



# ATLANTIC GOLD

## Community Liaison Committee (CLC) Meeting Notes - Touquoy/Beaver Dam

**Meeting Date:** 2019-01-19

### **Committee Members**

#### **CLC Members and Represented Community**

Charles Brown (Musquodoboit Harbour)

Richard Deale (Middle Musquodoboit)

John Kennedy (Pleasant Harbour)

Barry Prest (Mooseland)

Gilbert Fahie (Mooseland)

Gary Leslie (Upper Musquodoboit)

### **Regrets**

#### **Atlantic Gold Corporation (AGC) Representatives**

Jim Millard, Manager Environment and Permitting

John Hill, Head of Human Resources

Jennifer Adshade, Environmental Analyst

Chrystal Fuller, Community Relations and Land Management Consultant

### **Meeting Notes**

#### 1) Approval of Previous Minutes

- Meeting minutes from the October 13, 2018 meetings were provided to the Committee. Charlie Brown moved to approve, Gilbert Fahie seconded approval of the October 13, 2018 minutes. The minutes will be posted on the AGC website.

#### 2) Project Updates

##### i. Environmental Update – Jim Millard

- The Committee was informed of a recent non-compliance event. A tailings release occurred on January 3, 2019, estimated to be between 300 to 400 cubic metres of tailings. The release was reported to Nova Scotia Environment (NSE) within 4-6 hours and reported to the Environment Canada (EC) Spill Line. The release was the result of a gasket seal that partially failed at the tailings box. Tailings discharged into the designed piping trench from the plant and collected at the tailings dump pond, a secondary containment structure. There was no discharge to streams



## ATLANTIC GOLD

or the environment. The thickness of the tailings was surveyed, resulting in the volume estimate. The NSE inspector visited the site within a week to monitor clean-up. The clean-up is being conducted by an accredited independent consultant and a report will be issued. An internal investigation is underway and indicates that a fused pipe should be utilized instead of a seal. This work will be conducted during the next Mill shutdown. An email was sent to all staff to clarify the details and explain the release.

- The Committee received a general update of Touquoy Environmental operations.
- The Committee received an update on the status of the Environmental Impact Statements (EIS) for the satellite sites. The Committee inquired if the Environmental Assessment for Beaver Dam is open to public consultation. It is currently closed until EIS responses are submitted, at which time it will be open for public comment. AGC's Community Relations and Land Management Consultant will send notifications once it is open via the newsletter. Subscription to the newsletter is required to receive updates. The EIS for Fifteen Mile Stream (FMS) will be submitted in mid-April. The Committee inquired if FMS will be in construction before Beaver Dam. AGC responded that the FMS site will likely begin construction six months before Beaver Dam. Cochrane Hill will follow Beaver Dam. An open house will be held March 14, 2019 in Sheet Harbour at the Wildlife Association building. Two sessions will be held from 3 - 5 pm and 6 - 8pm. The Committee discussed the location of the open house.
- The Committee discussed the Cochrane Hill project. Site tours of Touquoy have been provided to the St. Mary's River Association. An office is now open in Sherbrooke and AGC is looking to obtain an office space in Sheet Harbour.

### ii. Employment Update – John Hill

- The Committee received an update on staffing and recruitment for the Touquoy site. There are currently 250 staff at Touquoy with 20 vacancies. In addition, there will be approximately 11 positions added this year to bring the site total to approximately 280 staff. The site is at a full compliment now. This does not include the Exploration group, which will be determined with the 2019 drilling program.
- The haul truck fleet is being expanded. Bus drivers have been hired locally. Apprenticeship programs were discussed.
- The Committee inquired if all open positions are posted. AGC confirmed all open positions are posted on the website and the career page will be expanded this year.



## ATLANTIC GOLD

### iii. Operations Update – Jim Millard

- The Committee received an update on operations at Touquoy. The Committee discussed a recent press release regarding production targets and the forecast for 2019.
- The Committee discussed capacity in the tailings facility. The Committee inquired what will happen when the tailings facility is full. AGC stated that ore can be stockpiled. The tailings facility will be filled to safe capacity and then discharge will be changed to the pit once permitted.
- The Committee inquired about the route from Beaver Dam to Mooseland. AGC responded there are two routes available.
- The Committee discussed Mooseland road. The Committee agreed the gravel is an improvement over the previous pavement. AGC stated the road should be fully paved this year.

### 3) Business Arising from the Minutes and Review of Outstanding Action Items

#### i. Submit consideration to NSE and DFO for refurbishment of Scraggy Lake Dam. Letter to be drafted and reviewed by CLC prior to submittal

- The Committee discussed information required: who built it, why was it built and when was it built. The Committee put a motion on the table – AGC will research the background of the Scraggy Lake dam and the CLC will draft a letter with assistance from AGC  
**ACTION ITEM:** AGC to research the dam, contacting the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) and NSE. The information will be provided to the CLC. A letter will be written by CLC and sent to the Minister and Deputy Minister.  
**ACTION ITEM:** Schedule a conference call to discuss progress 4 – 6 weeks following the meeting  
**ACTION ITEM:** Draft letter next meeting in place to review.

#### ii. Community Relations and Land Management Update

- The Committee discussed the FMS CLC meetings. There are two Touquoy CLC members participating on the FMS CLC.
- Feb 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 AGC will provide a talk in Sherbrooke to the Lions Club.
- Requests for AGC to provide talks can be forwarded to the Community Relations and Land Management Consultant.



## ATLANTIC GOLD

- iii. Recruitment of CLC Members for Fifteen Mile Stream CLC and Touquoy
  - The Committee discussed the recruitment of CLC members.
  - A Committee member stated there is a member of the Eastern Shore Watch who is interested in a tour.  
**ACTION ITEM:** Schedule a tour with Eastern Shore Forest Watch.
- iv. Progress on Streetlights and Culvert
  - AGC cannot report on the streetlights at this time. There is an initiative in progress.  
**ACTION ITEM:** Report on progress at next meeting
  - The culvert has been installed.  
**ACTION ITEM:** Monitor culvert effectiveness and report status at next meeting
- v. Posting of Newsletters on AGC Website and Addition of Community Page
  - This item is not complete.  
**ACTION ITEM:** Post AGC newsletters on the website  
**ACTION ITEM:** Complete revisions to AGC Community page. This requires a name change from Responsibility to Community
  - Meeting Minutes are posted to the AGC website – this Action Item is complete
- vi. Amendment to TOR to include Beaverdam in Current CLC Mandate
  - The Committee discussed the amendment of the Terms of Reference to include Beaver Dam  
**ACTION ITEM:** AGC to amend the Terms of Reference  
**ACTION ITEM:** The CLC Minutes to be distributed in a timely basis
  - CLC Cheques were distributed. All members with the exception of Gary Leslie received cheques.  
**ACTION ITEM:** AGC to review the CLC attendance sheets
- vii. Selection of new chairperson
  - The Committee discussed the selection of a new Chairperson. There are no other members interested at this time. John Kennedy put forth a motion for Charlie Brown to remain as Chairperson. Gilbert Fahie seconded the motion. Charlie Brown accepted the position.



# ATLANTIC GOLD

Charlie Brown requires more assistance. In the event Charlie Brown is not able to attend, Barry Prest is the co-chair.

**ACTION ITEM:** Start copying Barry Prest on emails and other CLC communication

#### 4) Any New Business

- There were no new business items raised by the Committee
- The Committee was provided a presentation of AGC employees and local community member videos.

5) Next regular CLC meeting: date, time and location: April 13, 2019, 9 – 11 a.m.  
Atlantic Gold Corporation Administration Building boardroom

Charlie Brown moved to adjourn, Gibert Fahie seconded

Notes prepared by: Jennifer Adshade

Noted review by: Jim Millard

#### Actions and Decisions Summary

Action	Owner	Details
AGC to research the dam, contacting the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) and NSE. The information will be provided to the CLC. A letter will be written by CLC and sent to the Minister and Deputy Minister.	AGC & CLC	- Schedule a conference call to discuss progress 4 – 6 weeks following the meeting - Draft letter next meeting in place to review
Set up a tour with Eastern Shore Forest Watch	AGC	
Report culvert effectiveness at the next CLC meeting.	AGC	
Report on progress of streetlights	AGC	
Post AGC newsletters on the website	AGC	
Complete revisions to AGC Community page. This requires a name change from Responsibility to Community	AGC (JM)	
AGC to amend the Terms of Reference	AGC (JA)	
The CLC Minutes to be distributed in a timely basis	AGC (JA)	
AGC to review the CLC attendance sheets	AGC (JA)	
Start copying Barry Prest on emails and other CLC communication	AGC & CLC	