

Community Liaison Committee Meeting Minutes

September 10, 2021
10:00am
Zoom Meeting

Present	St Marys Cement: Kara Terpstra, Vanessa Barr, Ruben Plaza, Alejandro Aviles, Nicholas Palermo St Marys Council: Jim Craigmile, Tony Winter, Brett Kittmer Community Members: Rodger Muir, Fred Stam, Gordon Snelling MECP: Bob Slivar Regrets: Stew Grant, Marti Lindsay
----------------	-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

1. Welcome and Introduction

10:00am Kara welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Kara shared some photos from the St Marys Museum of St Marys Cement plant over the last 100 years.

Thank you to the town for allowing us to use the Zoom/YouTube channels for this meeting

Round table introductions of CLC Members.

Welcome to the residents viewing on the YouTube live stream.

No comments or concerns were brought forward about the June 4th 2021 meeting minutes.

*Note that today's meeting was recorded and can be watched here;

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sqBat1n6UTo>

2. New Operations Manager; Alejandro Aviles

SMC welcomed Alejandro Aviles in August 2021 as the new Operations Manager. Alejandro has over 30 years experience in the cement manufacturing industry.

Alejandro sees environmental challenges and changes as one of the biggest current challenges in the cement industry. Climate change and Global Warming are considered in our strategies and initiatives. In our company we are some of the leaders taking initiatives for facing these challenges. We understand our impacts and have a commitment at all levels within the company for generating positive impacts for environmental changes. Sustainability is one of our pillars and we are proactive in our initiatives to understand these challenges and make changes to improve.

To be a business within a community is important to remember that we are a part of the community. We have generations of employees at the plant. We cannot see the plant as separate from the community. We need to conduct the business in an ethical and respectful way and with excellence.

Historically St Marys Cement has always been part of the town and there is a shared history. We are evolving together and need to have a positive impact on each other, coming from both directions. We want to continue to see people proud to have St Marys Cement as part of their town. We need to work together to have an active role in the community, to evaluate opportunities together to see where we can continue to evolve and grow our history together. We need to work to understand our impacts of our operations and provide solutions for our issues such as noise, odour, dust, alternative fuels. We want to be a company that the community can see as an environmentally friendly facility. This plant is part of the history and part of the future of this town.

As the new Operations Manager the commitment is to be available to the town and to focus on operational excellence, bring opportunities and initiatives to improve performance and incorporate new technology in our facility to have a positive impact on the community. With transparency and consistency, we can hear the concerns

of our community and work within compliance guidelines to monitor our performance and make improvements and operational excellence.

3. Community Complaints

The total number of complaints 2021 YTD was presented.

Reminder; Complaints that 'Mention Health' are counted when a resident calls with an odour complaint and highlights that they have a health concern. They are not separate complaints received by the plant.

4. Dust Complaints Process

SMC reviewed the dust sampling procedure and reviewed the different parameters that SMC examines when checking dust complaints such as analysis requirements, complaint location, weather conditions, and plant conditions.

SMC reviewed a specific complaint received by the facility and the reason why it was concluded not to be from SMC. We also reviewed each dust complaint from the last few months and the conclusion to whether or not the results indicated St Marys cement materials.

5. Odour Complaints

St Marys Cement discussed the results that the Enviro-Suite software generates and how it indicates whether an odour complaint originated from St Marys Cement. SMC also reviewed each complaint since the last community meeting and whether the complaint likely originated from SMC.

6. Alternative Fuels

Ruben Plaza presented the initiative to implement Alternative Low Carbon Fuels at the St Marys Cement plant over the next few years. Currently SMC does not use any alternative low carbon fuels at the St Marys Plant. The permitting process for alternative fuels includes several community meetings which will be held over the next few months. The project will decrease the facility's overall carbon emissions.

7. Questions Brought Forward in Advance

None.

8. Round Table

Gordon asked if the alternative fuels project will make the stack emissions more visible, Ruben confirmed the appearance of the emissions will not change.

Fred asked if tours of the facility will begin again this fall, Kara will confirm and schedule a few tour dates.

Jim wondered if the distance of the complaints has increased relative to the cement plant since the stack extension. Kara noted that complaint locations have not changed but the number of complainants has decreased. Jim also asked if Alejandro could look into odour contributed by the Raw Mill running condition of the plant.

Brent observed that the summer was not as humid this year as previous years which would affect dispersion.

Vanessa appreciated the visuals and overview of the dust sampling process.

Ruben noted it is good to have an established committee that will be a good asset to have during the alternative fuels community forums.

Alejandro is happy to join the committee and continue to be a part of it.

9. Closing Remarks

The next meeting will be in December 2021.