

**Owens Corning Composite Materials Canada LP  
Guelph Plant  
Public Liaison Committee (PLC)  
DRAFT Meeting Summary  
January 23, 2024  
5:30 p.m. – 6:25 p.m.**

**PLC Members in Attendance:**

Bo Cheyne, Wellington Dufferin Guelph Public Health  
Beverley Hale, Associate VP Research (Agri–Food Partnership), University of Guelph  
Mark Mayo, Manager of Operations, Guelph Chamber of Commerce  
Lorraine Pagnan, Community Member

*Absent:*

Paul Allen, Guelph Water Works  
Caroline Forsyth, Guelph Water Works  
Steve Gazzola, President, Italian-Canadian Club  
John Kinkead, Community Member  
Melanie Lamb, Two Rivers Neighbourhood Group  
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

**Other Attendees:**

Rachel Jones, Montrose Environmental Group (by phone)

**Facilitator**

Kelly Henry

**Meeting Handouts:**

- Draft PLC Meeting Summary – Oct. 17, 2023

**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 Oct. 17, 2023 PLC Meeting. The summary will be posted to the website (ocguelph.com).

**Plant Update**

- Jeff Taylor gave an update on:
  - Community
    - Annual holiday traditions continued, as Grade 3 students from Sacred Heart School joined four members of the Guelph Storm hockey team in decorating the Owens Corning Christmas tree. Owens Corning adopted

the Sacred Heart School many years ago and has a history of supporting school programs, such as sponsoring Movie Day for the entire school, where six school buses full of students went to the cinema.

- The company sponsored the Guelph Storm game on Dec. 2. The game benefited the non-profit group Big Brothers, Big Sisters and \$5,000 was raised for the organization.
- Kate Stanley said:
  - Ward 2 Councillors Rodrigo Goller and Carly Klassen met with plant representatives and took a tour of the facility on Oct. 25.
- Patrick Drabicki reviewed:
  - Health and Safety
    - No reportable incidents or injuries occurred since the last PLC meeting.
    - In the spirit of winter safety, the plant promoted a “Keep it Fresh” initiative in January to review the “Walk like a Penguin” technique when traversing icy sidewalks, stairs and driveways. The promotion included a melting salt giveaway.
- Jeff Taylor shared information regarding:
  - Operations
    - The company is continuing to invest in its facilities. A renovation of the operations office is expected to be completed over the next three to four years.
    - Upgrades are also being made to the office space used by the technical engineering team.
    - Roofing improvements are nearly complete on a small section of the roof.
    - Repairs to the site’s rail line will take place in the spring.
    - The plant is continuing to manage inventory levels to meet customer needs. It is anticipated that levels will be back in line by June.

### **Air Monitoring Program**

- Patrick Drabicki reported on:
  - The draft Ambient Air Monitoring Report for the fourth quarter, 2023. He also gave a preliminary overview of the annual Ambient Air Monitoring results. The results continue to reflect a decrease in measured hexavalent chromium levels that are well below the site-specific standard.
  - The numbers reflect the absence of the monitor that was once located on the City of Guelph Water Works facility. The equipment was removed at the end of July at the request of City officials.
- Jeff Taylor gave an update on:
  - The company is awaiting approval of a request made by Owens Corning to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) in July asking for relief from the Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) condition requiring an Ambient Air Monitoring program.
  - This change will require source testing be conducted in February and July 2024. The test protocol was submitted on Jan. 17.
  - Owens Corning is continuing to gather air monitoring data until relief is granted.
  - Jeff Taylor, Patrick Drabicki and Brett Arnold fielded questions from the PLC members regarding the ambient monitoring program and Owen Corning’s compliance with all criteria, including the site specific standard for hexavalent chromium.

## **Regulatory Reporting**

- Jeff Taylor reviewed:
  - The regulatory reporting schedule for 2024:
    - 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**

- Mark Mayo said the Chamber of Commerce continues to provide programs to help area businesses. Owens Corning remains a role model for community commitment and its sponsorship of great events. As a local resident, he said that the neighbourhood has been quiet.
- Beverley Hale said the University of Guelph is tackling the fiscal challenges of tuition caps, frozen wages and rising costs. Separately, diversity initiatives are being introduced. She also talked about the importance of student mental health.
- Lorraine Pagnan said that the Eramosa trail is beautiful right now. There's lots of work going on in the neighbourhood.
- Bo Cheyne said the Health Department is back to conducting all the activities it was doing before the pandemic. The agency just finished a five-year strategic plan. There is an increased focus on youth and mental health.

## **Action Items:**

The company will:

- Continue ambient air monitoring (reporting quarterly and annually) until relief is granted.
- Seek and implement opportunities for driving additional reductions.
- Continue to report results to the Ministry and PLC.
- Post the April 23, 2024 PLC agenda to the website a month prior to the next meeting.
- Commit to continue the PLC after relief is granted.

## **Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 23, 2024**

- Review data on the annual average of ambient air monitoring
- Provide an update on regulatory reporting for 2024
- Share information on the company's request for relief from the ECA condition requiring an ambient air monitoring program