

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

MINUTES

- I. WELCOME** - James Hartz - Meeting April 28th at 10:00 a.m.
(Via Zoom Conference Call)

ATTENDEES

MEMBERS

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

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

II. Minutes

Motion: Tom Hersey
Second: Emily Terrana
Ayes: All members
Result: Passed Unanimous

III. Owner/Developer Updates

John Black – Progress @ Site

1. Up to 23 work plans, IRM reports and 3 pending
2. Biggest progress on Asbestos Abatement
3. Pipes in tunnels have been dewatered, need sight wide electrical outage planned for week of 5/10 in order to safely do asbestos in tunnels.
4. Demolition progressing now that asbestos is out of the way
Compressor Building-taken down under controlled demolition and waste will be shipped offsite.
Shower Building-taken down to a slab.
East Water Tower-down and removed.
Higher demolition-conveyer system and duct work to stacks. Assembling heavy equipment on site for systematic disassembling and removal.
5. RI- cross-referencing all data, getting it onto drawing and tables.
6. Surface Materials Management- 82 of 88 tasks completed, 4.6 million pounds of materials shipped off site, down to a few last drums of investigation derived waste from EPA.
7. Surface Water Management – videoing sewer systems, vacuumed, cleaned out and managed as a waste.
8. Mixing Pad- decontaminated-pumped, treated and discharged. Solid material collected, stabilized and will go offsite. Taken to a clean concrete surface.
9. Tank Management- have data from samples into waste management companies, then DEC will review and approvals will be required.
10. Demolition – non impacted buildings (have not been grossly contaminated) are now coming down.
11. Explosive demolition event scheduled for June 5th for the three stacks to come down. Limited invitations going out to a viewing area. Other great areas to view other than the actual site.

IV. Questions or Comments:

Question: Tom Morahan - how did you take water tank down?

Response: John Black- cut legs and had a wire rope and pulled over.

Question: Emily Terrana – What is notice to surrounding community? And measures for air quality as stacks come down.

Response: John Black – dust control program in place, community air monitors in place. Also weather dependent if too windy. Town Police and Fire Marshall coordinating through their notification system.

Response: James Hartz – will investigate in terms of notification to surrounding areas and will get back to you, (Emily).

Response: Victoria Streitfeld- welcome input as invitations are finalized. Also including Media to help the message delivery.

V. DEC – Ben McPherson-

Brownfield Site – large number of work plans under review or approved. Site management activities have started up. Two new work plans:

1. Secondary containment areas as tanks are removed
2. Box Culvert Lining- continue to improve storm water quality

Superfund Site – haven't seen data from initial RR results. Some areas identified as needing additional information. Close to getting access agreement from National Grid so can go further on some planned investigation. Some locations in wetlands so need permit from Army Corps of Engineers.

EPA Update- Overview of EPA Emergency Removal Action of 3 Tanks from 9/2019 to Notice of Completion of work issued 4/2021.

VI. Open Discussion

Question: David Stinner- Is the River Front Parcel going to be open to Redevelopment?

Response: James Hartz- In reference to Site 108, yes but still concerns about what level of cleanup would be necessary to get it to the point of redevelopment.

David - cleanup for Residential or Commercial?

John Black-Remedial Action Objectives are Commercial Cleanup Standards

Comment: Ken Swanekamp – Wanted to note a similar size stack removed 10-12 years ago at Spalding Fiber - the amount of vibration and dust was minimal and had residential not more than 100 yard from stack.

Comment: Jen Pusatier – Would like to thank John Black for incredible pictures from original scene of property. Excited to have stacks come down. Many good locations to watch this event.

Comment: Joe Emminger- On behalf of Town would like to thank everyone involved for the progress getting us to this point.

VII. Next meeting date Wed. May 26th 10am via Zoom.