

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

**April 25, 2023  
Tour: 4 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.  
Meeting: 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.**

**PLC Members in Attendance:**

Caroline Forsyth, Guelph Water Works  
John Kinkead, Community Member  
Mark Mayo, Manager of Operations, Guelph Chamber of Commerce  
Lorraine Pagnan, Community Member  
Victoria Sheehan, Principal, Sacred Heart School

*Absent:*

Paul Allen, Guelph Water Works  
Alisha Arnold, Two Rivers Neighbourhood Group  
Bo Cheyne, Wellington Dufferin Guelph Public Health  
Sam Cino, Two Rivers Neighbourhood Group  
Steve Gazzola, President, Italian-Canadian Club  
Beverley Hale, Associate VP Research (Agri-Food Partnership), University of Guelph  
Peter Smith, Community Member  
Shakiba Shayani, President and CEO, Guelph Chamber of Commerce  
Shawn Zentner, Wellington Dufferin Guelph Public Health

**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:**

Rachel Jones, Montrose Environmental Group

**Facilitator**

Kelly Henry

**Meeting Handouts:**

- Draft PLC Meeting Summary – Jan. 24, 2023

**Welcome and Introductions**

Kelly Henry greeted the committee members and reviewed the mission of the PLC. She welcomed Mark Mayo from the Guelph Chamber of Commerce. Mark mentioned he lives in the area and also considers himself a neighbor of the plant. This gathering marks the first in-person PLC meeting since the COVID 19 pandemic that occurred in March 2020.

**Old Business**

- The group finalized the summary of the January 24, 2023 PLC Meeting. The summary will be posted to the website (ocguelph.com).

### **Plant Update**

- Jeff Taylor gave an update on:
  - Community
    - Members of the Owens Corning team held two separate meetings with Caroline Forsyth at the Guelph Water Works facility, at the Caroline's request and prompted by an employee with questions regarding the indoor air conditions at Water Works facility due to its proximity to the Owens Corning plant. The first meeting was with Caroline and a staff member and the second was with the Health and Safety Committee.
- Mark Vanderlaan discussed:
  - Neighbour Contact
    - In March, Owens Corning reached out to an area resident who inquired about the air monitoring devices in the neighbourhood and the information collected. An invitation was extended to meet at the plant in order to review the results, in keeping with the protocol for data review. No response was received.
- Patrick Drabicki reviewed:
  - Health and Safety
    - No reportable incidents or injuries occurred since the last PLC meeting.
    - An initiative is underway to improve communication amongst team members at the plant. "Affective Communication" is a process which is intended to promote better connections with others, with the aim of helping to create the "why" of working safely and taking the time to make safe decisions.
- Jeff Taylor shared information regarding:
  - Operations
    - The facility implemented an experimental artificial intelligence vision tool on the shop floor that detects production defects in real time and helps to coach the operators in skills improvement and problem solving.
    - Automated packaging equipment has been installed which will improve safety and productivity by creating better separation between operators and forklift traffic, as well as reducing ergonomically difficult tasks.
    - The company continues to hire for open roles within operations.

### **Air Monitoring Program**

- Mark Vanderlaan reported on:
  - The draft Ambient Monitoring Report for the first quarter, 2023. The report will be submitted to the Ministry following the PLC meeting.
  - The Annual Report for the 2022 Ambient Air Monitoring results. The results continue to reflect a decrease and are well below the site-specific standard. The report will be submitted to the Ministry.

### **Regulatory Reporting**

- Jeff Taylor presented:
  - Highlights of the Written Summary for the Site Specific Action Plan, which was submitted to the Ministry on March 30.

- An overview of the Emission Summary and Dispersion Modelling Report, due June 30.
- 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 (Submitted: March 30)
  - Annual Ambient Air Monitoring Report (Due: May 15)
  - National Pollutant Release Inventory (Due: June 1)
  - Emission Summary and Dispersion Modelling Report Update (Due: June 30)
  - Acoustic Assessment Report (Due: June 30)
  - ECA Annual Written Summary (Due: Aug. 31)
- Jeff said Owens Corning has reached out to the Ministry to discuss the status of the ambient air monitoring program and a path forward now that the plant's modeled emissions are well below its Site-Specific Standard. The ambient air monitoring results have always been well below the standard and the monitors may soon need to be replaced if the program continues. He will report on the outcome of the discussion at the July meeting.

**Community Hot Topics**

- Lorraine Pagnan discussed the ongoing city road closures and problems with transport trucks traveling on residential streets to get in and out of the area due to the city's poor signage.
- Victoria Sheehan thanked Owens Corning for sponsoring "Movie Day," in which the entire student body of Sacred Heart School went to see a movie at a local cinema. She presented Jeff with a banner with photos as a token of their appreciation, signed by the children.
- In addition, the Owens Corning Foundation donated \$10,000 to the Wellington Catholic School District for Phase Two of the Sacred Heart Schoolyard Renewal Project. She said the school's annual carnival is set for Friday, June 2.
- Mark Mayo talked about the Chamber of Commerce activities and ongoing development happening in Guelph. He thanked the team at Owens Corning for giving the PLC a tour of the facility and said their work with the PLC is to be commended.

**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 July 18, 2023 PLC agenda to the website a month prior to the next meeting.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 18, 2023**

- Review the second quarter 2023 ambient air monitoring report
- Provide an update on regulatory reporting for 2023