

## **Public Information Meeting**

### **MINUTES**

**Thursday, February 16, 2006**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Carlisle Community Centre**

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Present: Councillor Margaret McCarthy  
Abdul Khan, Director, Water and Wastewater  
Chris Shrive, Project Manager–Planning, Water and Wastewater Division  
Stan Holiday, Senior Planner-Legislative Approvals  
Graham Flint (FORCE) Friends of Rural Communities and the Environment  
Carlisle Area Residents (approximately 120)

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Councillor McCarthy distributed memorandum dated February 10, 2006 from Jim Harnum, Senior Director, Water and Wastewater Division, outlining the City's response to the Hydrogeological Investigation submitted by Flamborough Springs (copy attached). Councillor McCarthy outlined Permit to Take Water (PTTW) jurisdiction and the historic water problems experienced in the Carlisle area. An outline was given of the February 10<sup>th</sup> memo in terms of City concerns and the power of City intervention.

Abdul Khan was introduced who gave an outline to the history of PTTW applications and City notification as well as actions taken by the City. (City concerns are initially related to quality and evidence of ground -surface connections)

The floor was opened to questions and comments.

Question: Why not quantity in a dry period? My well is shallow.

Response: Our peer review showed no initial concerns regarding quantity.

Question: Is rainfall taken into account?

Response: No, not in this case. It is based on other study factors.

Comment: I found a 12 foot drop in the water level in my well a couple of years ago.

Question: Is the water table gradually falling. If dropping is a trend I am concerned.

Response: There is no evidence that the water table in the area is dropping over time.

Comment: If you dig deeper you get sulfur.

Comment: I saw an article – falling water table leads to crumbling building foundations.

A discussion on PTTW logistics ensued.

Question: Is the Flamborough Springs well metered?

Response: Yes.

Comment: The science is based on 1962 science

Comment: The water is taken for free.

Question: If the level is shown to drop will they be stopped?

Response: If the monitoring of inspection shows significant and sustained impact, yes.

Comment: Why are watering bans issued if there is a lot of water?

Councillor McCarthy spoke at this point advising that the City staff feels that there is enough water but it is the Ministry that restricts the amount that can be drawn and used. The applicant can draw it out, but the Municipality is held accountable on a timetable. The Councillor stresses that if we don't comment we will miss the boat.

Question: How many PTTW would there be within 5 km? Examples: Cannon's 1ML/day, Farmer 600KL/day.

Councillor McCarthy stated that whatever they use and whoever the user she will be working hard to do what needs to be done to address the water deficit.

Councillor McCarthy indicated that she is concerned about any application and will address any as they come for renewal.

Question: If the PTTW is not for an amount that is to be an immediate need, why apply for more than that need?

Question: When will the Ministry check to ensure no impact?

Comment: Conditions may apply for proponent to enact and comply with.

Comment: Permit amount is so high so they don't go back every couple of years for renewal and increase.

Question: Are the roads rated for the weight – check 10 Concession E (**Chris Shrive to follow up on this**)

Comment: The supply must be protected because there is no fallback position on water supply

Comment: I wish to see a qualitative response from the City that reflects concerns of the community.

Comment: If Flamborough Springs can take water, why do we run dry? Why a water conservation program?

Question: Why does the City not monitor private wells?

Response: The City has no direct jurisdiction over private wells. This is overseen by the MOE

Graham Flint of FORCE spoke regarding Paul Odom's letter and the MOE directives to Flamborough Springs regarding a public consultation program. He reiterated Clr McCarthy's position that individual members of the public must make their concerns known to the Ministry

Comment: Shoot concern communications above to Deputy Minister level for heightened effect.

Question: Is our area a "high use watershed area" – where no beverage based taking is permitted?

Response: We will check guidelines, and also those traffic concerns regarding the amount of trucks.

Meeting adjourned at about 8:45pm

**(Post meeting followup by Chris Shrive – The Bronte Creek water shed is not considered to be one of high use according to MOE mapping on their PTTW webpages.)**