



## Dufferin Aggregates Community Liaison Committee (CLC) Meeting Minutes - APPROVED

### Meeting Date, Time & Location

Tuesday, February 22, 2011, 7-9 p.m.  
Blue Springs Golf and Country Club, Acton

### Participants

Name	Organization
Monica Gunn	Vision Advisory Committee (VAC)
Norm Elliott	Local Neighbour
Paul Vanhanen	Bruce Trail Conservancy
Paul Ostrander	CEO, Holcim Canada
Andrea Bourrie	Dufferin Aggregates
Richard Erdman	Dufferin Aggregates
Rob McDougall	Dufferin Aggregates
Enzo Bertucci	Dufferin Aggregates

### Guest

- Heinz Rusche, Bruce Trail Conservancy

### Regrets

- Ron Heller, Acton East Housing Corp.
- Geoff Knuff, Local Neighbour
- John McNabb, Local Neighbour
- Shawn Steepe, Local Neighbour

### CLC Facilitation and Support

- John McHugh
- Hayley Bessner

### Minutes

- CLC members approved the November 9, 2010 and January 11, 2011 CLC minutes

#### **Acton Quarry Update**

- Quarry Manager Rob McDougall provided an operational update:
  - The plant is closed for about five weeks while maintenance is under way on key areas, such as the chute and the shaker screen box
  - The Quarry is expected to resume production on March 28, while shipping is still occurring.



- Meanwhile, crews are undertaking progressive rehabilitation to the area of the Quarry by Third Line and 22<sup>nd</sup> Side Road.
- Rob also announced that the Acton Quarry has been named the Halton Hills Business of the Year by the local Chamber of Commerce
- Norm Elliott asked Rob about six idling dump trucks at the 6<sup>th</sup> Line and where they were headed?
  - Rob said the trucks are involved with a hydro infrastructure project in the area and were headed up 4<sup>th</sup> Line. Now that the weather is getting warmer, however, the trucks will likely travel along Highway 25.
- Paul Vanhanen announced the recent NEC approval permit for the Bruce Trail Conservancy to build a small gravel parking lot on 22<sup>nd</sup> Side Road.
  - Building is expected to start this year, and the Conservancy has three years to build according to permit
- Andrea Bourrie commented that the parking lot will be a lot safer for people, who wish to hike the portion of the Trail near the Quarry.
- Holcim Canada CEO Paul Ostrander gave CLC members a presentation on the company, including:
  - Outlining major milestones for Holcim over the past 60 years
  - Highlighting the major markets in Canada in which Holcim operates
  - Reaffirming Holcim Canada's three main focuses: commitment to sustainable development with corporate objectives for organizational health and safety, environment and social initiatives
  - Talking about Holcim Canada's vertical integration into the Value Chain with a broad customer base ranging from product supply of cement to solutions providing construction services
  - Outlining several of Holcim's business solutions including rapid bridge replacement, pervious cement, the Enviroguard system for capturing waste from ready-mix trucks; aggregates recycling and contract snow removal
  - Indicating that Public Private Partnerships are a key area of growth for Holcim Canada
  - Dufferin acquired the Acton Quarry operations in 2001 and has worked to address a number of operational issues including site appearances, entrance conditions, haul routes, noise, 4<sup>th</sup> Line water concerns, wetlands and Jefferson Salamander habitat, as well as site rehabilitation
- Paul said Holcim Canada has 140 facilities across Canada, including terminals, construction projects, etc., and is committed to being a good neighbour in the communities in which it operates.
- Paul then took questions from CLC members on his presentation.



- Question #1: Heinz Rusche asked if Holcim is doing any research on concrete highways with capabilities to melt snow and ice automatically.
  - Answer: This is called electrically conductive concrete. The problem is that it requires too much energy for highways, so it's not economical. Monica added that there was an inventor profiled on Daily Planet who is inventing solar powered inserts into highways to melt snow
  - The Daily Planet – Solar Roadways episode can be found at <http://watch.discoverychannel.ca/daily-planet/february-2011/daily-planet---february-02-2011/#clip412068> .
- Question #2: Monica asked how to manage quality control of cement sent to home builders, given that new concrete could be mixed with remnants of an older batch?
  - Answer: Holcim has internal control measures in place to guard against this type of occurrence.
- Question #3: Paul Vanhanen asked how long the quality of the concrete lasts.
  - Answer: It varies by jurisdiction, type of project design and the impacts due to weather and accidents, for example, but the lifespan can range up to 100 years.
- Question #4: Paul Vanhanen asked if there is an asphalt layer on top of concrete.
  - Answer: Not on roadway itself, but on bridges
- Question #5: Norm Elliot asked what Holcim's long term approach would be if the current application on expansion were to be turned down.
  - Answer: Holcim would manage the existing quarry resources in the most economical and prudent manner and when operations were no longer viable, it would rehabilitate the site according to plan.
- Norm Elliot indicated his concern that some people may not fully understand the financial impact to Halton Hills if it were to lose the Dufferin Aggregates Quarry.
  - Andrea Bourrie agreed to develop a fact sheet and information on the 45 jobs, taxes paid and Dufferin's contributions to local health projects, sports, arenas, etc.
- Question #6: Heinz asked about the state of resources. If there is plenty around the quarries?
  - Answer: While there are sufficient aggregates in Ontario, where they are located is sometimes an issue that can inhibit potential development. There is a need to understand that aggregates are a key commodity in the building products and construction sectors and that Ontario requires and uses them for a wide range of essential projects.
- Question #7: Heinz asked if concrete is recycled?
  - Paul said that recycled concrete makes up five to 10 per cent of the market.



- Andrea discussed the March 21 Halton Hills Council Workshop for input on key issues related to the quarry extension
- Council is still working on the workshop format but there will be time for the public to make comments. Andrea encouraged CLC members to attend.
- Norm asked how Dufferin was promoting the Council Workshop.
  - Andrea said there will be notices in local media but details are still TBD.
- Andrea mentioned that if CLC members were interested in quarry rehabilitation, they would plan a tour of the site.

### **Next Steps**

- The next CLC meeting was set for April 13, which will include a 30-45 minute quarry tour
- Paul Vanhanen mentioned the upcoming hike on Bruce Trail and that it would need to take place on a weekend. A date is to be determined.