

Meeting: Seventh Community Environmental Liaison Committee
Date: June 12, 2003
Time: 7:00pm
Location: Belledune Recreation Centre

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. Adoption of May 29, 2003 Minutes
4. Correspondence
 - Emails from Brenda Kelley on May 28th, 29th and June 1st
 - Response to Brenda Kelley from Community Environmental Liaison Committee
5. Old Business
6. New Business
 - Information to be Presented by Brenda Kelley
 - Soil remanufacturing – Condition #4 of EIA Certificate of Determination
 - Community Environmental Liaison Committee Discussion Board
7. Additions to the Agenda
 - CELC election of representative for Department of Health & Wellness (under Old Business)
 - Information on flower-pot containers (under New Business)
 - Truck coverings (under New Business)
8. Next Meeting
9. Adjournment

COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL LIAISON COMMITTEE JUNE 12, 2003, MINUTES

In Attendance:

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| ▪ Francine Leger Guitard, Local Citizen | ▪ Brenda Kelley, Bathurst Sustainable Development |
| ▪ Mark Roherty, Local Citizen | ▪ Sheila O’Kane, Bathurst Sustainable Development |
| ▪ Mayor Joe Noel, Village of Belledune | ▪ Steve Flannery, Bennett Environmental Inc. |
| ▪ June Boulay, Noranda Medical Centre | ▪ Danny Ponn, Co-chair, Bennett Environmental Inc. |
| ▪ Roger Vienneau, Co-chair | ▪ Paul-Emile Roy, Local Citizen |
| ▪ Carey Letts, Bennett Co-chair | ▪ Paul Deveau, NB Smelter |
| ▪ Cleo Hache, Local Citizen | |
| ▪ James McDonnell, Belledune Regional Environment Association | |

Regrets:

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| ▪ Susan Firlotte, Local Citizen | ▪ Gaetan Landry, Maritime Fishermen’s Union |
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Introduction

- Meeting called to order at 7:10PM by Danny

Agenda

- Carey asked that the following items be added to the agenda:
 - CELC needs to elect a member to act as a contact point for the Department of Health & Wellness in regards to the Human Health Risk Assessment.
 - Francine asked for more information on the flower-pot containers used for transporting contaminated material over water; have an info package on that to hand out
 - Francine asked for more information regarding what type of covering will be on trucks used by Bennett
- Joe moved to adopt, Roger seconded. All members in favour; adopted

Adoption of May 29/03 Minutes

- Mark moved to adopt, Joe seconded. All members in favour; adopted.

Correspondence

- Emails that came in from Brenda with regards to the Bathurst Sustainable Development presentation need to be faxed to Cleo (no email address as of yet)
- With regards to letter sent to Brenda Kelley by CELC; when requesting comments from CELC members, four days is agreed upon as an acceptable amount of time to review – if any members have not been heard from, a quick telephone call will suffice to complete loop.

Old Business

Election of Human Health Risk Assessment (HHRA) Representative

- The HHRA is being printed today; it has been reviewed internally by Jacques Whitford Environmental Limited (JWEL), externally by Cantox, with both sets of comments/feedback being taken into account before being finalized.
- The Department of Health and Wellness (DH&W) requested a community representative to review the document (HHRA) and feed back into their process
- Discussion ensued on whether the Community Environmental Liaison Committee (CELC) rep. should be qualified in the subject and it was agreed that the rep at least should have a health or safety background.
- The HHRA is a large document, Brenda offered that committees in the past have split the document into chapters for review by members, the comments would then feed back to the CELC rep. for the HHRA
- Some discussion on who was the public health office rep and which of the DH&W representatives have been updated on this project – will further determine the positions and communication avenues
- Joe Noel was nominated to be the CELC representative to feedback to the DH&W; this would include comments from other CELC members and members of the public who submit through the CELC.

- Paul-Emile asked if there would be a presentation on the HHRA to the public; Brenda stated BSD had already made a request to DH&W to have a presentation made to the public on the HHRA
- Danny responded that it has not been decided upon yet, but it's a possibility; if the DH&W wants us to do it, we'll do it. A presentation on the final results of the HHRA will be made to the CELC hopefully in July.
- Brenda asked if either of the committee co-chairs had talked directly to Dr. Assaf of the DH&W; neither had, but confirmed there had been contact between Jacques Whitford and Ivan Brophy of the DH&W.

Discussion

- Carey mentioned Roger had been in touch with Paul Vanderlaan of the Department of Environment and Local Government (DELG) regarding member attendance; Ms. Goucher in turn suggested this CELC get in touch with another operating in Saint John, NB to discuss situations they have gone through and lessons learned.
- Roger agreed to get in touch with Ms. Goucher (DELG) and get the group's contact information; all members were in agreement.
- Francine reminded the CELC that when on the trip to RSI, the plant manager indicated they could get contact information for the farmers in the RSI area; might want to look into that further
- Paul-Emile stated that he does not feel the committee is being as useful as it could; items are only posted on a website and not everyone has access to the internet; wondered if the CELC should let the public know the HHRA is available to the public? A lot of questions and answers are being discussed but nothing is getting out to the community. If the committee gets more proactive perhaps the community will as well.
- It was suggested that the committee needs more of an identity, perhaps a logo and/or motto; perhaps the community will then be more aware of the CELC.
- Roger will put together an ad from the CELC announcing the HHRA document and have it circulated for comments over the weekend; then it can be in the papers for the Wed June 17th edition.
- Some discussion regarding dates (for ex. Construction start) being included in the advertisement; agreed that it was too early to commit to a start date, better to share that info when it's set in stone.
- Perhaps a monthly Q&A/newsletter should be put out by the CELC; Brenda suggested discussing EIA determination items and how Bennett's dealing with each.

New Business

Presentation by Brenda Kelley as member of Bathurst Sustainable Development

- On June 10th, Brenda sent an email to Roger of the presentation and he forwarded it to CELC members with an email address; Carey faxed it to those without.
- Brenda started by describing the history of BSD and how they came into existence.
- The presentation was made up of a number of points. There was discussion both in support and in disagreement with certain points. BSD agreed to review comments by members of the CELC and possibly revise their presentation based on the comments.

Bennett Environmental also agreed to provide written comments on each point and provide to BSD for their review.

- It is anticipated that the revised presentation along with any comments by the CELC and Bennett, will generate additional discussion at the next meeting and may be at a more understandable stage to be presented in a more detailed fashion in the meeting minutes; the CELC agreed to forward any comments they had on the presentation in seven days time.

Discussion

- As discussed at past meetings, the CELC welcomes any rumours that are heard in the community; best that any are brought forward so they can be properly address.
- Brenda brought forward that she had heard Bennett applied to Economic Development for funds for the project; Danny responded that no, Bennett is not seeking funds from any provincial or federal government agencies for this project.
- Paul-Emile asked if all the discussion or questions and answers that arose from today's discussion would be posted on the website in the Q&A page; Carey responded that once the presentation has been clarified and there's further discussion on it by the committee, we can work at pulling out some questions that the committee feels are of importance.
- Paul-Emile wondered what kind of training Belledune workers would get; Danny responded that the workers would go to Quebec to learn alongside the RSI workers, many whom have worked there the entire lifetime of the facility.
- Paul-Emile wondered if the site would be unionized; Danny responded that it's too soon to tell, that kind of action happens closer to a start-up date.

Soil remanufacturing – Condition #4 of EIA Certificate of Determination

- At this point the meeting had gone on almost 2.5 hours, this item will be left for another meeting.

Community Environmental Liaison Committee Discussion Board

- All CELC members interested in participating on the discussion board are registered on EZ Board, a user manual type document will be forwarded next week.

Information on flowerpot containers & Truck coverings

Again, the meeting had gone quite late, these issues will be discussed at the next meeting.

Additions to the Agenda

- Discussed under Adoption of Agenda (above)

Next Meeting

- June 26/03 at Belledune Recreation Centre.

Adjournment

- Danny adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:30 PM.