

# STONEY TRAIL AGGREGATE RESOURCE

BLV GROUP

## Minutes

### Community Meeting

**Date:** February 27, 2008

**Location:** Stoney Trail  
12411 - 85<sup>th</sup> Street NW  
Calgary, AB

**Meeting Time:** 4:00 PM

**Attendees:**

*AIT*

Nino DeLaurentiis

*BLV*

Travis Coates (Site Supervisor)

Wes Koyzan (Site Foreman)

Bruce Whale (Site Manager)

*Local Residents*

Jim Madkey

Terry Freiter

Kim Caputo ?

*MD of Rockyview*

Hopeton Lauden (Councillor)

### BACKGROUND

- This was a follow up meeting to the one held on February 8<sup>th</sup> 2008. Noise is still an issue for many local residents and an opportunity to review changes and actions had been initiated by Nino. At this point in time, no communication had yet been received by the local residents as to changes that were being implemented at Stoney Trail as a result of the last meeting and their phone calls.

## **ACTIONS SINCE LAST MEETING**

### Noise

- It was communicated to those in attendance that the following actions were being taken:
  - 1) A new generator was brought into Stoney Trail on February 19<sup>th</sup>. This generator is fully enclosed and has a modern muffling system on the exhaust. It was brought in to replace an older generator which was not enclosed and had an aged muffling system on its exhaust.
  - 2) Back-up alarms on all mobile equipment will be replaced with silent strobes for use at night. Back-up alarms are used for safety reasons and create a loud beeping noise whenever equipment is backed up in order to warn anyone that might be behind the equipment but are not visible to the operator. This can also be accomplished with flashing lights and this change is in progress.
  - 3) Dozer activity on stockpiles will be limited to the daytime. Stockpiles are created by using trucks to haul material to a stockpile location. Those trucks then dump the material onto the stockpile and go back to the crusher in order to get more material. Stockpiles are built by numerous dumps all done one beside the other until an entire area is covered with dumps. These dumps are not compacted however, and in order to travel on top of them to allow the next level of the stockpile to be constructed, a dozer is used to level and compact the dumps. How often this needs to happen depends on the size of the area and the amount of material being hauled to it. Due to the size of the piles at Stoney Trail, it will be possible to coordinate the dozer work so that it doesn't have to be done at night.

## **CONTINUING ISSUES**

- Jim/Terry/Kim all communicated that noise is still bothersome for them. They said that noise had been particularly loud on Tuesday night. They had not been made aware of any changes prior to the meeting. They conceded that noise seemed to be overall lower but that other noises which had been previously unnoticed, now seemed to be more noticeable. (There was a discussion involving the differences in the generator and the actual crusher part of the plants that are working). They seemed to feel that the improvement on the generator noise had revealed underlying noise coming from the crushing equipment on the plants. Jim suggested that the crushers should also be enclosed.
- Bruce related that enclosing a piece of crushing equipment is a more difficult task than replacing a generator. Enclosures are usually custom fabricated for individual crusher plants as each plant can be slightly different in configuration. It takes time to do preliminary designs, order steel and order tarps. It would then

take further time to install those products and build the actual enclosures on the plant. Bruce related that a realistic time-line on building an enclosure would likely be 1 month at a bare minimum.

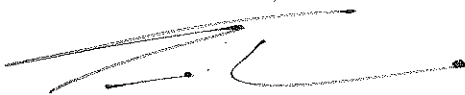
- Jim asked why this had not been initiated after the first meeting at that if it had, those modifications would be nearly complete.
- Bruce answered that the focus had been on replacing the older generator which should have produced immediate noise reductions as well as the other modifications which are quicker to implement.
- Since there were still noise concerns, Jim wanted to know if BLV would consider enclosing the plants now.
- Bruce answered that BLV would, but that due to the nature of operations, the physical plants would be moving to lower areas inside the mining area in approximately 1 month. It is felt that there will be a noticeable change in noise emissions once that happens and that enclosures may not be needed. Thus, initiating work on enclosures would not produce results any sooner than allowing the operations of the pit to progress and to deal with the noise issues by moving the plants lower into the mining area.
- Bruce thanked the group for their continuing patience.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:00 PM.

- In discussion following the meeting, it was suggested that the community meetings become a structured monthly activity in order to provide local residents and stake holders with an opportunity to provide concerns and get updates on a regular basis. This idea was received positively, and will be examined further. (watch the website for updates)

Travis Coates recorded the above minutes. It is believed that these minutes accurately represent the proceedings of the meeting. Should there be any errors or omissions, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,



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