Xinyi Canada Glass Manufacturing Plant, Stratford, Ontario

November 14, 2020 - Public Information Meeting

**About the Meeting**

Xinyi Canada hosted a public information meeting on Saturday, November 14, from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. The meeting was advertised locally in the newspaper two weeks prior to the meeting.

Residents registered for the meeting via WebEx. The format included a live presentation by Chris Pidgeon, GSP Group, followed by a moderated question and answer period. Sue Cumming, Cumming+Company, moderated the meeting. Questions were typed into the Q and A bar for the meeting and read aloud by the moderator. Other subject experts provided responses.

140 individuals registered for the meeting. 98 attended. Over 200 questions were noted.

**Summary of Comments and Questions Raised**

The following identifies the topics and theme of the comments and questions raised at the meeting. Questions that were frequently noted are identified as examples of comments and questions. There were a number of questions asked more than one time.

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**Summary Table of Public Input – Comments and Questions**

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| Topic  | Examples of Comments and Questions Raised |
| Why Stratford | Why is this good news for the community?Why is it not being proposed in other communities – I.e. Owen Sound or Kingston?What is different from what was proposed in Guelph?Why do we need it here? |
| About Xinyi Canada | Questions about when Xinyi was formed as a company.Questions about who is on the Board of Directors for Xinyi Canada?Questions about what the facility would be named. Questions about other facilities elsewhere.Questions about whether Xinyi Canada would contribute to the community i.e. policy on corporate donations for community initiatives and sponsorship.Xinyi pays it share of infrastructure costs, but not all of the costs. What percentage of roadworks, municipal sanitation upgrades and buildings and electrical infrastructure will they pay for vs. taxpayers?Are they aware of our labour supply – can’t get workers here?Are they aware of housing shortage? |
| About process | When did the City greenlight this project? Is this a done deal?Will the public be able to comment on the development agreement/site agreement?Why the Ministers Zoning Order? Why was there a MZO done with comments about why this is justifiable and comments that there must have been a quid pro quo.Questions about the timing of Federal and Provincial Government Trade Meetings in China. |
| About the type of products that would be manufactured here: | What products would be made at the site? What type of glass products and how these would be used? What percentage of the glass that will be manufactured will stay in Canada?Where are the raw material are coming from?Where are the finished products going to? |
| Number and type of jobs and hiring practices | How many jobs will there be? Clarification on job numbers based on different numbers from different sources. Questions about confirming 320 jobs at start up plus 50 global experts and 380 at full operation.Questions about percentage of high skilled engineering and scientist jobs.Questions about full time vs. part time.Questions about salary structures.Do they use head-huntersWould Canadian co-op students be hired over other students.Concerns about labour shortage supply in Stratford with comments that this plant could impact labour supply for other businesses in the city who cannot get employees.Questions about whether the plant would be unionized?Questions about where 50 global experts would be coming from?What is Xinyi’s HR policies for equity, diversion, and inclusion?Has the contract been awarded for the plant?Will sales jobs be Canadian?Will there be local hires for executive positions?What will the minimum wage be? |
| How the site will function? | What are the electrical needs of the facility?Will pile driving be done during construction?Questions about wastewater.Questions about vibrations and whether studies are done?What is the electric furnace technology?What is the life expectancy of the plant?Why was a dormitory for workers in the Guelph proposal and how does that relate to the emergency preparedness centre for Stratford? Comment about 4.5 mw generating plant proposed for the site and will other materials be considered as possible future energy sources? |
| Noise | How will noise be mitigated?Will there be noise from loading and unloading rail cars? |
| Traffic and transportation | Questions about train travel and whether this will be through Stratford.Questions about number of cars going to facility and peak hour and shift hour trips expected.Questions about how trucks will travel to the facility for bringing raw materials and moving finished products.Specific questions about impact to Highway 7.Question about whether Stratford would provide transit to site for worker |
| Air quality  | Clarification on the stack and what emissions would be coming from it.Comments on wind patterns.Question about whether in-building exhaust fans will be monitored?Is there a plan to move to renewable forms of energy?Are there components of acid rain?Will there be odours?Are the emission numbers based on examples from other Xinyi locations or are they predictions? |
| Water use and water on the site | Questions about how much water will this plant use including percentage capacity within Stratford?Does Xinyi have water budget? Will it show water entering the site and exiting and recirculation of water within the site?Will there be studies on water baseline around the property to ensure that surrounding properties are not impacted. |
| Environment | Where can we view the environmental impact study?Was an environmental assessment done? |
| Impact to neighbouring properties | Comments and questions about impact to neighbouring residences particularly five properties with questions about timing of construction of berm, monitoring of noise and maturity of trees to be planted. Question about impact to the strawberry farm nearby.Will there be compensation? |
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