# Minutes of a Meeting of the Environmental Authority Held on Tuesday, 20 May 2025

# At the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Botanical Gardens, Paget and Remotely using Teams Teleconference

PRESENT: Ms. Davida Morris, Chair (remote access)

Mr. Eugene Saunders, Deputy Chair

Ms. Debby Correia, Member Dr. Tom Sleeter, Member Mr. Jonathan Starling, Member

ADVISORS: Dr. Geoff Smith, Director, DENR

Ms. Patricia Hollis, Environmental Officer, DENR

Dr. Shaun Lavis, Hydrogeologist, DENR

Ms. Crystal Baxter, Environmental Health Officer

**ABSENT:** Mr. Andrew Barnes, Member

Mr. James Morrison, Member

Mr. Paul McDonald, Senior Planning Officer, Dept. of Planning

Mr. Tarik Christopher, Chief Engineer, Public Works Mr. Armell Thomas, Acting Chief EHO, Health

MPW&E REPRESENTATIVE: Mr. Mark Husdan, Solid Waste Manager

#### 1. Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of the meeting No. 404 held on 7 May 2025 were approved and signed by the Deputy Chair.

# 2. MPW&E Presentation on the Material Recovery Facility (MRF), Hamilton Parish OL-452

Mr. Mark Husdan, MPW&E Solid Waste Manager, gave an overview of 2024 operations of the MRF, Government Quarry, Hamilton Parish.

The following activities are undertaken at the MRF:

- All TAG recycling material is processed (machinery)
- Steel and aluminum are baled for export to the US (machinery)
- Air conditioners are processed for export to the US
- E-waste is processed for export to the US
- Household battery collection activity is managed

Equipment is maintained as needed. In 2024/25, a new eddy current machine was installed, the baler is to be partially refurbished in 2025.

In 2024, 1,845 tonnes of TAG materials were received, an increase over 2023 when 1,240 tonnes were received. Most of the recyclables are from commercial establishments, with less being from Corporation of Hamilton and from residences.

A table showing the numbers of containers' worth of various wastes exported by year was shown. It was noted that in 2024, 10 containers of steel cans, 8 containers of air conditioning units, 2 containers of aluminium cans, 3 containers of miscellaneous and one container of ewaste were exported.

Mr. Husdan said that their report format is being revised to better reflect data requested in the operating licence conditions.

The Authority TOOK NOTE.

#### 3. MPW&E Presentation on the Sallyport Special Waste Facility, Sandys OL-387

Mr. Husdan made a presentation on the operation of the Sallyport Special Waste Facility for fiscal year 2024/25.

The wastes accepted at the SSWF are:

#### Residential & Commercial

- Lead acid batteries, household batteries, lithium batteries.
- Pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers.
- Mercury containing items.
- Fluorescent tubes, associated ballasts, and compact fluorescent bulbs, LED's.
- Oil and water-based paints.
- Thinners and strippers.
- · Acids and bases.
- Oxidizers.
- Fuels, oils, greases, and all other forms of hydrocarbons.
- Asbestos.
- Laboratory chemicals.
- Poisons.
- Refrigerants, CFC's.

In 2024/25, 37 containers of special wastes were exported, with the most being of oils, paints, then solids and sludges. Over the last 5 years, 137 containers of asbestos were exported, with 22 being shipped in 2024/25.

The challenges being faced at the SSWF are that is has a small, specialized team that operates in a remote location. The nature of special wastes changes with time; EV batteries are presenting new challenges, as are the tightening of US regulations and disposal contract specifications.

#### The Authority TOOK NOTE.

Mr. Husdan was thanked for his presentations.

# 4. Applications for Construction Permits and Operating Licences (New)

### 4.1 CP-837, OL-1286 Peter Parker, 5 Tranquility Lane, Southampton

It was noted that Dr. Tom Sleeter recused himself.

# The Authority **DEFERRED**:

the application for a construction permit and operating licence for a 22 kW propane generator, pending submission of additional information.

# 5. Applications for Construction Permits and Operating Licences (Reissues)

## **5.1** The Authority **APPROVED**:

the applications for reissue of operating licences listed on the one-page printout, subject to standard conditions. Those approved include OL-390 Belmont Hills WWTP, OL-801 BHB Acute Care WWTP and OL-851 BHB MAWI WWTP.

### 6. Applications for Water Rights (Reissues)

#### **6.1** The Authority **APPROVED**:

the reissuance of Water Rights on the two-page printout, subject to standard conditions, with the exception of two indicated as withdrawn.

#### 7. Date of the Next Meeting

The next meeting will be scheduled at a later date.

CHAIRMAN

June 25, 2025 DATE