

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

**July 20, 2021**

**By Conference Call**

*(Held virtually for purposes of public safety during COVID-19)*

**Meeting: 5 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.**

**PLC Members in Attendance:**

Shakiba Shayani, President and CEO, Guelph Chamber of Commerce  
Peter Smith, Community Member  
Diane Sudds, Guelph Water Works

*Absent:*

Alisha Arnold, Two Rivers Neighbourhood Group  
Bo Cheyne, Wellington Dufferin Guelph Public Health  
Sam Cino, Two Rivers Neighbourhood Group  
Nicole DeFrancesco, Sacred Heart School  
Steve Gazzola, President, Italian-Canadian Club  
Beverley Hale, Associate VP Research (Agri-Food Partnership), University of Guelph  
John Kinkead, Community Member  
Rob Meyers, Wellington Dufferin Guelph Public Health  
Lorraine Pagnan, Community Member  
Craig Vallesi, Membership Engagement Representative, Guelph Chamber of Commerce  
Shawn Zentner, Wellington Dufferin Guelph Public Health

**Representatives from Owens Corning Guelph:**

Brett Arnold, Quality Leader  
Megan Moore, Environment, Health and Safety Leader  
Kate Stanley, Community Liaison Representative  
Jeff Taylor, Plant Manager  
Mark Vanderlaan, Engineering Specialist

**Facilitator**

Kelly Henry

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

- Draft PLC Meeting Summary – April 20, 2021

**Welcome and Introductions**

Kelly Henry welcomed the group and reviewed the mission of the PLC. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the PLC is meeting by video conference call.

Kate Stanley updated the panel on some recent developments, including that Nicole DeFrancesco, principal of Sacred Heart School, has taken another position within the school district. Also, the plant management met virtually with Councilors Bell and Gibson to update them on the PLC and progress at the plant.

## **Old Business**

- The group finalized the Summary of the April 20, 2021 PLC Meeting. It will be posted to the website (ocguelph.com).

## **Plant Update**

- Jeff Taylor updated the PLC on:
  - Sustainability Update
    - Owens Corning has expanded both the scope and ambition of their corporate sustainability commitments.
    - Looking ahead to 2030, the corporation has three main goals:
      - a) Expanding its product “handprint,” such as manufacturing materials that contribute to energy efficient buildings and making composites that enable longer, stronger, lighter blades for wind turbines, which brings down the cost of energy.
      - b) Reducing the impact on the environment.
      - c) Working to support healthy people and thriving communities.
    - Megan Moore is recognized as a leader and promoter of the company’s “2030 Aspirations.” These include: making products that contribute to energy efficient homes; eliminating injuries and improving quality of life for employees; decreasing any negative impact on the environment; having a positive impact on the communities in which they operate; and focusing on inclusion and diversity.
    - She has been selected to join a team of three young high-performing Owens Corning employees with the United Nations “Young Sustainable Development Goal Innovators.” Working with teams around the globe, these innovators are tackling the climate crisis.
  - Health and Safety
    - The plant recently hired five new employees. There is a renewed emphasis on safe working practices, especially with people taking on new roles and responsibilities.
- Megan Moore gave an update on:
  - Community
    - The Owens Corning Guelph plant, along with its employees, donated 546 lbs. of food, which was 22 bags, and \$2,500 to the Guelph Food Bank.
- Brett Arnold discussed:
  - Owens Corning Plant Operations
    - The company has initiated another water conservation project which entails identifying opportunities for saving and reducing water consumption.
    - The goal is to replace an existing deionizing water system with a reverse osmosis system. This new initiative will eliminate certain chemical compounds from the process, while reducing environmental and safety risk.
    - The system is expected to start up at the end of the month.

## **Air Monitoring Program**

- Megan Moore reviewed:
  - The draft Ambient Air Monitoring Report for second quarter, 2021.

### **Regulatory Reporting**

- Jeff Taylor reported on the following:
  - Written Summary for the Site Specific Action Plan (Submitted: March 31, 2021)
  - Annual Ambient Air Monitoring Report (Submitted: May 4, 2021)
  - Emission Summary and Dispersion Modelling Report (Completed: June 30, 2021)
  - Acoustic Assessment Report (Completed: June 30, 2021)
  - ECA Annual Written Summary (due: Aug. 31, 2021)
  - National Pollutant Release Inventory (due: Sept. 2021 – deadline extended)

### **Community Hot Topics**

- Peter Smith reported that University of Guelph remains focused on safety during the pandemic. He has returned to working full time in the University laboratories.
- Diane Sudds said many support, administrative and technical staff members are working from home, in accordance with COVID-19 guidance. Treatment operators are reporting to work on site. Construction continues at the Waterworks site, as part of a major site expansion that will include upgrades to the pump house. She announced that she plans to retire between the end of 2021 and March, 2022.
- Shakiba Shayani said the Guelph Chamber of Commerce continues to make virtual programming available to its members. With COVID-19 restrictions loosening a bit, the Chamber is sponsoring a golf tournament for its member companies.

### **Action Items:**

The company will:

- Continue ambient air monitoring (reporting quarterly and annually).
- Seek and implement opportunities for driving additional reductions.
- Continue to report source results and mitigation measures to the Ministry and PLC.
- Post the Oct. 19, 2021 PLC agenda to the website a month prior to the next meeting.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2021, to be held as a virtual meeting.

- Provide an update on the Ministry's response to October 2019 source testing as confirmation of compliance with the site-specific standard.
- Review third quarter, 2021, data for Ambient Air Monitoring.
- Provide an update on regulatory reporting for 2021 and a look ahead to 2022 requirements.