



Moose River Consolidated (MRC) Project  
Community Liaison Committee (CLC) Meeting

Meeting Minutes

9am-11pm. Saturday January 13, 2018  
New Administration Building, Moose River Board Room

**IN ATTENDANCE**

**CLC Members and Represented Community**

Charles Brown (Musquodoboit Harbour)  
John Kennedy (Pleasant Harbour)  
Richard Deale (Middle Musquodoboit)

Gilbert Fahie (Mooseland)  
Barry Prest (Mooseland)

**Regrets**

Jennifer Copage (Sipekne'katik)  
Marilyn Munroe (Sheet Harbour) Has resigned  
Gary Leslie (Upper Musquodoboit)

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## Atlantic Gold Representative

Jim Millard, Manager Environment and Permitting  
Tony Woodfine, General Manager  
Tracy Morin (Admin Support)

## ITEMS DISCUSSED

### 1. Welcome and Review of Past Meeting Notes

- a. Charlie Brown welcomed all Community Liaison Committee Members and Atlantic Gold Members. Charlie Brown reported that Marilyn Munroe has resigned.
- b. Charlie Brown motioned to approve the Meeting Minutes from the last meeting and all members were in favor Gilbert Fahie seconded it.

### 2. Any business arising from previous Minutes

In regards to action Items from previous minutes Jim Millard has sent a copy of the Terms of Reference to NSE. Charlie Brown reached out to the Premier and Transportation Minister to attend one of the Community Liaison Committee Meetings but had no success with this. ***ACTION ITEM:*** Jim Millard to coordinate getting a Representative from NS government (e.g., elected representative or from premiere's office) to attend a CLC Meeting at Atlantic Gold.

- a. Jim Millard also reported he did send a copy of the Terms of Reference to Nova Scotia Environment with the Minutes of the Meeting stating they were passed unanimously. All CLC Members also reported that they received all their mileage cheques in the mail.

### 3. Project Updates:

- a. **Touquoy Gold Project:** Tony Woodfine reported that Atlantic Gold had a successful startup but that damage occurred because of windstorms and freezing pipes but that the recovery plan was well implemented. Gilbert Fahie asked if we had any cultural findings in the deepest parts of the Mine and Tony Woodfine reported that any items that were recovered were given to the Moose River Museum. Tony reported that Atlantic Gold has paid \$20,000.00 for the donated Plaque at the Moose River Gold Mines Provincial Park. Tony Woodfine also reported that based on the mine plan Atlantic Gold will be directly affected by historic tailings. Tony Woodfine also reported we have developed a proposal of blasting within the tailings pond to obtain sufficient rock for ongoing construction activities and that we are required to notify NSE of these changes and seek approvals if required. Tony Woodfine also reported we brought this problem to NSE attention and they want us to ship more rock from external sources to site and that AG cannot do this for financial reasons. Another issue that has been brought up by NS Department of Labour is that we have a fugitive dust issue locally from time to time. Tony Woodfine stated that we have brought in magnesium chloride to remedy this. We also have additional water trucks that were brought in as well to remedy the dust problem. A recent environmental incident at site was a break in tailings decant line where process water (around 60 m) was lost to Water Course 4. Based on follow-up from the spill, the decant water had low levels of arsenic and copper. No fish were killed or harmed and no lasting effect was reported to the downstream aquatic entitled environment. We had fully reported the incident to NSE, ECCC and DFO. A safety incident occurred where a car from the public road went into the Alva parking lot causing a haul truck to stop. No collision occurred and the vehicle returned to the public road. Since then new signage was ordered including drop gates for entrances and these will be installed very soon. Tony Woodfine reported that AG have inquired with NSP regarding installation of lights on the poles so that there is better lighting. NSP and AG are currently in talks on this subject. We have also ordered a additional equipment to keep up with the sweeping and mud removal on public roads near crossings. Gilbert Fahie also asked Tony Woodfine about profitability and if AG is meeting its expectations and Tony Woodfine reported that we did have an aggressive startup but that it is coming together. Tony Woodfine reported that we will be starting a shuttle service for AG employees on a three-month trial. Tony Woodfine reported that when site had power outages, that NSP was very fast to resume power on site. Barry Prest asked about food services on site and Tony reported that AG are looking into a food truck to come to site. Tony reported that First Nation approached AG about a lunch truck but that discussions had stalled. Tony Woodfine also reported that

AG have cleaning services being setup on site for employee's overalls and we have brought in washers and dryers. Tony Woodfine also stated we are looking for other new vendors. It was also requested by Charlie Brown that we would like Sara Parrill our Supply Chain Supervisor to attend the next CLC meeting.

- b. **Beaver Dam update:** Jim Millard reported that Beaver Dam's project documents have been sent in and that the project was registered with CEAA last summer. AG are in an Information Request (IR) period where stakeholders have made various information requests. Some key requests included the need for additional ground water data. Norther Timber and Northern Pulp have the surface access rights to the area and there have been delays in accessing the land for the purpose of drilling and monitoring well installation.

John Kennedy asked how much acreage Atlantic Gold owns at Beaver Dam and Jim reported its only a pit and its probably 1/3 size of the Touquoy Gold Project. Gilbert Fahie asked about the transport of ore at Beaver Dam. Jim reported AG will be traveling mainly on the logging roads and public roads near Touquoy. Gilbert said we should build a new road and Jim said we want to cut down on the number of roads being built. Gilbert said the roads need to be upgraded to haul all the ore needed. John Kennedy asked if Atlantic Gold is aware of the history of the mine for the last 30 years and Jim Millard said that we have staff that know the history of this area.

- c. **Cochrane Hill and Fifteen Mile Stream update:**

Jim Millard reported that 15 Mile Stream and Conchrane Hill Phase 2 drilling is now over. AG have resumed drilling with two drills on the possible extension of the ore deposits. Tony stated that AG is investing much money in exploration drilling for all of 2018. These programs to be presented to NSE and DNR later this month so that we can work on submitting the required permit applications (water withdrawal and wetland disturbance. The pre-feasibility and feasibility studies for the CH and FMS deposits will soon be released to the public. Project

Descriptions to be submitted to CEAA soon and the EIS process will commence. This information to be submitted for comment to the CLC during next meeting if available. Jim reported AG will be going out to the communities to look for input into Project Descriptions.

#### **4. Employment and Engagement.**

Tony Woodfine reported that AG have 188 full time AG employees and around 80 contractors. The Pit has two people left to hire.

#### **5. Action Item that needs to be completed from the last meeting:**

Charlie Brown reported that the request for the Premier and Minister of Transportation attend the CLC Meeting for the discussion of poor road conditions on the Moose River Road is not going to happen. Charlie asked if Stephen Dean and Maryse Belanger could send an invite to the Premier to attend a CLC Meeting. It was decided that Jim Millard will ask Maryse Belanger about this request.

#### **6. Any New Business**

- a. Charlie Brown stated he needs contact telephone numbers for members. Charlie also stated that the Committee needs a Co-Chair and Gilbert Fahie nominated Barry Prest this was seconded by Charlie Brown. **Action Item:** Terms of Reference to be amended to include the Co-Chair.
- b. **Action Item:** Charlie Brown will ask Marilyn Munroe on suggestion of a new member to replace her from the Sheet Harbour area.
- c. Tony Woodfine reported that the application was submitted to the government for the Diversion Road. Barry Prest asked about the disconnect with other roads on site stating that for 911 purposes this has caused some problems. Tony reported that AG have connected with and have an agreement with the Musquodoboit Valley Memorial Hospital and arranged immediate response once

they are called. Tony also stated that AG have our own emergency vehicle right now on site and it is refurbished and that 22 First Responders have been trained. Gilbert Fahie asked if defibrillator is available on site and Tony Woodfine reported that four are available on site. Tony also reported we have had no chemical exposure to date, and Safety training is ongoing.

#### **7. Next Regular CLC Meeting**

- a. Timing and Location: Saturday April 7, 2018 – 9AM-11AM.  
Atlantic Gold Administration Building.