

**Owens Corning Composite Materials Canada LP Guelph Plant
Public Liaison Committee (PLC)
DRAFT Meeting Summary
July 15, 2025
5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.**

PLC Members in Attendance:

Tyler Black, Environmental Health Specialist, Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health
Caroline Forsyth, Guelph Water Works
Calvin Hyde, Membership Sales/Engagement Specialist, Guelph Chamber of Commerce
Lorraine Pagnan, Community Member
Marcel Schlaf, Ph.D., Department of Chemistry, University of Guelph

Absent:

John Kinkead, Community Member
Melanie Lamb, Two Rivers Neighbourhood Group
Stefanie Nadalin, Principal, Sacred Heart Catholic Elementary School

Representatives from Owens Corning Guelph:

Brett Arnold, Quality Leader
Patrick Drabicki, Environment, Health and Safety Leader
Kate Stanley, Community Liaison Representative
Jeff Taylor, Plant Manager

Other Attendees:

Danielle Agar, Montrose Environmental Group

Facilitator

Kelly Henry

Meeting Handouts:

- Draft PLC Meeting Summary – March 25, 2025

Welcome and Introductions

- Kelly Henry greeted the committee members and reviewed the mission of the PLC.

Old Business

- The group finalized the summary of the March 25, 2025, PLC Meeting. The summary will be posted to the website (ocguelph.com).

Plant Update

- Patrick Drabicki gave an update on:
 - Health and Safety
 - No reportable incidents or injuries occurred since the last PLC meeting.
 - The company celebrated Safety Week from June 2-13. Employees identified hazards both at home and in the workplace and recognized team members for their attention to safety. The company held a draw for Warner fiberglass ladders, which contain glass manufactured by the Guelph facility. Five ladders were given away.

- The facility is entering Phase 3 of the machine guarding installation project. The guarding, which is designed to better protect employees from potential injuries, is being installed in three separate areas of the site.
- Jeff Taylor discussed:
 - Community
 - Owens Corning sponsored Sacred Heart School's Carnival again this year. The company donated \$4,500 to the event, which took place Mon., June 23. It is the largest annual fundraiser for the school.
 - On July 10, the plant received an inquiry from a local resident about a low hum. The community member lives approximately 660 meters away from the facility. An investigation was conducted; however, the source of the hum could not be identified. A representative of the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) was notified.
 - Business and Operations
 - Company sales are positive, reflecting solid market demand for the site's products. While ongoing tariff fluctuations continue to present challenges, the business is monitoring developments and adjusting its strategies accordingly.
 - With its strategic review completed, Praana Group is set to buy Owens Corning's Glass Reinforcements Business. Established in 1956, Praana Group is a multi-national company focused on producing specialty chemicals, glass fibre and composites.
 - The business is positioned for growth in clean energy, carbon reduction, and material substitution.
 - The sale is expected to close in the fall of 2025.
 - PLC members asked questions regarding the sale.
- Jeff Taylor and Brett Arnold discussed:
 - Site-Specific Standard (SSS) Renewal Application Update
 - The SSS renewal application was submitted to the Ministry on March 28.
 - Target approval date is June 30, 2026.
 - The team engaged in an active discussion with PLC members regarding the SSS application renewal process.
 - The plant meets regularly with representatives from the MECP to confer on the SSS renewal application process.
 - The basis for Owens Corning's updated site-specific standard is the use of a Ministry-approved mathematical air dispersion model.
 - The company is addressing dispersion via the forehearth stack, which is a larger contributor to the Point of Impingement (POI). The furnace is now the lowest contributor to POI.
 - Add-On Controls:
 - On the recommendation of the Ministry, the team is investigating add-on controls
 - The company hired Neundorfer, Inc., which manufactures electrostatic precipitators, to perform an initial analysis for precipitator options.
 - An electrostatic precipitator uses an electrostatic charge to remove fine particles, like dust, rather than with a physical filter. These precipitators look like large buildings and are built on the exterior of the plant.
 - Timeline:

- August to September 2025: Expect clarity from Neundorfer, Inc., regarding the feasibility of add-on controls that the Ministry has recommended.
 - September 2025: Submit to Ministry supplemental submission regarding add-on controls
 - October to December 2025: Continue discussions with Ministry regarding the supplemental submission
- Forehearth Stack:
 - The plant retained Flowcare Engineering to perform an engineering assessment for feasibility of proposed forehearth changes.
 - Assessment is completed. It included how best to mitigate any increase in noise.
 - The team is now building a detailed execution plan.
 - The lead time for obtaining the equipment is more than 10 weeks.
- Jeff Taylor discussed:
 - October to December 2025: Continue discussions with Ministry regarding the supplemental submission
 - Forehearth Stack:
 - The plant retained Flowcare Engineering to perform an engineering assessment for feasibility of proposed forehearth changes.ental Compliance Approval (Air & Noise)
 - Submit a Written Summary of modifications made in 2024 by Aug. 31st, 2025.
 - IDs modifications made to the facility related to compliance with permits and emissions of air and noise.
 - All modifications are compliant with air and noise limits.
 - Overview of modifications (air and noise)
 - Updated hexavalent chromium emission estimates and modelling parameters to reflect validated source testing from June 2024.
 - Removed zinc oxide to update from historical batch change.
 - Updated binder application rates.
 - Eliminated bubbler in the furnace.
 - Installed a pressure swing adsorption system for on-site oxygen generation.
 - All modifications are compliant with air and noise limits.
- Danielle Agar discussed:
 - Acoustic Assessment Report (AAR)
 - Completed by June 30, 2025, deadline.
 - AAR addendum letter was prepared to confirm that the new pressure swing adsorption system does not have an impact on noise.
 - No changes are required for the AAR.
 - Letters are filed with the most recent AAR on site prior to the deadline to meet requirements.
- Jeff Taylor discussed:
 - Emission Summary and Dispersion Modelling Report (ESDMR)

- Completed by June 30, 2025, deadline.
- ESDMR letter report was prepared to confirm that all 2024 modifications for air were incorporated in the March 2025 SSS ESDMR.
- Letters are filed with the most recent ESDMR on site prior to the deadline to meet requirements.

Regulatory Reporting

- Jeff Taylor reviewed:
 - The regulatory reporting schedule for 2025:
 - Written Summary for Site Specific Action Plan (Submitted: March 27)
 - Site-Specific Standard Renewal Application (Submitted: March 28)
 - National Pollutant Release Inventory (Submitted: May 29)
 - Emission Summary and Dispersion Modelling Report Update (Completed: June 30)
 - Acoustic Assessment Report (Completed: June 30)
 - ECA Annual Written Summary (Due: August 31)

Community Hot Topics

- Calvin Hyde said that the Chamber continues to remain optimistic about trade tariffs being imposed by the U.S. government and the potential impact they will have on local businesses. He explained that, during the months of July and August, the staff is taking time to plan for the events happening in the year ahead.
- Tyler Black reminded the PLC members to stay cool during the hot summer months. He also talked about the ticks that carry Lyme Disease and ways to prevent being infected. Previously, he distributed special cards to identify the various ticks found in the Guelph area.
- Lorraine Pagnan talked about how she and her husband enjoyed Sacred Heart School's Carnival and Bizarre. She complimented Owens Corning on improving its operations. She has noticed that the noises, odors and fibres coming from the facility have steadily decreased over the years.
- Marcel Schlaf said the University of Guelph continues to face challenging times.
- Caroline Forsyth discussed the Guelph Water Works facility and the implementation of various employee training programs, such as working at heights. She also mentioned that she is proud to be named one of the 2025 top female safety leaders in Canada by Canadian Occupational Safety Magazine. The group applauded her achievement.

Action Items:

The company will:

- Seek and implement opportunities for driving additional reductions.
- Continue to report stack testing results to the Ministry and PLC.
- Post the Oct. 21, 2025 PLC agenda to the website a month prior to the next meeting.
- Commit to continue the PLC.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2025

- Review the Site-Specific Standard (SSS) Renewal Application.
- Provide an update on regulatory reporting for 2025.
- Share information on the company's operations.