

COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE WOODWARD WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE

Meeting #26

May 22, 2019 - 7:00 p.m.
700 Woodward Avenue, Lab Boardroom

MINUTES

Attendees:

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| Marilyn Bell (MB) | Mark Bainbridge (MB2) | Lugene Donelson (LD) |
| Bert Posedowski (BP) | Tim Crowley (TC) | Ivan Luksic (IL) |
| Judie Choppick (JC) | Ashlee Fougere (AF) | Pat Thiessen (PT) |

Regrets

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| John Helka (JH) | Damin Starr (DS) | Councilor Sam Merulla (SM) |
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Distribution: All

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| 1. | <p>INTRODUCTIONS</p> <p>MB2 welcomed everyone to the Woodward Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Upgrade Project Community Liaison Committee (CLC) Meeting # 26.</p> | |
| 2. | <p>REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES</p> <p>MB2 reviewed the only action item from the last meeting. It was discussed as follows:</p> <p>Neighbourhood Notice</p> <p>The draft notice was sent to CLC members on February 25, 2019 for their review and the final version was sent to residents surrounding the Woodward Wastewater Treatment Plant on April 11, 2019.</p> <p>Meeting #25 minutes were approved.</p> | |

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| | <p>ODOUR COMPLAINTS</p> <p>MB2 stated that since the last CLC meeting (Jan 30, 2019) there has been three complaints from the Dunn Ave area that were all reported just in the last week. The complaints were all odour related and are the result of the cake loading screws not being covered properly in the Solids Loading Building.</p> <p>The contractor responsible has properly sealed the screws, and the odour control system on the fence line of the plant is also up and running. The Biosolids contractor was also notified to ensure that the loading doors to the Solids Loading Building are kept closed at all times.</p> <p>MB2 also noted that Digester #4 will be cleaned out in August as per the neighbour notice and that some odours may be present during this time. This is not a common occurrence and is only done on an as needed basis.</p> | |
| 3. | <p>WOODWARD UPGRADE PROJECT (WUP) UPDATE</p> <p>MB2 provided an update on the status of the construction projects while TC presented a PowerPoint presentation with photos of the on-going construction.</p> <p>INFC Minister Tour:</p> <p>On April 4th, 2019 the City welcomed the Honourable François-Philippe Champagne, the Minister of Infrastructure and Communities who announced the Government of Canada is contributing over \$12.7 million for shoreline protection and landscape resilience projects to defend against extreme storm events in Hamilton.</p> <p>As a part of this visit, Minister Champagne requested a tour of the Woodward Wastewater Treatment Plant.</p> <p>Raw Sewage Pumping Station (MPS):</p> <p>This contract is 33% complete and work to complete the concrete pouring of the wet well and dry well walls (below grade) is nearing completion. The above grade building structure will start to develop over the next two quarters.</p> <p>Electrical System Upgrades (ELU):</p> <p>This contract is 40% complete and work continues with the installation of the underground utilities along with the plumbing, conduit and building envelope construction for the EPC building.</p> <p>The contractor has undertaken some factory testing of major electrical equipment and has delivered and installed those pieces into the EPC building.</p> | |

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| | <p>Tertiary Treatment (TTU):</p> <p>The total value of the contract is \$165.3M and was awarded on Tue Mar 26, 2019 to North America Construction Ltd. The notice to proceed was subsequently sent on May 16, 2019.</p> <p>Mobilization activities have started this week (May 20-24) and will continue over the coming weeks. To support the construction, parking at the Rennie/Brampton Public Works Yard has been arranged for the TTU contractors as per the neighbour notice.</p> <p>This contract will use the Aqua Cloth Disk technology and is required to increase the performance (better effluent) of the plant, not the capacity.</p> | |
| 4. | <p>INFORMATIONAL VIDEOS</p> <p>The City shared the following three videos that capture the work being done as part of the overall Hamilton Clean Harbour Program.</p> <p>WUP Site Camera – Live Feed</p> <p>CHCH News Segment - WUP https://www.chch.com/woodward-wastewater-treatment-plant-gets-a-new-makeover/</p> <p>Own Your Throne – Episodes 1-3 https://www.hamilton.ca/home-property-and-development/water-sewer/flushables-own-your-throne</p> | |
| 5. | <p>OWN YOUR THRONE CAMPAIGN (NEXT PHASE OF ADS)</p> <p>LD lead a PowerPoint presentation that detailed the next phase of ads for the Own Your Throne advertising campaign (Phase 3). The advertising campaign will still include TV, online, bus shelters/bench’s spots along with potential ads playing on screens at certain sporting events in Hamilton.</p> <p>AF commented that this is a great tool for children and adults to learn about what not to flush down the drains.</p> | |
| 6. | <p>OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>New Local Community Committee:</p> <p>JC and MB informed the attendees about a new community committee that is being created to tackle the noise pollution in the area. The current top offenders recycle cars and propane tanks which set off small explosions that disrupt residents and damage property.</p> <p>The next meeting is on June 15th and all are welcome.</p> | |

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| | <p>Region of Peel - Community Liaison Committee Inquiry:</p> <p>MB2 notified everyone that the Region of Peel (through a consultant) has contacted the City about our Woodward Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Project Community Liaison Committee.</p> <p>The Region of Peel has a potential future condo development near their WWTP and the consultant was inquiring about the tools and benefits of Community Liaison Committee and engagement from the residents.</p> <p>Flood Proofing:</p> <p>MB2 requested everyone's feedback on a potential flood management strategy that includes using the roadways to store water until the drains can handle the flow. This would be accomplished by placing engineered flow restrictions in certain catch basins and allowing approximately 6 inches of water on the roadway.</p> <p>IL stated that it would be a hard sell to the residents of Hamilton. The average resident would expect that their tax dollars would/should be used to prevent any flooding (intentional or otherwise).</p> <p>IL asked about the use of more CSO tanks as an option and to consider motorcycles/bicycles when further developing the flood management strategy.</p> <p>MB2 acknowledged that the City is also looking into other flood management strategies and that adding more CSO tanks is very costly.</p> <p>Stormwater Rate:</p> <p>MB2 established that a stormwater rate discussion would be coming to Council this year.</p> <p>The stormwater rate represents a shift to 'user pay' where properties that produce more stormwater runoff (commercial and industrial properties) will pay more. There would be a nominal fee for individual homeowners.</p> <p>This dedicated fund will help the City replace and maintain some of the existing stormwater infrastructure and increase our resiliency to the effects of climate change.</p> | |
| 7. | <p>NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next CLC meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday September 24, 2019 at 7pm. The City will issue a meeting invitation shortly and include an agenda closer to the date.</p> <p><i>Any questions/comments related to these minutes are to be forwarded to Tim Crowley via Cheryl Heaslip (Cheryl.Heaslip@hamilton.ca) 905-546-2424 x 2383).</i></p> | Action |