

Meeting Notes

Stelco Hamilton Community Liaison Committee (CLC)

Wed. Aug. 12, 2020 – Virtual Meeting

CLC Members In Attendance:

Jochen Bezner, Peter Ipema, Lynda Lukasik, Kristin O’Conner, Scott Peck, Andy Sebestyen, Paul Widmeyer

Other Attendees:

Kat Bezner (Observer)

Katie Chan (Stelco)

Dave Rivard (Stelco)

Trevor Harris (Stelco)

Cathy McPherson (Observer)

Paul Weinberg (Observer)

Welcome

Introduction of all participants.

Review and Approval of Agenda

The committee accepted them as presented.

COVID-19 Update

Katie provided an update on the on-going efforts at Stelco to keep employees, operations, customers and suppliers safe amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. Examples of these efforts were highlighted.

Performance under O.Reg. 419/05 Site Specific Standard Order - Particulates

Katie provided a summary of the performance of the Hamilton Works coke battery operations for Q2 2020 under the Site-Specific Standard Order for particulates.

Paul noted that as Adrienne Clark is on maternity leave, Jeremy Gamble has taken over the Environmental Officer role. Paul also announced that he will be retiring in September; and that this will be his final Hamilton Works CLC meeting. Paul’s successor has yet to be announced. Steve Burt, District Supervisor, would likely attend these CLC meetings.

Jochen asked if Stelco would continue to improve the performance of the Hamilton Works coke battery after the year 2020. Katie noted that it is expected that the Technical Standard under development for the integrated steel sector would succeed the Site-Specific Standards upon expiration, and requirements for coke battery performance would be expected to be included in any future Technical Standard. Andy highlighted that preventative maintenance and training of operators were key factors to the good performance of the HW battery over the years.

Kristin requested that for a future meeting, Stelco prepare a graph showing historical performance of the Hamilton Works coke battery over the past five years.

Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) Application

Andy discussed Stelco's interest in applying for an ECA waste receiver application for the Hamilton Works Wastewater Treatment Plant. It could serve as a backup alternative to treat Ruetgers wastewater, a company located in Hamilton, if required, to ensure that Stelco by-product tar can continue to be received by Ruetgers for further processing. This would enable effective treatment of Ruetgers wastewater by Stelco's state-of-the-art system if required (e.g. if Ruetgers' wastewater treatment plant ran into a problem for any reason).

Community Comments

Jochen discussed the on-going process of developing provincial Technical Air Standards for the integrated steel industry. Community representatives, including Lynda and himself, are a part of the Technical Standards Working Group. After their requests, the Ministry of Environment informed them recently that the community representatives in the Working Group could participate in on-going technical subcommittee discussions with industry and Ministry representatives.

Adjournment