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**Tonawanda Community Working Group (TCWG)
Tonawanda Coke Remediation and Redevelopment**

MINUTES

- I. **WELCOME** - James Hartz - Meeting May 26th at 10:00 a.m.
(Via Zoom Conference Call)

ATTENDEES

MEMBERS

Paul Nyznyk
Emily Terrana
David Stinner
Jay Farquarson
Joe Emminger
Jenn Pusatier
Chris Marwaski
Cathy Piciulo
James Hartz
Matt Sutton
Carl Szarek
Ken Swanekamp
Tom Hersey

TECHNICAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL

John Black
John Hood
Todd Pignataro
John Williams
Rich Galloway
Bonnie Lawrence
Victoria Streitfeld
Earl Wells
Todd Pignataro
Ben McPherson
Chad Stanisewski
Thomas Morahan
William Russo
Paul Morrow
John Morris
Angela Martin
Charlotte Bethoney
Michelle Rickan
Brian Gould

II. **Minutes**

Motion: Kath Piciulo
Second: Dave Stinner
Ayes: All members
Result: Passed Unanimous

III. Owner/Developer Updates

John Black – Progress @ Site

1. 1 work plan submitted, 3 pending work plans
2. Majority of Asbestos Abatement is out of the way
3. Tunnel under River Road was dewatered- found unsafe electrical conditions. In an outage right now, essential activities run by generators. Asbestos insulation was taken off pipes. Took out conveyor and found materials that contained asbestos so that is being removed.
4. Mansion and Clench Tower are down. Stacks are completely free standing.
5. Stack demolition set for June 5th- Water guns and Dust control system to manage dust. Starting removal of bricks for demolition prep.
6. Honeywell given permission from Nat Grid to finish work on 108 & 110.
7. IRM'S – Shipped 220 tons of material in May. Over 8 Mil lbs of material off the property. Additional 600 tons from sewers off site.
8. Surface Materials Management- last drums of chemicals off site. Only drums left are products being used, absorbent booms & cutting from drilling program.
9. Surface Water Management – relined over 500 ft. of boxed culvert to prevent any mixing of ground water & surface water on property.
10. Preparing for Stacks coming down so can access everything. Also preparing for viewing area. Set for 6am, weather dependent.
11. Next buildings to come down- Coal breaker, battery, outlining auxiliary buildings.

IV. James Hartz

Clarification on notification to residents around site- Town's process is more of a curtesy notification to adjoining property owners w/in a certain number of feet from property. Also the town's emergency services coordinator is utilizing a notification system.

Victoria Streitfeld & Brian Gould- Hand delivered, door to door to all residential homes adjacent to site. Streets off River Rd. (Kaufmann, Sawyer) all streets adjacent south of site. All sites are more than ½ mile from actual site.

V. DEC – Ben McPherson-

Focus has been on Stack Demolition. Although not technically part of Brownfield Program.

Management of tanks on site with residuals products. Three current IRM work plans approved at various stages of completion.

1. Above ground tanks
2. Closure work plans-sampling contents, disconnecting pipes, emptying tanks, cleaning interior, scraping & recycling. Tank content disposed of offsite.
3. Secondary Containment – inspecting, identify cracks that may result in release, sampling below into soil.
4. Investigation status update of sites.

VI. Open Discussion

Question: Emily – confirm if there is or is not an explosion for the stacks.

Response: John Black- more of an implosion, just at the bottom and gravity brings the rest down.

Emily – Water Cannons- will stacks & ground wet?

John – Ground and stacks are wet. Water cannons are remotely controlled and run before during & after.

Question: Chris Murawski – 1. For future events like this could there be more coordination for notification so clean air has more resources available.

2. Are stacks on the Riverview or Honeywell portion of site?

Response: John Black – All three stacks are on the Brownfield Site.

Question: Paul Morrow- When sampling tanks were you using a sludge judge to tell if they are multi phases.

Response: John Black – yes we had 3 phases, lighter material, denser materials and solids. Used baylors, sludge judge & scoops. Every tank logged materials and managed.

Question: Dave Stinner- Does tunnel under River Road need to be removed or just filled in?

Response: John Black- That is to be determined later. Now it is just going to be cleaned out and secured.

VII. Next meeting date Wed. June 30th 10am via Zoom.