

Notes of Meeting #53 – Algoma Steel Community Liaison Committee

Date: Tuesday, June 3rd, 2025

Location: Algoma Steel Administration Building Conference Room and Teams Meeting

Time: 12:00pm to 2:00pm

CLC Members in Attendance

Corey Jackson – Algoma Steel

Giancarlo Perra – Algoma Steel

Laura Devoni – Algoma Steel

Autumn McLean – Algoma Steel

Rick Lalonde – Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)

Lori Jalak – Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)

Tony Schoahs – Public

Jillian Marquis – Public

Dan Gabor – Public

Melissa Francella - Algoma Public Health

Carl Rumiel – City of Sault Ste. Marie

Dean Law – 2251 Health and Safety Representative

Raquel Gonzalez - St. Mary's River RAP Coordinator

CLC Members not in Attendance

David Trowbridge – Public

Issac McKechnie – SSM Tribe of Chippewa Indians

Robert Schulte - SSM Tribe of Chippewa Indians

Lauren Febbraro - Algoma Public Health

Steve Carey - Chippewa County Health Department

Suzanne Lieurance – Chippewa County Health Department

Maggie McAuley – City of Sault Ste. Marie

Wayne Hubbard – United Steel Workers Local 2251

Lisa Derickx – St. Mary's River RAP Coordinator

Andrew Mallette – Garden River First Nation

Richard Perrault – Garden River First Nation

Dan Sayers Jr. – Batchewana First Nation

Bill Slater – United Steel Workers Local 2724

Meeting notes

1) Review of the Agenda and Meeting #52 Notes

Corey Jackson welcomed attendees and initiated introductions. No major concerns raised regarding the March 18, 2025 (Meeting #52) notes aside from one minor edit submitted by David (wording correction). Delay in distribution was noted and attributed to waiting for confirmation of updated membership.



2) Membership Items and Terms of Reference

Several updates to membership were confirmed: Raquel Gonzalez added as alternate for St. Mary's RAP, Dean Law replacing Dennis Gagne as the 2251 alternate, Bill Slater added as the representative from 2724, Carl Rumiel replacing Catherine Taddo for the City of Sault Ste. Marie. Terms of Reference were reviewed. Purpose reaffirmed: to facilitate communication between the community and company regarding **environmental** matters.

3) Cokemaking Emission Performance

Battery performance was discussed. All three batteries are currently meeting their respective leak limits. Slight upward trend in door emissions on Battery #8; corrective actions underway. Trend is well below the limit on charging and lid emissions; improvements observed post-collapse on Battery #9. Battery #7 was officially offline as of this week. All ovens are empty and being isolated which is a significant milestone in EAF transition. Stack opacity trending down on Batteries #8 and #9; issue noted with opacity meter on #7 reading incorrectly.

Jillian requested that push opacity data is shown as percentages rather than absolute numbers for improved comparison; this format will be provided moving forward.

Jillian has requested that a member of the Cokemaking team attend the next CLC meeting to maintain representation from that area following Chris Galizias' departure from the committee.

The MECP confirmed a representative from the TAGA team will attend the next CLC meeting to present on the latest results.

4) Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Program (AAQMP)

Results of the latest quarterly report were discussed. Significant drop in Total Reduced Sulphur (TRS) excursions at Bonney Street station. Fourth Avenue and Cathcart sites show consistently low results, as expected. The return of the slag granulator to service is expected to enhance dispersion and reduce community-level emissions. Further improvements anticipated with the closure of Battery #7 and the upcoming full EAF transition.

5) Electric Arc Steelmaking

Updates on the EAF were discussed. Major construction milestones achieved: the fume treatment plant, and water treatment systems have been commissioned, charge cranes tested, ductwork leading to the fume treatment plant completed, and electrical substations energized. First arc expected in the coming weeks. Community impact: \$213 million spent locally as of May 31, 2025.



6) Environmental Permit Applications

Environmental Compliance Approvals (ECAs) were received. The Air & Noise ECA was issued April 17, 2025 (includes EAFs, fume plants, vacuum degasser). The Water ECA was issued February 2024 (covers EAF water treatment).

Key conditions were discussed including:

- Source testing (metals, dioxins/furans)
- Acoustic audits and noise abatement projects
- Updated Best Management Plan for fugitive dust
- Continuation of current AAQMP
- Development of a Public Engagement Plan by October 2025

7) Legacy Environmental Action Plan

An update on LEAP projects was provided. The Shoreline Stabilization Project is now 90% complete, with final work and site greening scheduled to take place over the summer. The greening phase will begin with the placement of clean soils and the use of seasonal water ponding, followed by tree planting.

Investigative work is continuing at the boat slip to assess the potential for installing sheet piling and groundwater containment features. Lisa requested a slide related to the boat slip moving forward if there are updates on the project.

A collaborative phytoremediation research project with Algoma University is showing promising results. The study explores the use of steel slag to enhance plant growth and soil health.

8) Community Engagement

Community engagement efforts since our last meeting were discussed. Algoma Steel has proudly supported several community and educational initiatives including sponsoring and participating as judges in the Rotary Science Fair, and delivering the keynote address at the “Reasons for Hope” Youth Sustainability Event. Algoma also welcomed students from St. Mary’s College for a site tour, offering them a firsthand look at our operations. In addition, Algoma sponsored the Chamber of Commerce Economic Impact Awards, recognizing local business excellence. Looking ahead, we are preparing for a site-wide cleanup event taking place on Thursday, June 5th.

9) Other

The next Community Open House scheduled for June 11, 2025 from 3:30–6:00 PM was discussed. There was an open discussion on the workforce transition and potential community impact, Algoma Steel acknowledged the transformation will reduce workforce size. Ongoing engagement with government and community stakeholders to access support programs and funding for worker reskilling.



10) Next Meeting

The next Community Open House is on Wednesday, June 11, 2025, in the Main Conference Room.
The next Community Liaison Committee (CLC) meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, September 9, 2025.

