

# **GUMPTION'S AGENDA - PUBLIC MEETING**

## **Wednesday, June 28, 2017 @ Parry Sound Library**

### **1 Introductions and Welcome**

- Purpose of meeting – opportunity for the local residents to meet the Gumption team and each other and add their voice, including any very brief summaries of personal experiences
- Propose that, rather than take up the meeting with lengthy details of personal stories and experiences, anyone with such a story should send it to Anna on facebook, or at the website or at: [anna@gumptioninc.org](mailto:anna@gumptioninc.org), so we can continue to grow this database of info. OK?
- Therefore: when first speaking, please could everyone first say who they are, where they live, any position/job that is relevant to the issue, and then add any very brief summary of a personal experience they would like to tell us about, before asking their question or making a comment. Everyone should feel free to ask a question or make a comment at any time – please just raise your hand.
- Contact info hand out – please complete – please add tel. and email details if you want to help with this project going forward.

**Rupert  
Rupert**

**Anna**

**Rupert**

**Rupert/  
All**

### **2 Setting the Scene**

**Anna**

### **3 Review of Anna Martin Research Report**

- Read the Executive Summary
- Emphasize no concrete proof, just anecdotal evidence and raises many questions – general comments from Anna
- Comments and questions

**Rupert  
Rupert  
Anna  
All**

### **4 Where do we go from here?**

- Cooperation vs Confrontation
- Shortest route to get action on remediation
- Comments and questions

**Kris**

**All**

**5 Action Plan**

- Gather contact information from all attendees who would like to help in some way – money/time/expertise/stories, + allowing testing on your properties **Rupert**
- Get in front of the relevant parties - such as McDougall Township, the relevant Federal & Ontario government departments, CIL & affiliates, and CIL’s successors/current land owners – and ask for their cooperation in working together towards remediation. **Rupert**  
**GBA**  
**Role**
- Decide on next steps following responses from all parties **Kris**
- Comments & questions **All**

**6 Other Matters – Close Meeting**

**All**

## SETTING THE SCENE

- 1) Gumption is a non-profit organization that has been a catalyst for raising important questions regarding the health and environment of Nobel, Parry Sound, Wasauksing First Nation and the surrounding area. We acknowledge the critical role that local residents and members of the community have had in both the growth and evolution of Gumption's Parry Sound Project.
- 2) Gumption's mission is to mobilize, equip and empower individuals and communities with the resources, knowledge and structure they need to identify significant local health issues, determine possible environmental causes and implement sustainable solutions.
- 3) The Parry Sound Project has reached a stage where a local community group must emerge to take over the work that has been completed to date.
- 4) Gumption intends to take an action-based, fundraising, cooperative, inclusive and solutions-oriented approach: with a goal of remediating any contamination that may be discovered to protect and preserve the health and environment of future generations. As such, those that become involved in a voluntary role with Gumption must also align with this approach.
- 5) Gumption reaffirms their commitment to remain integral and transparent with the community during this process.
- 6) Many people are coming forward with anecdotal stories pertaining to past industry (e.g. employees of CIL/DIL or at Depot Harbour), environment (e.g. personal water/soil testing) and health (e.g. rare cancers and other chronic health diseases). We continue to encourage local residents to come forward with these stories. These stories are being added to our database for record-keeping purposes. All contributors have the option to remain anonymous and the opportunity to decide their level of involvement.
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  - (i) We understand that these topics hit close to home and can raise passionate debate.
  - (ii) We recognize that some of us here today are not local to this community and respect that those of you who are local may have your own position and opinion about how things should proceed.
  - (iii) We recognize that the possible environmental contamination being discussed affects both Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples. We respect the possibility of differences in culture and approach to this issue and encourage participation from all groups.
  - (iv) We do not and will not dictate how you should proceed concerning the research that has been publicized, the questions that have been asked, or the evidence that may be revealed in the coming months.
  - (v) Finally, we believe and hope that we will respect each other and unify under this primary objective: remediating historical environmental contamination that could be related to local health issues.