

**Community Liaison Committee
Minutes
August 15, 2017**

Present: St Marys Plant: Jose Soraggi, Kara Terpstra, Vanessa Barr, Dan O'Leary (guest)
St Marys Council: Al Strathdee, Jim Craigmile
Community Members: Marvin Arthur, Roger Muir, Marti Lindsay, Sylvia Harvey,
Stewart Grant
Ministry of Environment (MOE), Dan Crompt, Krys Johnston, Andrew Winkler

Regrets: Alex Best, Brent Kittmer

At 11:30 AM, Kara Terpstra welcomed all community members to the meeting and presented the 100 Year anniversary video.

Dan O'Leary provided a plant tour.

At 12:30 PM, Kara welcomed St Marys Council, Ministry of Environment and Community members to the meeting.

An open discussion was held on the impacts of the cement plant onto our community which included noise, air emissions, and dust.

An open discussion was held on our role on the committee and the perception of the plant/facility.

A round table discussion was held on how to address community concerns relating to the plant and methods of educating the community regarding various plant impacts within community. (See appendix for notes.)

At our next meeting, presentations from both the member(s) of the MOE and plant manager, Jose Soraggi to educate our members on various topics such as tracking of complaints, environmental regulation compliance, cement plant myths, etc. all in an effort to pass this knowledge onto the community.

Our next meeting is scheduled to take place in November 2017. Kara will contact all CLC members to advise date.

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Appendix: Round Table Discussion

Marti Lindsay comes to us with a real estate background. Marti recommends real estate agents inform new residents during purchase of sale, and include a clause that identifies industrial noise and dust from cement plant. While there is no obligation for agents to disclose the cement plant, it is Marti's recommendation.

Jim Craigmile stated that there may be a misconception that cement plant emissions are within MOE compliance; visibly of the stack and its plume could indicate otherwise. He recommends the CLC should provide education to residents.

Marvin Arthur lives in the West end and rarely smells the plant however he does feel the blast but it is not severe. He hasn't heard any of his neighbours complain.

Roger Muir is aware of the myth of the plant operating at night versus the day. As a new retiree, he is home during the day and has noticed dust on his vehicle.

Stewart Grant hasn't noticed the odour in his area.

Dan Crompt suggests taking a sample with scotch tape.

How far does odour travel?

Sylvia Harvey lives on Water Street for the past 14 years. She has smelled it consistently and can feel it in her lungs. She has experienced issues with poor concentration. While she is aware that the cement plant offers car detailing, she has concerns for children and elderly lungs – "who details lungs?"

Jose Soraggi stated that St Marys Cement will not be defensive and will not take the blame when we have evidence. CLC will learn how to work together.

Al Strathdee advised that during the first CLC meeting a Perth Health representative verified asthma rates declined in Perth county. Al cautioned all to be careful what science says.

How do we deal with health issues?

Odor tracking is done twice daily, every day. Kara will drive to the area(s) that have been called in from complainants.

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Stewart Grant offered to write a preliminary article in the Independent paper to collect responses from readers regarding their concerns about the cement plant and present community responses; track where respondents live.

Marti Lindsay suggests having open meetings with the community and propose real estate agencies disclose cement plant to new home buyers.

Dust and odor complaints received have 2-day turnaround time to contact MOE.

Jim Craigmile offered to be present at an area identified with odor.

St Marys for Clean Air (SMCA) Facebook page is an established social media platform. The Mayor has offered to meet the SMCA group to address their concerns in a private setting, with cement plant staff present, as well the Cement plant has offered to meet SMCA members and provide a plant tour, however the group has stated they will gather in September but nothing firm as of yet.

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