

# MEETING MINUTES

<b>Project:</b>	<b>The Southey Project</b>
<b>Date:</b>	March 23, 2016
<b>Time:</b>	3:30 to 4:30 pm
<b>Location:</b>	Longlaketon RM Office

## Identified Working Group Members

<b>Name</b>	<b>Working Group Team Member / Component</b>
Mark Ritter	Reeve (Rural Municipality)
Scott Hegglin	Councillor Division 6 (Rural Municipality)
Alvin Schmidt	Councillor (Rural Municipality)
Loretta Young	Administrator (Rural Municipality)
Courtney Wiers	Intern-Administrator (Rural Municipality)
Jiqiu Han	President (Yancoal)
Asad Naqvi	Project Coordination Lead (Yancoal)
Robin Kusch	Community and Public Relations Lead (Yancoal)

## Meeting Attendees (filled out at the meeting):

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Asad Naqvi	Project Coordination Lead (Yancoal)
Robin Kusch	Community and Public Relations Lead (Yancoal)
Leina Lia	Project Executive Assistance

**Objectives: To initially discuss the framework for the IMAC and the agenda for the first IMAC meeting (March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016)**

**Agenda (3:30 to 4:30 pm)**

**Approval of Agenda**

Additions / Deletions

**Update on Existing Action Items**

**(1) New Items:**

IMAC

Discuss preliminary framework for IMAC

Discuss proposed agenda for first IMAC meeting (March 30<sup>th</sup> 1:30 to 4:30 pm; Earl Grey Community Hall)

**(2) Unfinished Items (continued):**

MoU

Discuss Status of MoU and comments from lawyer

Determine path forward to developing an MoU suitable to both parties

Dwelling Setback Distance

Yancoal's acknowledgement of the effort from the RM of Longlaketon

Discuss Yancoal's request to publish support letters they have received on the Yancoal website / facebook

Discuss and identify future information needs for the next stage of the project

Final EIS

Discuss Status EIS

Discuss the current project timing of the public review period

**(3) Review action items**

**(4) Set date for next working group and requested attendees**

Should fall on April 28, 2016 (last Thursday in the month)

**Meeting Minutes (filled out at the meeting):**

	<b>Introductions:</b>
	<b>Agenda Review and Acceptance:</b>
	<b>Presentations:</b>
	Jiqui Han opened by thanking the Council for the work they did regarding the proposed zoning bylaw amendment. Yancoal communicated that it has undoubtedly improved the project's competitiveness in the marketplace. RM communicated that engagement with local landowners would have to continue and that compensation for impacts would need to be discussed.
	<b>Action Items:</b> Yancoal indicated that it would be better schedule-wise to have the RMs input on proposed camp locations in July rather than August. Yancoal informed the RM that AMEC FW was producing a video (narrated animation) of the solution mine, including the safeguards during drilling and dust control measures. This video would be available for the public comment period of the environmental assessment review period.

	<p>Yancoal expressed the desire to form a partnership with the RM that mirrors the relationship that K+S has with the RM of Dufferin. There is a trust there that Yancoal would like to achieve that has resulted in an effective working relationship. It is clear that discussions are open and frank and that they have developed the ability to find mutually acceptable solutions to areas of common interest. Yancoal hopes that the RM would help us to identify the obstacles presently to this level of trust and ways to overcome these obstacles.</p>
<p>1</p>	<p><b>IMAC Discussion:</b>          The purpose and framework proposed by Yancoal for the IMAC was discussed and input was requested. Currently, Yancoal proposes the committee consist of 2 members from the 13 municipalities within 20 miles of the project, as well as the Town of Cupar in light of the local capacity they represent. The RM suggested that the Village of Semans also be included for the same reason, as well as the potential railway crossing location.</p> <p>Yancoal proposes that the committee would focus at this stage on identifying areas of common interest the group would like addressed and the information needs pertaining to each topic. It was discussed by the group to provide an update on the SPWG, its role, and set expectation early that IMAC (as well as the SPWG) would not be decision making bodies but facilitate the effective exchange of information and ideas. Documentation of the minutes was discussed and at this stage Yancoal would take minutes and distribute them in accordance of the expectations set by IMAC.</p>
<p>2</p>	<p><b>Memorandum of Understanding:</b>          Yancoal expressed their desire to pay the RM as soon as possible for the cost incurred. The intent of the MoU is to meet requirements within Yancoal as a company to pay invoices; there must be some written documentation of the understanding between the two parties. The move away from an agreement to a MoU is to illustrate that this written understanding would not constitute a full agreement and would illustrate that a more detailed agreement is anticipated in the near future. Yancoal as MoUs with many other groups, which are currently conducting preliminary work they would like to get paid for, but they have not been given approval to engage in the full scope of work as the project still hasn't receive approval to proceed. Yancoal's intent to basically to have a gentleman's agreement on paper. The RM said they would send Yancoal their lawyer's comments.</p>
<p>3</p>	<p><b>Finalized EIS:</b>          Yancoal communicated that the Finalized Environmental Impact Statement was sent to the Ministry of Environment on March 24<sup>th</sup> and that they are currently awaiting confirmation that all the changes requested were made to the document. They have communicated that the public review period would not occur until after the provincial election, this was not a project-specific decision; rather the province has halted all environmental assessments until after the election. MOE has not communicated to Yancoal if it would be a 30 or 60 day public review period.</p>
<p>4</p>	<p><b>Next Meeting:</b>          Based on potential for early spring next meeting set for April 21<sup>st</sup> 2016 from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm in the Earl Grey RM office.</p>


**Action Items**

No.	Item	Accountable Member
1	Send RM administrator links to websites for fact sheets, information bulletins (when done), announcement of office opening, and executive summary.	Robin Kusch
2	Where will fibre optics be coming from?	Robin Kusch / Asad Naqvi
3	Producing a detailed site layout for the RM to show people.	Robin Kusch / Asad Naqvi
4	Create a draft communication plan for discussion.	Asad Naqvi
5	Communicate questions regarding draft EIS content to Robin	Loretta/Courtney
6	Investigate potential illustrations / text relating to the drilling process and the safeguards.	Galen
7	Camp location input to Yancoal from RM in August 2016 – <b>Asad now indicated may be July would be better</b>	Loretta/Courtney
8	RM to provide update on the proposed zoning bylaw amendment at the next SPWG meeting	Loretta/Courtney
9	Yancoal to provide the RM of draft MoU	Jiqiu Han / Asad Naqvi
10	RM to make edits to the draft communication plan prior to the next SPWG meeting.	Loretta/Courtney
11	Setup presentations from SAMA and SARM	Keith/Loretta/Robin