

Meeting: Ninth Community Environmental Liaison Committee  
Date: July 10th, 2003  
Time: 7:00PM  
Location: Belledune Recreation Centre

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#### **AGENDA**

1. Call to Order
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. Adoption of June 26, 2003 Minutes
4. Correspondence
  - Emails from Bathurst Sustainable Development
  - Email from Linda Flynn, Sports Recreation And Active Living, Secretariat Restigouche
5. Old Business
  - NB Environment and Local Government Air Quality representative (to address existing air quality, etc.)
  - Human Health Risk Assessment (presentation of final results)
6. New Business
7. Additions to the Agenda
  - CELC membership list (a need for a revisions)
8. Next Meeting
9. Adjournment

#### **COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL LIAISON COMMITTEE JULY 10TH, 2003, MINUTES**

##### **In attendance:**

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| ▪ Roger Vienneau, Co-Chair              | ▪ Gaetan Landry, Maritime Fishermen's Union                                                       |
| ▪ Mayor Gilberte Boudreau, Nigadoo      | ▪ Bernie Lawlor, Agriculture sector & local citizen                                               |
| ▪ Réjean Roy, Chaleur Bay Watersheds    | ▪ Cléo Haché, Local Citizen                                                                       |
| ▪ Mayor Joe Noel, Village of Belledune  | ▪ Susan Firlotte, Local Citizen                                                                   |
| ▪ June Boulay, Noranda Medical Centre   | ▪ Sheila Goucher, NB Department of Environment and Local Government                               |
| ▪ Mark Roherty, Local Citizen           | ▪ Randy Piercey, Manager, Air Sciences Section, NB Department of Environment and Local Government |
| ▪ Francine Léger Guitard, Local Citizen |                                                                                                   |

- Steve Flannery, Bennett Environmental
- Denis Marquis, Jacques Whitford
- David Rae, Jacques Whitford

Regrets:

- Paul Deveau, Noranda
- James McDonnell, Local Citizen
- Paul-Emile Roy, Local Citizen
- James Carrier, Belledune Regional Environment Association
- Carey Letts, Bennett Environmental Inc.
- Paul Fournier, NB Department of Environment and Local Government
- Danny Ponn, Co-Chair, Bennett Environmental Inc.

**Introduction**

- Roger called meeting to order 7:05PM
- Roger introduced Réjean Roy representing Chaleur Bay Watersheds (Bassins Versants Baie des Chaleurs)

**Agenda**

- Under correspondence, an item was added re: e-mail from Linda Flynn and under Additions an item was added re CELC membership list. Gaétan L. moved to adopt the agenda as modified, Gilberte B. seconded. All members in favour. Adopted.

**Adoption of June 26th, 2003 Meeting Minutes**

*Discussion*

- Francine wanted the minutes to show her disagreement with the replacement of Bathurst Sustainable Development by Chaleur Bay Watersheds for the reason of jurisdiction. A discussion followed in order to clarify the issue. Joe indicated that the terms of reference of the committee mentioned the Chaleur Bay Watersheds but that they were not able to participate until a new representative had been appointed, which is the case now.
- Joe moved to adopt June 26<sup>th</sup> minutes, Cléo seconded. All members in favour. Adopted.

**Correspondence**

*Ongoing correspondence between CELC and Bennett*

- The e-mail from Brenda Kelley in regards to air emission standards.
- The e-mail from Linda Flynn in regards to public meeting members.

Discussion

- Mr Randy Piercey informed us that Belledune has the same air emission standards as other cities from southern NB such as Moncton and Fredericton. The confusion is about St-John area that has lower standards as requested by the ARMA (Air Resource Management Areas) group back in the nineties. This was due to the number of industries in the area (the largest oil refinery in Canada, three pulp mills, and two

electricity producing thermal plants). These air quality objectives are in line with the Clean Air Act (Article 11) and the regulations known as **REGULATION 97-133**

- The e-mail from Linda Flynn addressed three points:
  - When will there be a public meeting?
  - She suggests to have an **assigned** DELG inspector for Belledune projects
  - NB “emission standards weak” relative to Kirkland Lake?

### Discussion

- Mrs Flynn’s inquiry for the date of a general public meeting was timely; such a meeting is planned for July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2003.
- The suggestion for an assigned inspector for the Belledune project was deemed “valid” but the matter needs to be brought to the Department’s attention. This will be done by Sheila Goucher.
- The question about the NB emission standards vs. those of Kirkland Lake needs some clarifications; it has nothing to do with Ontario standards being lower than those of New Brunswick; Bennett choose to withdraw the PCB project and asked the authorities for guidance on what would be required for re-submitting. The project in Kirkland Lake was for a PCB treating plant twice as big as the Belledune project.

### **Old Business**

- NB DELG Randy Piercey presentation on air quality. (about 30 minutes)
- Air Quality Assessment and Human Health Risk Assessment (about 1 ½ hour)

### Discussion

- The DELG presentation covered such aspects as:
  - Monitoring sites and substances monitored over the province,
  - Detailed site locations in Belledune area,
  - Regulated Air pollutants,
  - Existing provincial “standards” (Air Quality Objectives), and
  - Some “exceedences” incidences from 1996 to 2002 were presented... showed an overall decrease in regulated contaminants measured levels. (Susan Firlotte had a comment on “bad taste in the mouth” especially in summer months. Randy could not elaborate further but offered to have Susan call him for further discussions)
  - Overall, the air quality has improved and is way below the “quality objectives” as mentioned in **Regulations 97-133**
- Air quality Assessment (Denis Marquis).
  - Denis reviewed the future plant treatment process, the Air Quality Assessment Study Protocol and explained the *Summary of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Highest Maximum Ground Level Concentrations* table found on page 42 of the report.
- Human Health Risk Assessment Report (David Rae)

- Briefly reviewed the principles of risk assessment and the study protocol; explained that there are no bad or good graphics. You have to compare the background levels with the levels identified as facility.
- One must also bear in mind that the scales on the graphics are logarithmic and are misleading for people who rely on visual representations only.

### **New Business**

#### *CELC members list*

- Joe suggested that the list needs to be revised and updated to include Sheila Goucher as DELG coordinator (replacing Kenton Kinney) and Chaleur Bay Watersheds new representative, Réjean Roy.
- Joe also mentioned that the next meeting for the Review Committee (DELG and DHW) will be meeting on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. All comments should be forwarded to Joe.

### **Next Meeting**

- Next meeting: July 24<sup>th</sup>; a farmers' representative from St-Ambroise will answer questions from CELC members (from 6 to 7 pm) followed by a general public meeting on the Human Health Risk Assessment study. All members are strongly encouraged to attend.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:45PM