



**Ashbridges Bay Treatment Plant (ABTP)  
Neighbourhood Liaison Committee  
Meeting #83**

Mennonite New Life Centre, 1774 Queen St. East  
Tuesday, November 20, 2007  
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

**Attendance:**

Karen Buck	Citizens for a Safe Environment, Beaches Resident
David Hanna	Resident
John Hopkins	ICMC
Jim Neff	Citizens for a Safe Environment
Michael Rosenberg	Economics of Technology Working Group, ICMC
Karey Shinn	NLC Community Co-Chair
Aliss Terpstra	International Institute of Concern for Public Health, Citizens for a Safe Environment
Shabbir Datto	Engineer, City of Toronto, Toronto Water
Nancy Martins	Public Consultation Unit, City of Toronto
Katie Rabinowicz	Public Consultation Unit, City of Toronto
Jean-Yves Urbain	EarthTech

**Regrets:**

Connie Demb  
Hy Schwartz

**Minutes:**

Joshua Zucker

**Karey Shinn** called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

**John Hopkins** asked about the Coatsworth Cut and **Shabbir Datto** said the EA study is now complete and was made available on November 16<sup>th</sup>. It can be accessed at City Hall, the Gerrard/Ashdale public library and the Danforth/Coxwell Public Library.

## 2. Review and Approval of Minutes: Meetings #79, 80, 81, 82

### Meeting #79 Revisions

The following revisions were suggested by **Connie Demb** via **Karen Buck**:

- Pg. 1: Jean Yves Urbain should be listed as a consultant after staff.
- Pg. 2: Under Action item #2, “city, public and consultant members” should read “city, staff, members of the public and consultants”
- Pg. 5: “grabbed” should read “grab”
- Pg. 5: “C of A” should read “Certificate of Approval (C of A)”
- Pg. 5: Remove “wonderful”, insert “choice set out under the Mediation Agreement”
- Pg. 5: change Action Item #7 to read “To find the original motion, put it on the agenda, and re-direct it to City Legal re: Contract Wording”
- Pg. 6: “Odour Study” should read “Odour Control Project”
- Pg. 6: “how any filters” should read “how many filters”
- Pg. 7: “offer biddings” should read “request bids”
- Pg. 7: “M T buildings” should read “M & T buildings”
- Pg. 7: “provide more than 2 tanks a year for construction” should read “take more than 2 tanks a year out of service for construction”
- Pg. 7: “roofing plant” should read “commercial asphalt roofing plant”
- Pg. 7: Add “this will improve the waterfront” to the end of paragraph three
- Pg. 8: Between “peer review” and “over the summer”, insert “of the draft biosolids and residuals master plan”
- Pg. 8: “they” should read “the City”
- Pg. 8: “report from Nancy Fleming in February” should read “presented again by Nancy Fleming in February” and strike the fragment in parentheses
- Pg. 8: “primary systems” should read “primary destinations”
- Pg. 9: “CSO project” should read “Coatsworth Cut CSO Project”
- Pg. 9: Following “Connie Demb asked if the consultation will be an actual meeting”, add “unlike the previous outdoor open houses”
- Pg. 9: “New York” should read “New York State”
- Pg. 9: Following “Jim Neff noted” add “regarding the biosolids use program”
- Pg. 9: After “information from Sludge Watch” add “but it is not sufficient to understand the impact”
- Pg. 9: “New York” should read “New York State”
- Pg. 9: “Concorech” should read “Conporec”
- Pg. 9: “Michigan” should read “Michigan State”
- Pg. 10: Under Inventory of Assets dollar figures should be appended to “Water” and “Wastewater”
- Pg. 10: “capital forecasts were” should read “capital forecasts included”

- Pg. 10: “wet weather and underground pipes in the budget” should read “the costs attributed to the Wet Weather Plan as opposed to the costs attributed to the Sanitary System”
- Pg. 10: “presumably be stuff” should read “presumably be items”
- Pg. 10: same paragraph, “most of the spending will be for things like DOWNSPOUT disconnect programs”
- Pg. 10: “North Toronto Treatment Plan” should read “North Toronto Treatment Plant Pg. 10: Remove “(in the south end of East York)”
- Pg. 11: “Connie Demb remarked that this will compound and double revenue every seven years” should read “7-8 years”

**Karey Shinn** asked whether **Shabbir Dattoo** could investigate some of the questions raised by **Connie Demb** in her revision suggestions.

**Action Item #1: Shabbir Dattoo** to find out whether the biosolids being trucked to New York State are being used as a soil amendment or being land filled.

**Action Item #2: Shabbir Dattoo** to determine the monetary figures referenced in the minutes of Meeting #79.

**Karey Shinn** moved that the amended Meeting #79 minutes be adopted.

**Seconded: Karen Buck.**

The Meeting #79 minutes were adopted as amended.

### Meeting #80 Revisions

**Karey Shinn** suggested the following revisions.

- Pg. 6 & 7: Instances of “stock” should read “stack”.
- Pg. 11: “people on lower meters” should read “people on meters”

The following revisions were suggested by **Connie Demb** via **Karen Buck**:

- Pg. 4: “fire broke out down” should read “fire broke out during”
- Pg. 4: “contact that was signed” should read “contract that was signed”
- Pg. 5: “EA that it included” should read “EA included” and remove the word “processing”
- Pg. 5: “Odour Study” should read “Odour Control Project”
- Pg. 6: “dispersed low enough” should read “dispersed enough”
- Pg. 6: “once the City implements a new odour control system, all treatment processes will meet requirements” should be attributed to Jean Yves Urbain not Karey Shinn
- Pg. 7: “residents lived with the tremendous load of incineration” should read “residents lived with the impacts of incineration”
- Pg. 7: “implantation” should read “implementation”
- Pg. 13: “re-remediate” should read “remediate”
- Pg. 13: “adverse” should read “averse”

**Karey Shinn** moved that the amended Meeting #80 minutes be adopted.

**Seconded: Aliss Terpstra**

The Meeting #80 minutes were adopted as amended.

### Meeting #81 Revisions

**David Hanna** said he believed he had brought up the disconnect between the Public Art for Public Spaces Committee and the NLC in Meeting #81.

**Michael Rosenberg** spoke about Meeting #81, Action Item #10. He said that at the time they were asking that technical information be made available so that they could make comments on the Coatsworth Cut EA to the City. He said that Mario Parenti had been resistant to provide a great deal of information at the Open Houses because he felt the public wouldn't understand it. This being the case, they were unable to comment on several parts of the project. The fact that this EA is now available to them is not sufficient. He asked that Action Item #10 be changed from "Completed" to "Never Done".

**Michael Rosenberg** said he learned there was a meeting of the Lake Ontario Park Stakeholders Group which he had not been contacted about.

<p><b>Action Item #3: Karey Shinn</b> to e-mail Joanna Kidd in regards to the Lake Ontario Park Stakeholders meetings.</p>
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### Motion #1

**Michael Rosenberg** moved that the NLC request:

- a) That the City not give approval to Veolia to use any thermal process as agreed to in the Mediation Agreement.
- b) If the City intends to ignore our request that the NLC and the community be informed at least 6 months before any permission is given to Veolia to use a thermal process.

**Seconded: Jim Neff**

There were 7 votes in favour and 0 against.

The Motion passed.

<p><b>Action Item #4: Karey Shinn</b> to send Motion #1 to Lou Di Gironimo, CC'ed to the Public Works &amp; Infrastructure Committee (PW &amp; I) members.</p>
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**David Hanna** said the NLC was supposed to have a liaison from the City's Public Art for Public Spaces Committee in regards to the process set in place to select an artist for the ABTP Landscape Design Project.

**Nancy Martins** said she spoke to Terry Nicholson, from Culture, on this issue. He said the City followed the standard process for selecting an artist that will be part of a project team. They advertised in January 2006 on the website Akimbo, with a deadline in February 2006. The Landscape Architect from ENVision was part of the interview team that interviewed the shortlisted artists.

**David Hanna** said there are other methods, for example the way Waterfront Toronto is currently soliciting artists for the West Don Lands project.

## **Motion #2**

**David Hanna** moved that:

- a) The Public Art for Public Spaces Committee and the Public Art Commission make a proper liaison with the NLC in regards to any item on their agenda concerning the Ashbridges Bay Treatment Plant Landscape Plan, including advance notification of any meetings where an issue with regards to the Ashbridges Bay Treatment Plant is coming up.
- b) A request for the minutes from the Public Art for Public Spaces Committee's meetings where they discussed the Ashbridges Bay landscaping art and selected an artist.
- c) A copy of the standard selection process from the City of Toronto be provided to the NLC.
- d) Request of an explanation as to why the NLC was not invited to the Public Art for Public Spaces Committee meeting as requested.

**Seconded: Karey Shinn.**

There were 7 votes in favour and 0 against.

The Motion passed.

**Action Item #5: Karey Shinn** to send Motion #2 to Lou Di Gironimo, PW & I and the Public Art for Public Spaces Committee.

**Karey Shinn** moved that the amended Meeting #81 minutes be adopted.

**Seconded: Karen Buck**

The Meeting #81 minutes were adopted as amended.

## **Meeting #82 Revisions**

- Pg. 1: "Chris Butthe" should read "Chris Blythe, BTRA (Beaches Triangle Resident's Association)"
- Pg. 11: "indicated that" should read "related to the Pelletizer contract under which"
- Pg. 11: "They also quote high-level scientists" should read "The articles quote 'high-level scientists'"

- Pg. 11: “The first is that ethanol” should read “the first article provides detail showing that ethanol”
- Pg. 11: “She said there are two specific concerns with this that need to be addressed” should read “She said two specific concerns need to be addressed as an action item by Toronto Water and/or Veolia.”
- Pg. 11: “negative return” should read “negative environmental return”
- Pg. 11: In Action Item #1, “marketing concerns” should read “the above marketing concerns”
- Pg. 12: “Connie Demb asked if that aeration tank air would not” should read “Connie Demb asked if aeration tank air would”
- Pg. 12: Replace “how do we get back onto a treatment program” with “asked if you disperse this...are getting more stink” replace rest of sentence with “can you retroactively add biofilters or other treatment to reduce odourous air from the aeration tanks before it goes up the stack”
- Pg. 12: “revaluation” should read “re-evaluation”
- Pg. 12: “take and regenerate them” should read “take them and regenerate them”

**Karen Buck** moved that the amended Meeting #82 minutes be adopted.

**Seconded: Jim Neff**

The Meeting #82 minutes were adopted as amended.

**Michael Rosenberg** asked to add an action item.

**Action Item #6: Shabbir Dattoo** to inform Veolia that the NLC requests information regarding the bio-ethical issues related to the effects of the use of corn to make ethanol on food prices, as raised by **Connie Demb** in Meeting #82.

### 3. Review of Action Items

**Meeting #79: Action Item #4:**

- a) *Staff to bring some printed copies of the Wastewater and Biosolids Quality Trends presentation to the next meeting.*
- b) *The presentation to be made available on-line, along with testing protocols.*

**Nancy Martins** is looking for these slides.

Status: **Ongoing.**

**Meeting #80: Action Item #1**

*NLC to inform by letter the Works and Infrastructure Committee members to council and any other appropriate Councillors that we have made a firm recommendation by motion that the pellets not be incinerated or raised to any temperature resulting in combustion.*

**Karen Buck** said there hasn't been a procedure at this committee to deal with the motions it passes. In the Mediation Agreement it says that motions are to be forwarded to PW & I and the Commissioner of Public Works. **Nancy Martins** informed that this committee reports to the General Manager of Toronto Water.

There was a discussion as to the appropriate process to adopt regarding motions and it was agreed that motions should be sent to the co-chairs to forward to the appropriate recipients.

Status: **(There was no mention made of forwarding the specific motion mentioned in this Action Item)**

**Meeting #80: Action Item #5**

*NLC members to come to next NLC meeting prepared to pass on comments about Coatsworth Cut to Michael Rosenberg.*

Status: **Never completed.**

**Action Item #7: Nancy Martins** to make available a copy of the Coatsworth Cut EA at a meeting of NLC Members on December 5<sup>th</sup> at 1pm at the Urban Affairs Library.

**Meeting #81: Action Item #1**

*Mark Rupke to look into further details on specific customers Veolia may be dealing with as well as their marketing plan.*

**Shabbir Datto** said Veolia is continuing to negotiate with a number of suppliers, and that the City had not been provided with suppliers' names at this stage. **Karey Shinn** asked if Veolia has begun processing pellets and where they were going. **Shabbir Datto** replied that they have begun processing, and that Veolia has an off-site storage facility, but that he does not know the details of where this storage facility is or where the pellets are going (to storage or otherwise). He mentioned that because they are still in the commissioning phase, and that Veolia have not yet put a project manager in place, it is difficult to get answers to these questions at this point. **Jim Neff** asked if pellets are being stored on site and **Shabbir Datto** said, no. **Karen Buck** asked if pellets could be going to landfill and **Shabbir Datto** said that it is possible, but that he did not know.

Status: **Ongoing.**

**Meeting #81: Action Item #2**

*Mark Rupke to find out whether Veolia must adhere to the Mediation Agreement and to report on efforts to add the Mediation Agreement to the Schedule 9 list.*

**Shabbir Datto** said Veolia is going to be using pellets as per the marketing plan that was submitted to City Council together with the Staff Report. He said he is not sure if the Mediation Agreement (MA) was included in the submission but will try and find out.

Status: Ongoing.

#### **Meeting #81: Action Item #3**

*Dave Done to take the Motion to Sandra Bussin*

Status: Ongoing.

The remaining Action Items were deferred to the next meeting.

## **4. Mini-updates**

### ***Pelletizer***

**Shabbir Datto** said the pelletizer is now running everyday (including weekends) at 50% capacity, as it is still in the commissioning stage. Veolia has hired additional operators whose training is ongoing. Secondary testing has not yet commenced and will begin once software updates on Toronto Water's side have been completed. They are looking to begin secondary testing at the beginning of December. **Karen Buck** asked if Veolia's Project Manager would have someone to liaise with from Toronto Water. **Shabbir Datto** said Toronto Water already has a Team Coordinator in place, Russ Hughes, who will liaise with Veolia's Project Manger.

### ***EA***

**Shabbir Datto** said there was nothing to report. The EA is still with the Ministry of Environment.

### ***Odour Control Project***

**Shabbir Datto** said the project is still on schedule and **Jean-Yves Urbain** said they are currently working on the detailed design and bidding will begin in the New Year.

### ***Landscaping***

**Shabbir Datto** noted there is a public meeting on November 29<sup>th</sup> at the Mennonite New Life Centre regarding the landscaping plan and that otherwise they are on schedule.

### ***Biosolids***

**Shabbir Datto** said the Peer Review Panel met for a 2<sup>nd</sup> all-day session on November 6 and made progress with the decision making model used on the Master Plan. They will be meeting again on December 4 to finalize the plan and the final report will be given before the end of the year.

**Nancy Martins** distributed copies of the charge questions as requested at the last meeting. They were still being revised by the Peer Review Panel, but the main concepts would not change.

**David Hanna** asked, regarding the upcoming landscaping meeting, if large topographical maps of the site's current conditions could be made available for attendees to have. **Nancy Martins** said they could have a few copies on hand but that they would not be getting into the detailed design yet. She said she would pass on this request to the consultants.

**David Hanna** made an announcement about the next Tommy Thompson Park Meeting ([web link](#)).

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

The next meeting of the NLC was set for Tuesday, January 8, 2008.

**Karey Shinn** adjourned the meeting 9:18 p.m.

**The following Action Items were not addressed:**

**Meeting #81: Action Item #4**

*Mark Rupke to report on details on the new fire suppression systems.*

**Meeting #81: Action Item #5**

*Mark Rupke to find out when Chicago begins commissioning their Pelletizer.*

**Meeting #81: Action Item #6**

*Mark Rupke to find out from Veolia what the current pellet output is.*

**Meeting #81: Action Item #7**

*Mark Rupke to find out when the London landfill will be able to receive biosolids.*

**Meeting #81: Action Item #8**

*Mark Rupke to find out who is managing the London landfill.*

**Meeting #81: Action Item #9**

*Mark Rupke to bring the Ashbridges Bay Odour Complaint Form to the next meeting.*

**Meeting #82: Action Item #1**

*Mark Rupke to find out if a representative from Veolia can attend an NLC/ICMC meeting to address the commissioning of the facility and marketing concerns.*