

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

PLC Members in Attendance:

Caroline Forsyth, Guelph Water Works
Beverley Hale, Associate VP Research (Agri-Food Partnership), University of Guelph
Melanie Lamb, Two Rivers Neighbourhood Group
Lorraine Pagnan, Community Member

Absent:

Paul Allen, Guelph Water Works
Steve Gazzola, President, Italian Canadian Club
John Kinkead, Community Member
Mark Mayo, Manager of Operations, Guelph Chamber of Commerce
Peter Smith, Community Member

Representatives from Owens Corning Guelph:

Brett Arnold, Quality Leader
Kate Stanley, Community Liaison Representative
Jeff Taylor, Plant Manager

Other Attendees:

Rachel Jones, Montrose Environmental Group

Facilitator

Kelly Henry

Meeting Handouts:

- Draft PLC Meeting Summary – Jan. 23, 2024

Welcome and Introductions

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

She shared news about several PLC representatives. Long-standing member Bo Cheyne, who worked for Wellington Dufferin Guelph Public Health, is moving on to a new career opportunity and will no longer be on the PLC. Also, Sacred Heart Principal Victoria Sheehan is leaving her post and has notified the company that Stephanie Nadalin, the new acting principal at the school, will fill her position. On behalf of Owens Corning, Kelly thanked them both for their service and wished them well in their next adventures.

In other news, congratulations were extended to Patrick Drabicki, Environment, Health and Safety Leader at the plant. Patrick and his wife welcomed their son, Ethan Lee Drabicki, to the world on April 16.

Old Business

- The group finalized the summary of the Jan. 23, 2024, PLC Meeting. The summary will be posted to the website (ocguelph.com).

Plant Update

- Jeff Taylor gave an update on:
 - Community
 - Owens Corning Guelph is a proud partner with Volunteer Canada to support Food 4 Kids Guelph. The company donated \$7,500 to cover the weekly cost of providing weekend food bags, known as Portable Packs, to 500 students. Team members from all shifts helped pack 486 bags, which were then sent to area schools for distribution. Hunger is a major concern for the children of families in need.
 - The company is raising awareness for colorectal cancer, the second leading cause of cancer-related death in Canada, by sponsoring the “Dress in Blue” campaign. Owens Corning is providing a \$2,500 donation on behalf of an employee who had the disease and whose husband passed away from the disease.
 - Health and Safety
 - No reportable incidents or injuries have occurred since the last PLC meeting.
 - A capital project to improve machine guarding in the plant is 70 percent complete.
 - Operations
 - The company is continuing to invest in its facilities. A renovation of the operations office and fitness centre is expected to be completed over the next three to four years.
 - Business Update
 - On Feb. 9, Owens Corning made two significant announcements:
 - Acquisition of Masonite International Corporation
 - Review of strategic alternatives for its glass reinforcements business (GR), of which the Guelph plant is a part.
 - These choices are consistent with Owens Corning's strategy to focus on building and construction materials.
- Brett Arnold and Jeff Taylor discussed:
 - Written Summary for Site Specific Action Plan
 - Submitted on March 27 to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP), the plan lists the accomplishments that Owens Corning Guelph has achieved since 2016.
 - The facility is conducting source testing to:
 - Demonstrate ongoing compliance with the current site-specific standard (SSS)
 - Support the development of emission rates for the renewal of the SSS, as a condition of wrapping up the ambient monitoring program.
 - The SSS for hexavalent chromium expires on June 30, 2026; the renewal application is intended to be submitted between December 2024 and March 2025, in accordance with the Ministry's requirements.
 - The first round of source testing took place from Feb. 13-15, with results showing a significant reduction in emissions.

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- The plant met with representatives from the MECP in March to initiate the SSS renewal application process. Meetings will be held monthly. The team will continue to communicate with MECP regarding any public concerns.

Ambient Air Monitoring – Conclusion of the Program

- By way of background, Jeff Taylor reported:
 - In July 2023, the company asked the MECP for relief from the Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) condition requiring the site to conduct an Ambient Air Monitoring program.
 - The MECP gave conditional approval on Feb. 23, 2024 for the Air Monitoring program to end, provided that the plant conducts two rounds of stack testing.
 - As stated earlier, the first stack testing occurred on Feb. 13-15, 2024. A second round of stack testing is set for mid-June 2024.
 - The Lyons Park and Tytler School monitors were removed in February 2024. The Waterworks unit was removed in July 2023 at the request of the city.

Rachel Jones presented:

- The draft Ambient Air Monitoring Report for the first quarter, 2024.
- An overview of the annual Ambient Air Monitoring results. The results reflected a decrease in measured hexavalent chromium levels that are well below the site-specific standard.

Regulatory Reporting

- Jeff Taylor reviewed:
 - The regulatory reporting schedule for 2024:
 - Quarterly Ambient Air Monitoring Report (Submitted: February 14)
 - Written Summary for Site Specific Action Plan (Submitted: March 27)
 - Annual Ambient Air Monitoring Report (Due: May 15 – final annual report)
 - National Pollutant Release Inventory (Due: June 1)
 - Emission Summary and Dispersion Modelling Update (Due: June 30)
 - Acoustic Assessment Report (Due: June 30)
 - ECA Annual Written Summary (Due: Aug. 31)

Community Hot Topics

- Beverley Hale said the University of Guelph continues to roll along, even in the face of fiscal challenges. She said she is excited to see the great conclusion to the Air Monitoring program.
- Lorraine Pagnan shared information about upcoming community events, such as the Ukrainian Church bazaar. She talked about the ongoing construction taking place on York Road.
- Caroline Forsyth updated the group on the construction happening at the Guelph Waterworks facility.
- Melanie Lamb said the Two Rivers group is doing well. New people have been hired, one to do programming and the other to work on the community gardens. Summertime brings lots of activities, such as summer camp and the Sacred Heart Carnaval.

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 July 16, 2024, PLC agenda to the website a month prior to the next meeting.
- Commit to continue the PLC.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 16, 2024

- Provide an update on regulatory reporting for 2024.
- Share information on the company's operations.