



Covia Canada Ltd. / Public Liaison Committee

Meeting Minutes

September 16th 2022

Date: September 16th 2022
To: PLC Members
Copies: Blue Mountain Modernization PLC Engagement Files; posted on www.CanadianNepheline.ca website
Subject: Public Liaison Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: September 16th 2022

Time: 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Location: Blue Mtn Plant – New Administrative Office and Zoom call

Attendees:

Kasshabog Lake Representatives: Dawn Mitchell, John Davison, Janet Humber

Attendees on Zoom – Michelle Oxlade

Township of Havelock Belmont Methuen:

Covia Canada Ltd: Shane McShane, Chelsea Russelle

Agenda Items:

1. Safety Share
 2. Review Minutes from the last meeting
 3. Modernization Update
 4. NSO Environmental projects
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1. Safety Share

Shane McShane shared that he would be escorting cottagers into the mill for a tour at the end of the meeting. Shane would be treating them like contractors and would do a full review a typical contractor safety training.

2. Review Minutes from Last Meeting

Shane welcomed everyone and went through the minutes from the prior meeting. One edit requested by Dawn to change the wording on her comment about blasting. She explained she wanted to have blasting posted as a regard to normal blasting hours – such as daylight, afternoon blasting and how Covia never blasts during evening or night time hours.

Covia: Changes were accepted and made by Shane.

Dawn moved to accept the minutes and Michelle agreed.

3. Modernization Update

Shane: There is not much to update on. The timeline of the project has been stretched out. We continue to commission the equipment. We will no longer be on the same schedule for Modernization.

Jim: On the initial 8 year noise abatement permit, is there now 4 years left?

Michelle: Yes, we have 4 years to finish any noise abatement. It was originally for 8 years for the original permit. We have applied for a new dryer burner permit. 8 years is what they give you to finish project and create audit plan.

Shane: 8 years started when the modernization permit was issued.

Michelle: Once modernization is completed, we submit the plan to ministry and will do noise level audits on the ground.

Dawn: Will the noise audit levels be off site at the receptors?

Michelle: Yes, as well as onsite.

Jim: If that level comes back poor, we don't want that level going up.

Michelle: No, it will be at same level, with everything running at the same time for the audit. We have to pass what regulations are set for the day time and night

time. For example, rock breaking isn't a continued operation, therefore the limit is higher.

Shane: Alex imposes restrictions on site, well below the ministry standards. This is with cottagers in mind. There are run time timelines and hours. Even at the higher limit, we are well under federal regulation. For example, stacks have been pointed to the north and west, not east and south to avoid more noise.

Dawn: Jackhammering, doesn't that happen through the night?

Shane: No, not usually. Daylight hours. Alex and Shane impose run strategy, for example, no jackhammering and truck traffic before 10am during summer.

Dawn: What are the shift changes for operation?

Shane: Monday – Friday for maintenance.

Quarry is MAD 8hr shifts – 7-3/3-11/11-7.

The mill runs 7/24 with shifts:

M,T,W,TH,F days & nights 12 hours

8 Hour shifts M-F

Shane: Commissioning is ongoing, focused on two things last month. Dust collection and compressed air/ air dryer. We broke a few compressors and needed them to be rushed in. Dust collection in the plant is regulated by ministry. No more than 10mg of dust/ cubic meter. Covia cuts that in half to 5mg dust / cubic meter. Nepheline is a nuisance dust but is still regulated.

Shane: Nephton has dropped to 5 days a week. Monday – Friday 7-3. Anything after is considered OT. Less people due to changes and moves to Blue Mountain.

Dawn: When has the Nephton closure been pushed out to?

Shane: To April as of now.

4. Environmental

The environmental award was won by an Ontario company. We will be visiting the company who won and will be getting assistance in completing the application for next year in hope to increase our chances of success. We also awarded our air permit, which was a large win for the Environmental team and the modernization project.

Prior to the Open House, we had a film crew for the Discovery Channel here to film "Tomorrows world today" which will be featured on YouTube, season 5, episode 7. It was a one-day long event that started at the Nephton quarry and ended at Blue Mountain.

Turtles:

Michelle: All turtles have hatched that were incubated. We were limited on how many eggs we could collect from the ministry because of a few years of low viability.

Every nest this year had some eggs hatch. Overall 2022 ended with 80%, or 123 hatched eggs. We also had 4 nests protected onsite. Hopefully numbers are upped next year from the Ministry.

Michelle wished everyone a great weekend and signed off.

5. Other business

Shane completed the site-specific awareness training for contractors with the Kasshabog Like Representative team here today prior to the tour of the mill.

John: Do you have any railcar derailments?

Shane: Yes, I would say 5-10 over the last few years.

Dawn: Do you have someone that preforms maintenance on the tracks?

Shane: It depends where the issue is on the tracks. We maintain the track on our property.

6. Closing

Shane McShane closed the meeting thanking everyone for their attendance and taking the time to come.

Shane, Janet and Dawn went for a tour of the Mill

Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:30pm, and the tour ended around 4:00pm.