

Wainfleet Water & Sewer Servicing Project
Public Liaison Committee

Meeting Notes of June 11, 2009
Wainfleet Township Hall

In attendance:

Ashleigh Miatello- Skrubbeltrang

Wayne Redshaw

Mayor Barbara Henderson, Township of Wainfleet

Kimberlee Lambe, Communication Specialist, Niagara Region

Mary Lou Tanner, Manager, Niagara Region

Betty Matthews-Malone, Director of Water & Wastewater Services, Niagara Region

Regrets: Jayme Campbell, Joedy Groulx, Anne Hetherington, April Jeffs, , Scott Luey

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:10 p.m. and the agenda was adopted as presented.

2. Notes of May 19 and follow up

There was no business arising from the notes.

3. Correspondence

No correspondence.

4. Project Status Update

Engineering – study will be kicked off June 19.

No new information to report on the other studies. All current information will be shared at the June 20 Open House.

5. Public Meeting and Open House

Logistics:

- Sally Leppard and one of her staff will facilitate the meeting and control the sign in.
- Staff from the Region will begin set up at 8 am.
- There will be seating in the church for 150.
- People will be provided with index cards on which to write questions if they are uncomfortable getting up in public.
- Sally will have her staff taking notes.
- There will be a table for the PLC and the Rate Payers Association.
- Large display board will identify everything that is taking place.
- Consultants from every study will be present and available to answer questions.
- The Open House will take place from 9-10 a.m. and the Public Meeting will take place from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

- Sally will introduce participants including Betty Matthews-Malone, Mary Lou Tanner, Dr. Williams, Bill Hunter and/or Bjorn Christenson, Scott Luey, the Mayor and Dave Hardy from Hardy Stevenson.
- Sally will ensure decorum is maintained.
- Sally will also ensure we are finished by 12 noon.
- There will be display boards set up at the entrance to describe the purpose of the meeting.
- Sally will ensure that the conversation remains focused on the present – it is not a forum for discussing history.
- Dave Hardy will do his presentation during the Public Meeting portion of the event.

There was discussion about whether former project manager Bob Steele should attend. It was decided that because the project is now in Phase 2, and all the information and studies to date deal with Phase 2, that we should remain focused on the present and moving forward – not dwell on the past.

The Region has committed to capturing all questions raised and providing a response, on the website if appropriate, for everyone.

Notices of the meeting were sent to all homes in Wainfleet, as well as to all Wainfleet property owners. There were also paid advertisements placed in the Welland Tribune and space was given to the event in the Mayor's newsletter which is delivered to all homes in Wainfleet.

Further, the PLC members confirmed that a recent Rate Payers communication also contained information on the Open House/Public Meeting.

The group reviewed the proposed 'displays'.

Action: Staff to review the slides again and make changes to ensure clearer language and clarify the issues identified during the review.

It was determined that some people might raise other issues, unrelated to the Water & Sewer Servicing Project, during the meeting. Those issues include (OP update, windfarms, Lakewood Camp, hospital closing etc.).

Action: Sally's staff to make note of issues unrelated to the event for further follow up.

It was determined that any issues that required follow up would be noted on a flip chart by Sally's staff and brought back to the Region for attention.

Questionnaire is fairly general and will be available for pick up after the event.

It is expected that the Rate Payers will have a member at every display, taking notes, similar to what they did the last time.

6. Other Business

It was asked why the BWA area is different from the Study Area. Staff was unable to answer the question as it was a decision made by the PH department. It was clarified though, that only the area in red is intended to be serviced – the remainder is not.

There have been no further requests from any other groups to have a meeting with the PLC.

Action: Ashleigh will follow up with Mike from Kossuth Park to ensure that he and his membership are aware of the June 20 event.

Meeting adjourned – 8:30 pm.

Next meeting – after the Region receives a preliminary report on the Open House from Sally. The date and time has yet to be determined.