

**Community Liaison Committee  
Meeting Minutes**

**December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**10:00am**

**Zoom Meeting**

<b>Present</b>	<b>St Marys Cement:</b> Kara Terpstra, Vanessa Barr, Alejandro Aviles, Sundar Mani, Joe Frost <b>St Marys Council:</b> <b>Community Members:</b> Marti Lindsay, Brian Polley, Kristene McCurdy, Fred Stam, Rodger Muir <b>MECP:</b> Jeff Mills (MECP) <b>Regrets:</b> Jim Craigmile, Brent Kittmer, Rob Edney
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**1. Welcome and Introduction**

10:00am Kara welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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

Round table introductions of CLC Members. SMC expressed gratitude to Marvin Arthur who has been on the committee since its formation in 2017 and has resigned from the committee. SMC also notes that Rob Edney will be replacing Tony Winters on Town Council after his term in office.

Welcome to the residents viewing on the YouTube live stream. The recorded meeting can be seen here;

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K4QZZggnlg0>

No comments or concerns were brought forward about the September 16<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes.

Alejandro Aviles, St Marys Cement Operations Manager, shared the new VCNA logo and what it means for the future of St Marys Cement.

**2. Community Complaints**

The total number of complaints 2022 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.

**3. Enviro-Suite Update**

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 results generated from the software of observed odour which was noted by SMC employees and compared to results from residents.

**4. Odour Mitigation using Ambient Field Readings**

Joe Frost from St Marys Cement presented on how the facility is using a St Croix Nasal to measure odour readings in the field and confirm the dispersion model being generated by Enviro-Suite. The certified technician uses the nasal ranger to dilute ambient air with carbon filtered air, allowing the user to calculate a numeric odour reading on the

nasal ranger. The facility has conducted over 100 ambient readings since September 2022 and is using the location, time, and intensity to validate the Enviro-Suite readings.

## **5. Dust Complaints**

St Marys Cement reviewed the results of dust complaints received in October and November 2022 as per the 'Responding to Community Dust Concerns Procedure'. Analysis of samples taken indicated not all of the samples originated from St Marys Cement. Concerns which did indicate material originating from St Marys Cement were attributed to the finish mill system.

St Marys Cement advises both residents and the MECP when analytical results are not cementitious material. SMC is unable to identify the cause of dust outside of the facility as it is outside the scope of the facility's management but does highlight that other sources of dust include agricultural, construction, road maintenance, and seasonal sources. In addition the MECP provided the contact information for the MECP local office that can be contacted for environmental concerns at 519-873-5000.

## **6. Dust Collectors**

Sundar Mani from St Marys Cement presented on dust collectors at St Marys Cement as follow up to the dust complaints received by residents and to highlight overall dust control on site. The presentation explained what a dust collector is, how they are used at St Marys Cement, and what ongoing maintenance and improvements are conducted to improve overall dust management at the plant.

## **7. Questions Brought Forward in Advance**

SMC provided a status update on the ongoing projects on site regarding odour, noise, dust, general projects, and year end.

SMC reviewed a letter received from a resident with concerns about noise and vibration being perceived in St Marys. SMC addressed some of the concerns highlighted in the letter including structural designs of the stack extension and vibration monitoring done on site, industrial testing for low frequency noise, and the recommendation that residents should discuss confidential health concerns with their primary physician.

As reviewed during dust complaints, the MECP has contact information for the MECP local office that can be contacted for environmental concerns at 519-873-5000.

## **8. Round Table**

Alejandro noted that the plant wishes all residents Happy Holidays.

## **9. Closing Remarks**

The next meeting will be in March 2023.

