

Ashbridges Bay Treatment Plant Neighbourhood Liaison Committee (NLC)

Meeting # 75  
Thursday November 23, 2006  
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
1774 Queen Street East – Mennonite New Life Centre

ATTENDENCE:

Michael Rosenberg	Economics of Technology Working Group
Connie Demb	Beach Resident
Jim Neff	Resident
Stephen Whyte	Resident of South Riverdale and ICMC member
Karey Shinn	NLC co-chair
Jean Yves Urbain	Earth Tec, Observer
Dave Hanna	Observer

STAFF:

Shiri Pasternak	Facilitator
Mark Rupke	Senior Engineer, Toronto Water
Robert Davis	Supervisor of Public Consultation

REGRETS:

David Done

MINUTES:

Anna Ammourey

## 1. Welcome and Introductions

Meeting called to order: at 7:10 p.m.

**Robert Davis** announces that **Shiri Pasternak** will be taking over for **David Evans**. Her e-mail address is [Spaster2@toronto.on.ca](mailto:Spaster2@toronto.on.ca).

**Karey Shinn** says on behalf of the NLC, a big thank you to **David Evans** for all the great work that he has done for the group over the last year.

### Review and approval of the agenda:

**Mark Rupke** wants to add something on the actiflo pilot testing and on the interaction between the landscaping plan and Lake Ontario Park. He will discuss these during the mini-updates.

**Shiri Pasternak** confirms that there is no facilitators' report for the time being.

## **2. Review of Action Items:**

**Meeting #73 Action #2** – This is still pending. No meeting scheduled as of yet.

**Meeting #74 Action Item #1 – David Evans** has provided NLC with the phone number for MOE odour complaints. This is in the minutes from the last meeting.

**Meeting #74 Action #2- Mark Rupke** identifies some members of the consultant team from ENVision/Earth tech.

Project lead

Ian Dance (ENV)

PM/LA

Bob Dobbin (ET)

Tony Windor, John Fairclough – env/soils

Mark Swan - stormwater

Derek Weckers (ENV)

Joseph Yu – grading/field design

Subs

Suzanne Barrett – Public consultation

Terry Heard – Interpretive

Donna Havinga – Ecology

Others:

Security, irrigation & lighting

**Meeting#74 Action#3 – Mark Rupke** says that there will be different consultation meetings during the design. There are 3 public consultation meetings. In total, 14 meetings with stakeholders are budgeted over the course of the project.

**Connie Demb** wants to know if an NLC person can attend these meetings as an observer. This would be beneficial in terms of getting faster feedback. **Karey Shinn** also expresses interest in the idea of having a representative from NLC attend the meetings.

**Mark Rupke** says that he will attend the meetings and can update the NLC. He also adds that a plan needs to be set up regarding how these meetings will proceed.

**Meeting #74 Action#4 – David Evans** sent the terms of references regarding the Tommy Thompson Park. There were some copies at the meeting as well.

## **3. Mini-Updates:**

**Mark Rupke** says that the Ministry of Environment is going through their internal review process and they are looking forward to providing approval of the EA in the near future.

**Michael Rosenberg** thinks that the city is asking for something different from the initial 1997 and 1999 EA approval submission to the province. This change should be treated as a second addendum as opposed to some natural procedural change. **Mark Rupke** assures that the scope of the undertaking seeking approval has remained the same.

**Michael Rosenberg** notes that in the review documents that the NLC has, the notes convey that there is a preferred alternative with respect to Biosolids. There are also documents that say that biosolids are a part of the undertaking. So there has been a change since the 1997 and 1999 submissions. The City submitted to the Ministry a notice that the City would be in favour of a mediation or hearing if incineration is considered. It now appears that the city wants to do a separate EA without any mediation or hearing.

**Mark Rupke** said that if biosolids were a part of the undertaking seeking EA approval, then the City would not have been able to implement the biosolids program, as we are still waiting for approval of the EA. The biosolids program was able to proceed as a class EA.

**Karey Shinn** thinks that chunks from the mediators report have been removed. She says that the Ministry needs to clarify what their understanding is on the terms of approval.

#### **Progress on the Biosolids:**

-**Mark Rupke** says that there is nothing more to report on biosolids than what was reported by Nancy at the last ICMC meeting. The city is managing to move the biosolids out of the plant since the loss of the Michigan landfill over the summer. Construction on the pelletizer building is underway. Testing is scheduled for early next year. The auxiliary equipment has been replaced, and the building is closed in.

**Karey Shinn** asks, will there be a new C of A for the Pelletizer building? **Mark Rupke** answers that C of A's are being amended, and there are a few amendments to C of A's each year.

**Michael Rosenberg** asks how the heating pump fire occurred. **Mark Rupke** says that the fire department report addressed that issue and that a copy of the fire marshal's report was forwarded. **Shiri Pasternak** will forward a copy to **Michael Rosenberg**.

**Karey Shinn** asks if the landfill in London is Licensed for biosolids. **Mark Rupke** answers yes.

#### **Progress on the Odour Control:**

**Mark Rupke** reports that the Biofilter testing is completed. The area in the parking lot is cleared now and a draft testing report is being finalized. The Biofilter pre design will be beginning shortly.

**Connie Demb** asks if at least one of the filters works properly. Mark Rupke answered yes. He also adds that noise measurements have been looked at, a noise survey of the entire plant was conducted and there will be noise control implemented in the final design.

### **Landscape Site Plan:**

**Mark Rupke** says that the Landscape Site Plan is held up in the legal department. It is working through a new approval process. Staff are trying to get the contract going. He adds that Lake Ontario Park is being designed by The Waterfront Revitalization Corporation. They have hired Field Operations who are doing the design work for the master plan. The city is involved on the committee there so that ABTP is integrated into the park.

**Jim Neff** asks if these meetings are open to the public. He is curious to know what their plans are. Mark Rupke answers that to his knowledge these meetings are not open to the public.

**Michael Rosenberg** says that the NLC is interested in having a representative on the Lake Ontario Park Steering Committee and the Coatsworth Cut Environmental Assessment Committee.

**Connie Demb** asks if perhaps Shiri can give us some more information on this. **Shiri Pasternak** provides the project manager's contact information. The Lake Ontario Park project manager is Pina Mollottzi (416)214-2344. Jim Neff notes, though, that the actual project design is handled by the office of 'field operations' under the direction of Ellen Neises, Senior Associate. They are at 475 Tenth Avenue – 10<sup>th</sup> Floor – New York, New York, 10018 (T: 212-433-1450, E: [ellen@fieldoperations.net](mailto:ellen@fieldoperations.net), W: [www.fieldoperations.net](http://www.fieldoperations.net)). The NLC wants to know how Tracy, from R.C. Harris, is proceeding and if they can send a representative.

### **Motion:**

1) The Ashbriges Bay NLC requests to have a representative on the Lake Ontario Park Steering Committee and also requests to be informed about their meetings ASAP.

This is to be forwarded to Pina Mollottzi

2) The Ashbridges Bay NLC requests to have a representative on the Coatsworth Cut Environmental Assessment committee and also requests to be informed about their meetings ASAP.

This is to be forwarded to Toronto Water.

**Karey Shinn** seconded the motion.

The motion was passed and voted on.

**Meeting # 75 Action Item #1- Shiri Pasternak to put out a special kind of notice out in the NLC mailing about the representatives for the stewardship meetings.**

### **Water Quality-**

**Mark Rupke** says that a lot of data has been collected this year and the City is undertaking a QA review of the data. There will be a presentation on it early next year.

### **Actiflo Testing -**

Mark Rupke indicated that testing was completed on November 9, 2006 on the Actiflo Pilot after 7 weeks of testing. There are over 400 samples taken and the city reports that they have good results. He showed a slide show presentation regarding a new technology that the city is considering. A video on the process showed how the water is cleaned by this new technology. The video also showed how raw sewage is taken from a tank and put through a very fast treatment process that take approximately six minutes to clean the sewage.

**Connie Demb** asks if it is approx. 6 minutes regardless of the size of the water sample. She also asks if this will be implemented just for storm water or for everything.

**Mark Rupke** answers that the treatment time would be the same at full scale. This is currently being considered just for wet weather treatment at the present time because the process is chemically rich and likely too expensive for dry weather treatment. They are environmentally friendly chemicals and will not adversely impact the biosolids.

**Michael Rosenberg** asks, if the solids are suitable to go to the digester or do they go to the primary sources at the plant?

**Mark Rupke** answers that the sludge needs to be thickened before it goes into the digester. The water remaining would go to a secondary treatment.

**Stephen Whyte** asks, does this process use a particular type of sand? The answer is, "No, it's ordinary 100 micron sized sand."

**Mark Rupke** concludes that this plan is not definite, it is only being considered at the time being. Various new technologies are being considered as an alternative to the primary treatment that we have now.

**Jim Neff** asks if this would be appropriate for the Coatsworth Cut Plan? The answer is the city is not sure at this time.

**Mark Rupke** concludes by saying that this study will continue into next spring/summer and then cost issues will be looked at as well as a budget and design. After the study phase, the design phase will take several years before any construction happens.

**Stephen Whyte** asks, how much storm water do we usually get on average? Also, is it possible to get a characterization of what the solids from the pilot are? **Mark Rupke** answers that storm water flow varies greatly depending on the weather conditions each day. He also explains that the characteristics of the solids from the pilot would not be substantially different from the wastewater solids as the pilot was running on raw sewage.

#### 4. Other Business:

**Karey Shinn** emphasized that the NLC is looking for a volunteer representative for the Tommy Thompson Park and/or the Lake Ontario Park committee and The Coatsworth Cut EA Committee. She also asks that all members please attend the next meeting, particularly those who are interested in being NLC representatives for the aforementioned committees.

**Michael Rosenberg** and **Jim Neff** say that they would be interested in being representatives. The NLC will wait to see what the response is from others first.

#### 5. Minutes from last meeting:

Amendments that need to be made to the last meetings minutes-

Under Item 3.1 (page 3)

1. **Connie Demb** asked if a market study is being 'one'. This needs to be changed to 'done'.

2. '**Connie Demb** requested a Motion be framed concerning the restriction of the pellets being used as fuel.' Needs to be changed to '**Connie Demb** requested a motion be framed to prohibit the use of pellets as fuel'.

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3. '**Mark Rupke** explained that they would be accessing the pilot results to find out how much capacity and flow a biofilter can take.' This needs to be changed to '**Mark Rupke** explained that they would be assessing the pilot results to find out how much capacity and flow a biofilter can take.'

4. 'The plan had called for one at T building, but at T building they probably won't have one as they approach has been changed .....'. Please take out the y in 'they approach has been changed'

5. Connie's Demb's motion: 'temperature' instead of temperately in the sentence within the motion itself. ".....ABTP specifically excluding the use or sale of pellets in any thermal process raising their temperately to combustion level.'

6. '**David Evans** will send the motion to Lou DiGeronimo.' This should be '**David Evans** will send the action items to Lou DiGeronimo.'

7. Pg.6 - Same motion different item – Done report back if he has taken the motion to Sandra Bussin –David needs to report back on this.

8. Pg. 8 - Meeting #73 Action item 2-  
-Action item that we need for next meeting

## **6. Next meeting date, agenda topics and adjourn**

Tuesday the 9<sup>th</sup> of January 7pm here.

A request was made that the action items, a draft minutes and agenda get sent out before Christmas. **Shiri Pasternak** says that the NLC will get notice about when the Coatsworth Cut EA public meetings will occur.

**Michael Rosenberg** sends a reminder to everyone about the Don meeting which will be held on DEC.5

**Connie Demb** suggests that the code of conduct be read at every ICMC meeting starting at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.