



Covia Canada Ltd. / Public Liaison Committee

Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2023

Date: November 7, 2023
To: PLC Members
Copies: Blue Mountain Modernization PLC Engagement Files; posted on www.CanadianNepheline.ca website
Subject: Public Liaison Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: Wednesday October 11, 2023

Time: 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Location: Blue Mtn Plant – New Administrative Office

Attendees:

Kasshabog Lake Representatives: Dawn Mitchell, Janet Humber, Mike Delsey and Rick Rye

Township of Havelock Belmont Methuen: Jim Martin

Covia Canada Ltd: Dan Lyon, Cale Reeder, Carol DeNure

Regrets: John Davison

Agenda Items:

1. Safety Share
 2. Review Minutes from the last meeting
 3. Modernization Update
 4. Review Terms of Reference
 5. Other Business
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1. Safety Share

Dan Lyon shared that he had forgotten to put all of his safety gear on before entering the plant one day. This is just a reminder to all of us, how easy it is to forget when you have a lot on your mind.

Rick spoke up and told us that he forgot to put his ear muffs on while operating a chainsaw so he knows how Dan felt.

2. Review Minutes from Last Meeting

Dan went through the minutes from the prior meeting. No changes were noted.

3. Modernization Update

Dan Lyon informed all members that effective June 1, 2023 the Modernization Project was officially closed. The Capital expenditures were closed. The new slurry and dust equipment that was installed are running well but we still have a few issues to iron out.

Rick Rye: So, the project is complete? Is that just from a spending aspect?

Dan Lyon: Yes, we haven't hit our production targets as of yet. We will require additional capital to get the plant producing and hitting our targets. We did produce record production in June and July and we were very pleased. Effective August 1, we pulled back at Blue Mountain and shifted tons to Nephton. Markets are a bit soft so we are focusing on optimizing the two plants. Overall, we will be 16% below what we shipped last year.

Nephton is now staffed at 5 days per week and not working the weekends.

Blue Mountain Plant is currently producing 68% and Nephton plant is producing 32% of the product being shipped.

Mike Delsey: What was the rate of production before modernization?

Dan Lyon: 70% Nephton and 30% Blue Mountain.

Rick Rye: So, will Nephton now be around for a while?

Dan Lyon: Yes, but we are not sure of dates or timing.

We are currently sending approximately 60,000 tons of our sand to Illinois and we are looking to bring some of that back here to our plants in Canada. There are some freight challenges but working out all of the details.

4. Noise and Dust update

Dawn Mitchell: There has been a lot of less noise all around even at the Blue Mountain plant.

Rick Rye: The Haul Rd is definitely quieter with Nepton Plant not running the weekends.

Dawn Mitchell: Is all of the new sound equipment installed?

Dan Lyon: Equipment is in yes, the next step will be the noise abatement survey.

Rick Rye: Will there be a schedule for that?

Cale Reeder: Yes, it is to be completed in 2024.

Jim Martin: Will you be performing that test in the fall when there are less leaves?

Cale Reeder: We are not sure on timing as of yet.

Cale Reeder: We have had no noise complaints this year.

Jim Martin: I think due to your communication with the lake residents, this certainly helps. The open house and transparency helps people understand and see what you are doing here. I think its great what you do for the community.

5. Environmental

There are a few outstanding items with regards to the environmental part of modernization but we have 1-2 years to complete. The noise abatement will be completed within the next 6 months which will be the start of closing off those items.

This year we uncovered 20 turtle nests but we only had a 45% recovery. It is not ideal compared to previous years. This year we have partnered with the Turtle Trauma Center and made a large donation to them. We did reach out to them to

see why the low hatch rate but they were not sure why so many didn't hatch, there are a lot of variables.

We also perform a Wood duck survey and installed boxes out in different areas and there were some birds in our nests.

We have reduced the footprint of the Nephton tailings and we have increased the Blue Mountain tailings that we are permitted for.

6. Other business

Rick Rye: I know the Open House that you hold every year is greatly appreciated by the community.

Cale Reeder: We did hold the Open House in one of our buildings this year instead of the tent and I know that there were some issues with the acoustics, but we will have the solved next year.

Dan Lyon: We are going to reach out to the Township to fix Unimin Road. Do you have a contact person for us?

Jim Martin: We are starting to budget that for next years construction and we have reached out to Peterborough County as well. I suggest you bring it to council as well it may help expedite. You should contact Bianca Boyington or Bob Angione.

Dan Lyon: I will write a letter to council asap.

Janet Humber: Do you know if that culvert is getting fixed?

Cale Reeder: That culvert is actually owned and maintained by CP Rail. They are aware of the issues but are not addressing it as of yet. We will reach out to them again with our concerns.

Jim Martin: I would suggest keeping on them with your concerns and chances of possible derailment.

Dan Lyon: We will go out and inspect it again ourselves.

We are looking at Rogers to install cell towers. There would be one at Nephton side and one at the Blue Mountain side at the north end of our tailings. Still on the approval side of things and not sure how much longer that takes. We will keep everyone informed once we know more.

7. Closing

Dan Lyon closed the meeting thanking everyone for their attendance and taking the time to come.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:30pm
Tentative Next meeting time: Wednesday May 1, 2024 @ 2:00