

# Community Liaison Committee (CLC) Meeting Summary March 18, 2021

Manitoba Environmental Act License No. 3199R

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# Introduction

Urbanmine Inc. was issued Environmental Act License No.3199 in September of 2016 for the operation of a metal recycling facility located at 72 Rothwell Road in Winnipeg. This license (#3199R) was amended on March 12, 2021 to include our facilities at 72 Rothwell Road and 207 Lowson Avenue. As part of the license, Urbanmine is required to form a Community Liaison Committee (CLC).

The CLC is required to meet annually as part of the terms of Environmental Act License No.3199R, Urbanmine is required to provide a meeting summary to Manitoba Conservation and Climate within sixty (60) days following the CLC meeting.

This report presents the meeting summary and documentation for the March 18, 2021 CLC meeting.

# **CLC Representation and Terms of Reference**

The representation and terms of reference for the Community Liaison Committee are outlined in Appendix 'B' of Environmental Act License No. 3199R. The license indicates that Urbanmine will continue to chair the established Community Liaison Committee (CLC) with representation as per below:

- Urbanmine Inc. as Chair;
- Citizen Representation Citizen Representatives from Lindenwood residents specially those directly adjacent to the scrap metal processing facility;
- Manitoba Conservation & Climate;
- Commercial/Industrial representatives from the commercial/industrial operations located adjacent to the facility.

Appendix 'B' of the license outlines the Terms of Reference for the CLC, including frequency of meetings, notification and agenda requirements and to submit meeting summary notes or minutes and meeting documentation to Manitoba Conservation & Climate.

## Notification

Letters inviting community members to be part of the Community Liaison Committee were distributed to surrounding commercial, industrial facilities as well as those residents located in the adjacent Linden Woods neighborhood. More specifically 12 letters were delivered to residents residing on Wingate Dr., and Birmingham Place. Electronic notifications were sent to the 4 members of the CLC. Invitations were electronically sent to Canada Cartage and Instabox and 4 invitations sent to Manitoba Conservation and Climate.

# **Meeting Summary Notes**

### In Attendance

The following individuals attended the CLC Meeting on March 18 2021. Meeting commenced at 6:04pm

Carel & Ria Mare Citizen Representative

Isobel Simpson Citizen Representative

Nada Suresh Conservation & Climate – Environmental Officer

Peter Crocker Conservation & Climate – Environmental Officer

Adam Chisick Urbanmine Inc. – President

Haderra Chisick Urbanmine Inc. – Chief Financial Officer

Mark Chisick Urbanmine Inc. – Chairman

Ross Roy Urbanmine Inc. – Vice President of Operations

Robin Strong Urbanmine Inc. - Office Manager

Linda Gammon Urbanmine Inc. – QEH&S Coordinator

### Introduction and Purpose of Meeting

Purpose of the meeting is to meet with the community annually as a requirement of our license.

Linda announced the amended license for Urbanmine went into effect as of March 12, 2021 and introduced Appendix B. The ground rules were reviewed and introductions were done by all who attended.

### Urbanmine: Update of Noise Abatement Measures to Date

Linda reviewed what has been done to mitigate sound coming from Urbanmine:

- 2 8X8x40' shipping containers in front of the new equipment
- 32' wall made of concrete blocks 2x2x4' each have been added extending from the shipping containers to further reduce the noise
- Retraining of all Operators on Material Handling procedures

### Conservation & Climate Review of Environmental Act License

Nada Suresh announced that Sonja Bridges is on maternity leave and Paul Graveline will be replacing her as Urbanmine's Environmental Officer.

Nada Suresh clarified issues between Urbanmine and the Community that resulted in the outcome of the amendments to the license, below is a brief summary of what was discussed:

- Facilities with and Environmental Act License #3199 and a Dangerous Good License #237 are now amalgamated into one license.
- As a result of the amalgamation Respecting Waste Batteries and Used Oil Filters are now part of license 3199R.
- The Community Liaison Committee will continue with the clauses stated in Appendix B which was reviewed by Linda.
- Review of Noise Pollution Monitoring Plan.
- Facility Hour changes were discussed.
- Air Pollution Control requirements were reviewed.

### Community Liaison Committee Discussion

Isobel Simpson mentioned the following concerns:

- South end of Wingate noise for the past 6 months and has put in 26 concerns, can hear noise with windows closed and music on.
- Saturday working between 7am 7pm is an issue.
- Would like to see more monitoring and has offered her backyard.
- Issues on Saturday's can contact Linda but cannot contact anyone from Manitoba Conservation and Climate

Ria Mare is concerned about the following:

- Ria has videos of noise and is frustrated that we meet every year and it's the same issue
- Asked about the definition of Noise Nuisance and why the clause for 5 different persons from different households
- Concerned about the height of piles stating she sent her concern to Urbanmine on December 18, 2020. Also said you can see the pile from every house.
- Expressed concerns about hours and noise after 5pm.
- Asked about the Compliance Committee and who is the contact as it keeps changing.

### Carel Mare concerns:

- Would like to see independent third party do sound testing
- Would like to see Manitoba Conservation and Climate do sound testing
- Concerned about winter and summer hours not in the license
- Raised concern about working 7am 5pm on weekdays
- Stated not against working weekends if that will reduce the pile
- When Urbanmine asks to work weekends they ask Manitoba Conservation and Climate and the residents have no say

Manitoba Conservation and Climate (Nada) Responses:

- Concerns are received are reviewed example of Isobel's video sent:
  - Officer went to the field
  - Contacted Urbanmine and instructed to take action
  - o Enforcement action was taken
  - Urbanmine responded
- Every time an Officer goes to Urbanmine they work with Urbanmine to try to resolve the issue
- Officer's not always able to attend every concern only 4 Officers at the moment.
- May not see that corrective actions happen, major actions definitely addressed.
- Manitoba Conservation does not do sound testing and does not have the equipment at this time
- Concerns are not ignored but do look at cumulative complaints
- Concerns have escalated to the Director's level and their decision is to initiate sound study by a third party
- All the community input has been taken into account and consideration when issuing the Environmental License.
- May 1 Sept 30 has been removed on the license but Urbanmine must respect city bylaws
- Weekend operations are controlled by Manitoba Conservation and Climate and will be granted depending on needs. This will be done case by case
- Urbanmine has been granted approval for the last two weekends of March to work.
- Urbanmine will try to minimize operations on weekends
- Nada will provide his cell number to the community for weekend calls.

### **Closing Comments**

Linda stated that Urbanmine takes the Community concerns seriously and investigates all concerns. Stated we have always worked with the Community and look forward to working with you in the future. She reminded the community to ensure to send concerns as they arise and not wait until after they have happened.

It was clarified that sound testing is done by a Third Party.

Linda thanked everyone for attending.

Meeting concluded at 7:10 pm