

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

Meeting Date: 2019-10-05

Committee Members

CLC Members and Represented Community

Charles Brown (Musquodoboit Harbour) Barry Prest (Mooseland)
Gary Leslie (Upper Musquodoboit) Richard Deale (Middle Musquodoboit)
Gilbert Fahie (Mooseland) John Kennedy (Pleasant Harbour)
Robin Webber (Lake Charlotte/Ship Harbour area)
Bryce Kennedy (Pleasant Harbour – John Kennedy’s replacement)

Atlantic Gold Corporation (AGC) Representatives

Jim Millard, Manager Environment and Permitting
Scot Klingmann, Mine Manager Kayla Freeman, Environmental Technician
Dustin O’Leary, Communications Manager Jennifer Adshade, Environmental Analyst

Absent

Laird Brownlie, General Manager
Melissa Nicholson, Environmental Superintendent

Items for Discussion

1. Opening Discussion
 - John Kennedy tendered his resignation from the Committee on 2019-07-06 and this will be his last meeting. The Committee thanks John Kennedy for his service on the CLC. Bryce Kennedy will replace John Kennedy.
 - The Committee discussed the acquisition of Atlantic Gold by St. Barbara from Australia
2. Review and approval of previous meeting minutes
 - The meeting minutes from July 6, 2019 will be revised to include John Kennedy’s resignation on that date. Barry Prest moved to approve with the meeting minutes with the specified amendments. Gary Leslie seconded the motion. The Committee voted and passed the minutes pending revision.
3. Review of outstanding Action items
 - a. AGC to look at options for scheduling a community meeting in Tangier

- The Committee discussed the option of a meeting in the Tangier area. AGC suggests attending a community event in the area. The CLC suggested attending a Social Club meeting or a Citizens on Patrol meeting. The Social Club meets on the 4th Tuesday of the month (October 22nd, 2019) at either the Murphy's Cove Community Hall or Mooseland.
- b. Report on progress of streetlights
 - The streetlights have been installed. The transformers are not installed and are pending the paving of Moose River Road.
- c. AGC to organize a member from St. Barbara to attend a CLC meeting
 - This will be coordinated when a member of St. Barbara is in Nova Scotia.
 - A St. Barbara representative was able to attend CLC meetings for Fifteen Mile Stream, Cochrane Hill and Beaver Dam as the scheduling permitted.
- d. AGC will set up a community-based working group to provide input and assistance on the Atlantic Gold Reclamation Plan and goals of future land use of the Moose River Mine site.
 - AGC has developed an internal Reclamation Working Group. The Committee discussed the role and function of the future Reclamation Working Group. Two members of the existing Touquoy CLC stepped forward to participate.
- e. HRM site boundary discussion
 - Members of the committee expressed concerns with the ability of first responders to differentiate between Mooseland and Moose River.
 - A discussion was held with HRM officials regarding changing site boundaries. HRM expressed interest and further discussion will be forthcoming.
 - The Committee received an update of emergency call procedures and response departments (Fire Station #36, Central Nova RCMP and Milford Ambulance)
 - The Committee expressed interest in having the AGC Health and Safety Manager attend a meeting.

ACTION ITEM: AGC to schedule an update from the Health and Safety Manager at an upcoming CLC meeting.

4. Project Updates

a. Touquoy

- The Committee received an update on Touquoy operations. The Committee inquired about the haul road crossing. AGC confirmed the haul road crossing will be concrete.
- The Committee requests the 50 km zone be extended to the east, as the current paving project will likely increase speed of traffic in the area.

ACTION ITEM: AGC to propose a speed limit reduction to HRM

- The Committee received an update Touquoy compliance. AGC has received complaints regarding dust on the public gravel road.
- The Committee inquired about the quantity of water withdrawn from and discharged to Scraggy Lake.

ACTION ITEM: AGC to provide a presentation on water quality and usage.

- The Committee received an update on Community engagement.

b. Fifteen Mile Stream

- The Committee received an update on the Fifteen Mile Stream activities and the EIS process.

c. Beaver Dam

- The Committee received an update on Beaver Dam activities and the EIS process.

d. Cochrane Hill

- The Committee received an update on Cochrane Hill activities.

5. New Business

a. Response letter received from Deputy Minister Frances Martin RE: Scraggy Lake dam condition

- The Committee discussed the letter received from Deputy Minister Frances Martin. The Committee discussed the function of the Scraggy Lake Dam. AGC has commissioned a study to investigate operation options should the water levels drop due to a dam failure. This study may be available by next meeting
- The Committee would like access to the baseline sediment sample results
- The Committee will research whether there is a precedent for Nova Scotia Environment taking over structures similar to the Scraggy Lake dam. Other groups outside of the CLC may have interest in petitioning for dam refurbishment.

ACTION ITEM: The Committee will research whether there is a precedent for Nova Scotia Environment taking over structures similar to the Scraggy Lake dam

- AGC can review the CLC's response letter.
- The Committee will draft a response to the letter received from Deputy Minister Frances Martin. The letter will be sent to the Minister of Environment, as well as the local MLA and MP.

ACTION ITEM: The Committee will draft a response letter to Deputy Minister Frances Martin and include the Minister of Environment, local MLA and MP.

- The Committee Chair and Co-Chair would like schedule a meeting with AGC to discuss the draft response with AGC. The meeting is scheduled for October 11, 2019 at 1pm.

ACTION ITEM: AGC to schedule a meeting to discuss the draft response letter to Deputy Minister Frances Martin on October 11, 2019.

6. New Business

- The Committee inquired about the new website and locating job opportunities. AGC discussed the recent IT integration. Job opportunities are also posted on Indeed.com.
- The website states Middle Musquodoboit. AGC will look into revising to Moose River Gold Mines.

ACTION ITEM: AGC to investigate website revisions to change the Touquoy location from Middle Musquodoboit to Moose River Gold Mines

- The Committee will issue a Certificate of Appreciation for John Kennedy for his service.
- **ACTION ITEM: Travel cheques to be issued.**

7. Date and location of next meeting

January 11, 2020 from 9 – 11 am

Charlie Brown , Bryce Kennedy moved for adjournment at 11:13.

Notes prepared by: Jennifer Adshade

Noted review by: AGC