

St. Clair River BPAC

Meeting #37

Lambton/Kent District School Board
200 Wellington St., Sarnia

Thursday October 25, 2001
6:30 pm

DRAFT meeting minutes

Attendees:

Sharon Bender

Rob Johnson

Frank Schoonover

Don Cox

Fred Kemp

Geoff Smith

Donald Craig

Archie Kerr

Doug Steen

Ron Denning

Ted Kierstead

Cory Tetrault

Geoffrey Donaldson

Bob Lalonde

Patricia Troy

Vicky Donohue

Colin McLuckie

Jason Watson

Kevin Doughty

Ron Miller

Bud West

Tip Haagsma

Sean Morrison

Modris Zandbergs

John Jackson

Darrell Randell

Staff/Guests:

Norm Foster

Micheline Riopelle

Roy Schrameck

Gary Johnson

Mark Richardson

Catherine Creber

Simon Llewellyn

Debbie Hayes

Regrets:

Tim Morse

1. The meeting was called to order by Ron Denning at 6:35. All attendees

introduced themselves.

2. A minute of silence was observed to acknowledge the tragic events of September 11, 2001.
3. The chair recognized Ian Harris (past member) and Bob Lalonde (past co-chair) for their tremendous contributions to the BPAC. All members in attendance signed a poster presented to each and echoed comments of the chair. Bob accepted with thanks. Ian was unable to attend however the poster was to be delivered following the meeting.
4. Agenda was approved with the deletion of item #8 (Public Works Canada - Navigational dredging).
5. Approve May 30th, 2001 meeting summary. Moved by Colin McLuckie, 2nd by Fred Kemp to accept. **Carried.**
6. Presentation by Archie Kerr on Bayer sediment remediation

Archie described a project to remove contaminated sediments from their water intake forebay.

! For details of the project, please see a copy of the presentation, attached.

7. Presentation by Catherine Creber on contaminated sediments
Catherine described recent work by Dow to address contaminated sediments adjacent to their Sarnia manufacturing site.

! For details, please see a copy of the presentation, attached.

A number of questions were posed:

- 1) What is the life expectancy of an engineered cap?
1: Some have been in place for 30 years, however they require ongoing maintenance and monitoring.
- 2) When do you expect to complete remediation at the site?
1: Expect to be finished by fall of 2002. If treatability of the water is an issue, it may require longer and possibly fall 2003.

- 3) What are your next steps?
 - 1: Sediments from the Dow pumphouse and the 4th street outfall area will occur next. Work is ongoing on treatment studies on sediments and water.
- 4) When do we see approaching other industries?
 - 1: Expect to initiate contact in the first quarter of 2002.
- 5) When does Dow expect feedback and how can BPAC provide meaningful input. When is information required to assist Dow in their efforts?
 - 1: Dow will accept information at any time and will be implementing further communications activities once they have more information on the remedial alternatives.
- 6) Can Dow provide a copy of the presentation to BPAC?
 - 1: A copy will be provided to the Ministry for inclusion in the meeting minutes.

Ron Denning thanked the presenters and suggested that Catherine Creber may wish to attend two meetings hence to provide a further update.

8. St. Clair County Water Quality Board - Debbie Hayes, WQB Chair

The Water Quality Board is involved in projects such as:

- ✓ Anchor Bay Watershed Project
- ✓ Macomb/St. Clair Inter-County Watershed Advisory Group
- ✓ St. Clair County Voluntary Storm Water Permit & Illicit Discharge Programs
- ✓ Lake St. Clair/St. Clair River Management Plan

Geoff Donaldson, works with the Water Quality Board and is a member of BPAC. The Board is convening a forum on Oct. 30th targeting Public Works officials.

9. Health Issues meeting - John Jackson

John described the results of a conference call involving himself, Kris Lee, Sharon Bender, Ron Denning and Gary Johnson.

The recommendation to BPAC from this group is that it is important to convene a workshop on community health and it should include 4 key topics:

- \$ Latest findings on human health effects from pollution (not site specific);
- \$ Symposium of human health studies done in this area;
- \$ Assessment of Health Canada data and relevance, and;
- \$ Sources of substances of contaminants of concern.

A brief discussion ensued on who would be a suitable sponsor of such a workshop. It was agreed that BPAC should be one of several sponsors including Health Units, Occupational health organizations, Federal Health Agencies, hospitals etc.

Lambton/Kent and St. Clair County health unit reps. (Sean Morrison and Ron Miller) will inquire with their respective health officers to verify possible roles.

Action: Next steps will involve preparation of a letter of invitation to potential partners. Volunteers to conduct this step included John Jackson, Sharon Bender, Ron Miller and Archie Kerr. A draft copy of the letter will be circulated to BPAC members prior to issuing.

10. Committee reports

Membership: Bud West

! Please see attached membership subcommittee report. Motions to support appointments recommended by the committee were supported by BPAC.

Friends: Bud West

! The Friends - Ontario Annual General meeting is Wednesday Nov. 21st
! Friends have agreed to sponsor a project with the Sarnia Urban Wildlife Committee for the construction of signs.

OPAC: John Jackson

! Concern was expressed that funds for OPAC meetings/workshops have not been forthcoming from Env. Canada

SPAC: Sharon Bender

! An EPA sponsored delisting workshop was convened in June in Toledo, Ohio.
! Brainstorming sessions on funding culminated in a workshop on October 23 on how to move projects forward.
! A public session soliciting input on Great Lakes water quality issues is scheduled for Oct. 30th in Port Huron.
! Michigan grant programs have funding available for RAP implementation
▶ Proposals need to be submitted by the end of December

Agreed: The BPAC funding committee will re-convene to discuss proposals for funding. Volunteers included: Roy Schrameck, Patty Troy, Sharon Bender (chair) and Gary Johnson. Past members Paulette Duhaime and Bela Trebics would be contacted to determine interest.
▶ Fred Kemp offered to work with the funding committee to identify opportunities for funding in Port Huron and St. Clair County. He is also willing to sit on the funding committee.
▶ It was suggested that the St. Clair County Water Quality Board should sit on the funding committee.

- ▶ A conference call of the funding committee was scheduled for November 6th at 3:30.

Agreed: A Public outreach committee comprised of Sharon Bender (chair), Roy Schrameck, Gary Johnson and Cory Tetreault would look at opportunities for Public outreach

11. Other Items:

RAP update report: A deficiency of source data from MDEQ has since been corrected as it was supplied for inclusion in the update report.

12. Next meeting: January 29th, 2002