

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Environmental Authority
Held on Wednesday, 28 August 2024
At the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Botanical Gardens, Paget
and Remotely using Teams Teleconference**

PRESENT: Ms. Davida Morris, Chair
Mr. Eugene Saunders, Deputy Chair
Mr. Andrew Barnes, Member (by remote access)
Mr. Willie Ferguson, Member
Mr. James Morrison, Member (by remote access)
Mr. Jonathan Starling, Member (by remote access)

ADVISORS: Dr. Geoff Smith, Environmental Engineer, DENR
Dr. Shaun Lavis, Hydrogeologist, DENR
Ms. Patricia Hollis, Environmental Officer, DENR
Ms. Crystal Baxter, Environmental Health Officer
Mr. Tarik Christopher, Acting Chief Engineer, Public Works (by remote access)

ABSENT: Mr. Harry Matthie, Member
Mr. Armell Thomas, Acting Chief Environmental Health Officer
Mr. Paul McDonald, Senior Planning Officer, Dept. of Planning

1. Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of the meeting No. 396 held on 24 July 2024 were approved and signed by the Chair.

2. BELCO Complaints—July 2024

The Authority **TOOK NOTE:**

In June, there were 3 complaints of soot, and none for hot oil odour. The soot complaints were on 22nd, 27th and 28th July.

The Authority **TOOK NOTE:**

that a response from BELCO to the Authority's letter sent on 29 July had been received on 26 August 2024. The letter requested details on the actions taken to date and their plans going forward to address the soot fallout and hot oil odours.

The Authority **AGREED:**

that both the letter to BELCO and the response from BELCO were to be circulated to Members and Advisors and that the matter was deferred to the next meeting.

3. BELCO Remedial Action Plan Update

- There was no update to report.

4. Tynes Bay Waste Facility July 2024 Update

The Authority **TOOK NOTE:**

- **Stream #1:** was available for 18-days and ran for 18-days. It was offline due to planned rebuilding of feeder table, furnace cleaning and furnace refractory work.
- **Stream #2:** was available 29-days and ran for 25-days. It was offline (unplanned) due to low and wet trash and a quench tank blockage.
- **Turbine (T2):** was available for 31-days and ran for 31-days at 41% efficiency. Multiple trips were reported 19-21 July due to oil leak on actuator.
- **Total waste (less metal):** 4,623.34 tonnes. Cooking oil – 47.08 tonnes.
- **Total electricity sent to BELCO:** 14 June to 15 July 1637.47 MWh.; Total electricity produced for July: 1883.64 MWh.
- **Ash Processing Plant:** 110 loads of ash-cement to the Airport Waste Management Facility. All loads were used for capping (no block production)
- **Unconsolidated Ash:** 0 loads = 0 tonnes were disposed of at the Airport Waste Management Facility

5. Applications for Construction Permits and Operating Licences (New)

5.1 CP-832, OL-1279 Market Place, 35 Victoria Street, Hamilton (retroactive)

The Authority **APPROVED:**

the construction permit and operating licence applications for a 27 kW diesel generator at 35 Victoria Street, Hamilton, subject to standard conditions.

6. Applications for Construction Permits and Operating Licences (Reissues)

6.1 The Authority **APPROVED:**

the applications for reissue of operating licences listed on the three-page printout, subject to standard conditions, with the exception of one facility (OL-114 BELCO) which was deferred pending submission of the annual report. Operating licence for 1 wastewater treatment facility was approved, subject to standard conditions (OL-145 Grotto Bay Beach Hotel)

7. Applications for Import Permit

There were no applications for consideration.

8. Applications for Water Rights (New)

8.1 The Authority **APPROVED:**

WR 5826, SAL Trading Ltd., domestic water right for disposal of rainwater at 17 Industrial Park, Southampton, subject to standard conditions.

8.2 The Authority **APPROVED:**

WR 5827, SAL Trading Ltd., domestic water right for disposal of rainwater at 17 Industrial Park, Southampton, subject to standard conditions.

8.3 The Authority **DEFERRED:**

WR 5830 Meyer Properties Ltd commercial water right for supply to boat power washer at 19 Wellington Slip Road, St. Georges, pending a site visit by the Government Hydrogeologist to assess current power washing practices and environmental stewardship.

9. Applications for Water Rights (Reissues)

9.1 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.

10. Grotto Bay Application for New Waste Water Treatment Plant (consultation state)

The Members were reminded that at the last meeting, the Authority indicated that the planned expansion of the Grotto Bay Hotel will require sewage to be treated to tertiary level, in accordance with their established policy.

The Authority **TOOK NOTE:**

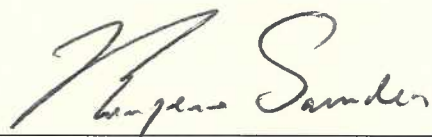
That subsequent correspondence has indicated that secondary treatment was being planned.

The Authority **CONFIRMED:**

that the operating licence for a new waste water treatment facility for the expanded hotel will require treatment to a tertiary standard.

11. Date of the Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for 8:30 am, Wednesday, 25 September 2024 in the DENR Boardroom, Botanical Gardens, Paget



CHAIRMAN

25 SEPTEMBER 2024

DATE