

**Owens Corning Composite Materials Canada LP  
Guelph Plant  
Public Liaison Committee (PLC)  
DRAFT Meeting Summary**

**January 24, 2023  
By Conference Call  
(Held virtually for purposes of public safety during COVID-19)  
Meeting: 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.**

**PLC Members in Attendance:**

Bo Cheyne, Wellington Dufferin Guelph Public Health  
Caroline Forsyth, Guelph Waterworks  
Beverley Hale, Associate VP Research (Agri-Food Partnership), University of Guelph

*Absent:*

Paul Allen, Guelph Water Works  
Alisha Arnold, Two Rivers Neighbourhood Group  
Sam Cino, Two Rivers Neighbourhood Group  
Steve Gazzola, President, Italian-Canadian Club  
John Kinkead, Community Member  
Lorraine Pagnan, Community Member  
Shakiba Shayani, President and CEO, Guelph Chamber of Commerce  
Victoria Sheehan, Principal, Sacred Heart School  
Peter Smith, Community Member

**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  
Mark Vanderlaan, Engineering Specialist

**Other Attendees:**

Penny McInnis, Montrose Environmental Group

**Facilitator**

Kelly Henry

**Meeting Handouts (distributed electronically prior to the call):**

- Draft PLC Meeting Summary – October 18, 2022

**Welcome and Introductions**

Kelly Henry greeted the committee members and reviewed the mission of the PLC. She welcomed Caroline Forsyth, who is representing Water Services, City of Guelph. Caroline introduced herself to the PLC and shared her background and experience.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the PLC is meeting by video conference call.

## **Old Business**

- The group finalized the summary of the October 18, 2022 PLC Meeting. The summary will be posted to the website (ocguelph.com).

## **Plant Update**

- Jeff Taylor gave an update on:
  - Community
    - On Dec. 21, Owens Corning sponsored “movie day” for the entire student body of Sacred Heart School. Separately, the company arranged for some members of the Guelph Storm hockey team to meet the children as they decorated the Owens Corning Christmas tree.
    - The Owens Corning Foundation donated \$10,000 to the Wellington Catholic School District for Phase Two of the Sacred Heart Schoolyard Renewal Project. The school’s goal is to reach \$100,000. A cheque was recently presented to the school officials on behalf of the Owens Corning facility and its employees.
    - In November, Owens Corning team members met with a prospective resident. They shared information with her about the facility’s operations.
  - Mark Vanderlaan and Kate Stanley discussed:
    - Neighbour Concern
      - Earlier in the year, Owens Corning was asked by a local resident if the plant was the potential source of a low hum. The team members shared the neighbour’s concern with the acoustic engineer performing the site’s annual Acoustic Assessment. The readings that were taken did not identify the plant as a source of the hum, but did identify improvements that could be made. Those improvements are underway. The team contacted the neighbour, who said she no longer hears the noise and thanked the team for their efforts. It was noted that the plant remains in compliance.
  - Patrick Drabicki gave an update on:
    - Health and Safety
      - No reportable incidents or injuries occurred since the last PLC meeting.
      - An initiative is underway to improve safety along the pedestrian pathways within the plant. The goal is to reduce risk and limit the interaction between people and powered industrial vehicles, such as forklifts.
  - Jeff Taylor and Brett Arnold shared information and photos regarding:
    - Operations and Owens Corning Furnace Rebuild
      - The facility’s recently-reconstructed furnace is a success. The furnace has been in full operation since mid-November and is meeting production targets.
      - New team members continue to learn about the furnace operation and are driving improvements.
      - The furnace features an electric boost designed to increase efficiency and reduce CO<sup>2</sup> emissions.
      - Enbridge, the gas utility provider, is providing Owens Corning with a rebate cheque of \$95,000 for lower gas usage through the Industrial Customer Incentive Program.

- Validated source testing is still planned, and ambient air monitoring will continue to take place.

### **Air Monitoring Program**

- Mark Vanderlaan reviewed:
  - The draft Ambient Monitoring Report for fourth quarter, 2022. The report will be submitted to the Ministry following the PLC meeting.
  - He also gave a preliminary overview of the annual 2022 Ambient Air Monitoring results. The results continue to reflect a decrease and are well below the site-specific standard. The Annual Report will be presented at the April meeting and submitted to the Ministry following the PLC meeting.

### **Regulatory Reporting**

- Jeff Taylor presented:
  - The regulatory reporting schedule for 2023:
    - Quarterly Ambient Air Monitoring Reports (Due: February 14, May 15, Aug. 14, and Nov. 14)
    - Written Summary for Site Specific Action Plan (Due: March 31)
    - Annual Ambient Air Monitoring Report (Due: May 15)
    - National Pollutant Release Inventory (Due: June 1)
    - Emission Summary and Dispersion Modelling Report (Due: June 30)
    - Acoustic Assessment Report (Due: June 30)
    - ECA Annual Written Summary (Due: Aug. 31)

### **Community Hot Topics**

- Caroline Forsyth said a staff member inquired about indoor air conditions at the Waterworks facility. Jeff Taylor offered to set up a meeting to share information with the staff. She also reported on some of the projects being undertaken by the Water Services group.
- Beverley Hale reported that Environment Canada has moved the University of Guelph weather station from Victoria Road to a new location on College Avenue.
- Bo Cheyne said that after spending the past three years working on Covid 19-related issues she has returned to her pre-Covid role. She encouraged all to get a flu shot.

### **Action Items:**

The company will:

- Continue ambient air monitoring (reporting quarterly and annually).
- Seek and implement opportunities for driving additional reductions.
- Continue to report results to the Ministry and PLC.
- Post the April 25, 2023 PLC agenda to the website a month prior to the next meeting.

### **Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 25, 2023**

- Will consider a return to in person meeting.
- Will consider a plant tour.
- Review the first quarter 2023 ambient air monitoring report
- Review the annual average of ambient air monitoring
- Provide an update on regulatory reporting for 2023