird, Tina Brajic, Ed Cocchiarella, Ellaline Davies, Bill Gair, Gord Gilmet, Karen Logan, Sandra Rogers, David Savelli, Shawn Selway, Pat Thiessen, Stephen Toplack, Brian Young.

**Regrets:** Martha Allen, Marilyn Baxter, Dale Brown, Ann Buckle, Bill Hostiue, Peter Kaszuba, Carol McNeil, Scott Morrison, Andy Sebestyen, JoAnn Simpson, Wayne Simpson, Anne Turner.

**1. Welcome** – Bill Gair welcomed everyone and invited Jessica Aird, a CAP participant who recently graduated from Brock University with an Environmental Chemistry Degree to begin her presentation for the evening.

**2. Presentation – Eco Village thesis – Jessica Aird**

Jessica presented her draft thesis: Commonplace Ecovillage and the Ecological Footprint. She used the website – [www.ecologicalfootprint.org](http://www.ecologicalfootprint.org) for the formulas and world data and used that as a basis for determining the footprint for a Niagara Ecovillage and what impact we could make in this area.

There was a very interesting discussion around many aspects of the presentation and how we as individuals can make a difference.

**3. New Business**

Ellaline Davies asked about black smoke she saw as she was driving on the high level bridge. It appeared to be coming from a stack situated near Stelco or Dofasco so she wanted to know what had caused it and where it had come from?

Bill indicated that Dofasco had been doing maintenance, which required the #3 Coke plant to run on coke oven gas only. This process requires adjustments in the combustion process to sustain a clean burn. In the time it takes to make these adjustments a plume may be seen and can result in some emissions during the adjustment time. The Stelco representative was not in attendance at the meeting so

there was no explanation as to how Stelco might have been the possible source for the smoke.

Bill encouraged everyone to report any possible incidences or concerns. He noted that it is important to record the time and date of the occurrence to help to identify the source. We were encouraged to call any representative from HIEA with the information but Bill suggested that we could call Dofasco directly at any time of day. The security guard is always on duty and has specific guidelines to follow when taking this type of report, which is then given to Bill to investigate and then report back to the individual making the call.

Environmentalist of the year awards dinner – June 7

HIEA Communications & Technical Committees are supporting the event by purchasing a table. Any CAP member who is interested in going to the dinner is invited as HIEA's guest to attend.

*Action: Karen will email everyone with the information and ask that those interested in attending get back to her as soon as possible. There are 8 spots and CAP members will get first opportunity to attend.*

John Hall from RAP has arranged a boat tour of the harbour with the Hamilton Port Authority. This tour will run on June 13 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Anyone who is interested is to contact Karen.

Karen passed out maps of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. She will wait at the gate to direct people into the facility.

Karen discussed the Green Venture – EcoHouse on Veveers Street. This is an interesting facility – they offer workshops etc.

*Action: Karen will look into arranging a workshop for the September meeting.*

#### **4. Next Meeting**

**Date:** 7:00 p.m. June 8, 2006

**Place:** Waste Water Treatment Plant on Woodward Avenue

*Reported by Karen Logan*