

COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE WOODWARD WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE

Meeting #24

October 24, 2018 - 7:00 p.m.
700 Woodward Avenue, Lab Boardroom

MINUTES

Attendees:

Marilyn Bell (MB)	Pat Thiessen (PT)	Damin Starr (DS)
Lugene Donelson (LD)	Bert Posedowski (BP)	Tim Crowley (TC)

Regrets

Ivan Luksic (IL)	Judie Choppick (JC)	Mark Bainbridge (MB2)
Ashlee Fougere (AF)	John Helka (JH)	Councilor Sam Merulla (SM)

Distribution: All

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1.	<p>INTRODUCTIONS</p> <p>BP welcomed everyone to Meeting # 24 for the Woodward Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Upgrade Project Community Liaison Committee (CLC).</p> <p>BP reintroduced Lugene Donelson (LD) to the team as the Outreach & Education lead and introduced Tim Crowley (TC) as the new Project Manager.</p>	
2.	<p>REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES</p> <p>There were no open action items from the June 20, 2018 meeting minutes. Meeting #23 minutes were approved.</p>	
3.	<p>ODOUR COMPLAINTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ TC reported that the plant received five odour complaints since the last CLC meeting. ➤ On the first 3 complaints (June 25th, July 16th, July 21st) were from a resident on Dunn Ave. which is across from the main entrance off Woodward Ave. Plant Operations investigated the complaint and responded to the resident's property. The odours likely came from the Biosolids Building but were not confirmed. Misting systems that add a perfume to the air were employed both inside and outside of the biosolids building. Staff were also reminded to keep the building doors closed. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The 4th complaint (August 10th) was from a resident on Brampton St. complaining about a urine smell outside. There was an investigation and it is possible but not confirmed the odour could have come from process tanks which were taken down for maintenance. The misting system in the plant was checked to ensure it was running. ➤ The 5th odour complaint (September 24th) was from Waterloo St. The Plant responded to this complaint and noticed odours coming from the collection system (catch basin near the home) and not the WWTP. They contacted wastewater collections and asked them to flush the sewer similarly to what was done last year to mitigate this issue. ➤ Since the last CLC meeting (June 20th) there have been no complaints regarding the Woodward Upgrades Program from the community with regards to noise, lights, dirt, dust and other nuisances. ➤ DS recommended a better method to confirm the cause/source of the odour release. ➤ BP reminded everyone how important it is to report odours right away and not several days after the event. When the plant staff receive a complaint right away, they can consider the current wind, weather conditions and work being done in the plant in their investigation into the odour source. ➤ PT and MB suggested to repeat letter/memo leaflet to residents (as a reminder and to engage new home owners) ➤ BP recommended to scale back the area of the leaflet to keep costs down. ➤ DS, PT and MB advised going as far as Rennie St and half the distance to Parkdale Ave N. ➤ DS, PT and MB all agree that the communique should be in the form of paper/leaflet and should be kept to one page. ➤ BP advised that a draft of the leaflet be sent to the CLC members before the next meeting so that it can be approved during the next meeting. Items to be considered for the leaflet are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Update ▪ Odour Instructions ▪ Phone Numbers to Call ▪ Dog Park Status ▪ Truck Traffic Changes ▪ Website/Social Media Information 	Action
4.	<p>WOODWARD UPGRADE PROJECT (WUP) UPDATE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ BP provided an update on the status of the construction projects. Excavation of the main shaft for the new Raw Sewage Pump Station (MPS) has been completed and the concrete has been poured. Tunnel works to complete the new inlet channel is also underway. The Electrical and Standby Power Systems (ELU) project now has a completed foundation and progress on the new electrical duct banks is moving ahead. The Secondary /Tertiary Upgrades (TTU), New Chlorine Contact Tank (CCT) and New Outfall and Red Hill Creek Upgrades (RHC) are planned to be tendered as a single contract and the City has gone back out for a 3rd pre-qualified contractor (after only receiving two). Oct 31st marks the close of this pre-qualification stage. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ BP disclosed that the project has reached the 5% Green Infrastructure Funding milestone and is on the cusp of 10%. ➤ The City shared a video on the Woodward Upgrades Program status. The video recaps the progress of the sub-projects through the summer and can be found on the City of Hamilton’s website and YouTube channel. ➤ The City also shared two videos of the concrete pour of the Raw Sewage Pump Station (MPS) main shaft. ➤ LD indicated that there will be more videos from the City as part of an Outreach & Education program. The next in the series is due out by the end of the year and will feature The Clean Harbour Program. ➤ BP proposed that the CLC view the Randle Reef video created by Environment and Climate Change Canada at the next meeting (# 25) 	Action
5.	<p>OTHER BUSINESS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ LD introduced the #OwnYourThrone campaign to the CLC members. It is an educational program design to engage youth in conversation about what should and should not be flushed down the toilet. The “go live” date is October 31, 2018 (www.hamilton.ca/OwnYourThrone). 	
6.	<p>NEXT MEETING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The target for the next CLC meeting is planned for January 30, 2018 at 7pm. The City will issue meeting invitations and an agenda closer to the date. <p><i>Any questions/comments related to these minutes are to be forwarded to Tim Crowley via Cheryl Heaslip (Cheryl.Heaslip@hamilton.ca) 905-546-2424 x 2383.</i></p>	Action