



Deer Park Community Advisory Council

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Deer Park CAC at Age 34 and How to Improve

DPCAC Facilitator Anne Gowan said DPCAC is a result of Responsible Care which was established in 1985 by the Chemistry Industry Association of Canada. This initiative was developed in response to growing public concerns about the manufacture, distribution, and use of chemicals, as well as their environmental and health impacts. The primary goal of Responsible Care was to improve the chemical industry's environmental, health, safety, and security performance, demonstrating the industry's commitment to corporate responsibility and fostering trust among the public, government regulators, and other stakeholders.

In 1988, Responsible Care was adopted in the United States by the American Chemistry Council (ACC). This adoption came three years after the initiative's inception, reflecting a growing international commitment to improving health, safety, and environmental performance in the chemical industry. The Responsible Care Charter in the United States is a formal commitment made by ACC companies to uphold the initiative's guiding principles. Many DPCAC plants are members of ACC.

Gowan also reviewed the DPCAC mission, purposes and objectives, membership criteria, meeting information and role of the Facilitator. After the presentation, attendees had two small group sessions where they talked about:

- What they like and don't like about DPCAC
- How we can improve DPCAC meetings and increase member participation
- Information needed to "go and tell" others about DPCAC, and in what format
- Where they get news on events/ happenings in Deer Park
- Events in Deer Park that attendees regularly go to
- Organizations/ groups in which attendees and/or their families are involved

Small groups then proposed their top 7 ideas for increasing membership and visibility on flip charts. Attendees used sticky dots to prioritize the ideas they wanted to focus on first.

Visitors are invited to attend DPCAC's meeting on May 20th, where we will learn about flaring. For an invitation, contact info@deerparkcac.org.

Read about DPCAC meetings and see summaries of our most recent presentations at www.deerparkcac.org.