

Meeting Minutes

Community Liaison Committee (CLC) Touquoy/Beaver Dam

Meeting Date: 2020-11-07

Attendees:

CLC Members and Represented Community

Charles Brown (Musquodoboit Harbour)	Barry Prest (Mooseland)
Gary Leslie (Upper Musquodoboit)	Richard Deale (Middle Musquodoboit)
Gilbert Fahie (Mooseland)	Bryce Kennedy (Pleasant Harbour)

Absent: Robin Webber (Lake Charlotte/Ship Harbour area)

Atlantic Gold (AG) Representatives

Jim Millard, Manager Environment and Community	Melissa Nicholson, Environmental Superintendent
Laird Brownlie, General Manager	Dustin O’Leary, Communications Manager
Keith Closen, Health and Safety Manager	Jennifer Adshade, Environmental Analyst
Veronica Chisholm, Environmental Permitting Project Manager	

Observers and Third Party Participants

Michael Saposnik, McKinsey	Nic Wilson, McKinsey
Chrystal Fuller, Brighter Community Planning	

Items for Discussion

1. Review and approval of previous meeting minutes
 - The meeting was called to order at 9:16am by Charles Brown
 - The CLC reviewed the draft meeting minutes from the meeting held January 11, 2020. Charles Brown moved to approve the previous meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Gary Leslie and the minutes were approved.

2. Review of outstanding Action items
 - a. AG to follow up with HRM regarding the energizing of the streetlights
 - The Security department is working with HRM
 - **ACTION ITEM:** Provide regular updates regarding energizing the streetlights

 - b. The Committee will research whether there is a precedent for Nova Scotia Environment taking over structures similar to the Scraggy Lake dam
 - The CLC mentioned two dams in the area were reconstructed
 - The CLC reviewed the letter received from Nova Scotia Environment’s Deputy Minister in 2019
 - Further discussion of the Scraggy Lake dam is included in #5 below

- c. The Committee will draft a response letter to Deputy Minister Frances Martin and include the Minister of Environment, local MLA and MP
 - A follow-up meeting will be held on December 5, 2020 to discuss this letter
 - Further discussion of the Scraggy Lake dam is included in #5 below
- d. AG has commissioned a study of the dam on Scraggy Lake. AG has also commissioned a study of the properties and land ownership around Scraggy Lake. The results will be presented when available
 - See Item #5 below for results of these studies

3. Project Updates

- AG provided a slide show presentation to the CLC, including Safety, Operations and Environmental updates.
- The CLC inquired about the Change Specialist job posting
- AMNS explained the Site Change Specialist can be described as a manager of change
- The CLC asked about water levels in the tailings management facility and monitoring that is completed along the dam edge
- AG discussed dam inspection procedures and dam operational and safety procedures
- AG discussed tailings management facility water levels
- **ACTION ITEM:** Request the Tailings Management Facility Engineer in Training attend the next CLC meeting
- **ACTION ITEM:** AG to develop a handout presentation of the tailings management facility, including a bullet list of facts related to the tailings management facility and photos

4. Beaver Dam Haul Road discussion

- AG has met with local community groups regarding the proposed Beaver Dam haul road. AG would like meet with the residents of Mooseland to discuss how the road is currently being used, and discuss any concerns. AG is requesting the CLC's advice on how to proceed with meetings. AG proposes sending out notices to residences and booking appointments to meet social distance requirements.
- The CLC is concerned about the small size proposed for meetings
- The CLC stated "Zoom" and other electronic meetings are not an option. There is no internet in Mooseland
- The CLC suggested meeting with one or two "bubbles" of people to allow for slightly larger groups
- **ACTION ITEM:** The CLC suggested compiling the feedback received from smaller group meetings and circulating the summary of the meeting notes for follow-up with the community
- AG suggested the dates of November 27 & 28, 2020. The CLC is not aware of any conflicts
- The CLC was provided a list of Mooseland residents and a map
- The CLC has concerns with the list, as it does not include the community of River Lake and Jacket Lake
- The Brighter Community representative shared her screen and reviewed the GIS program that was used to develop the list
- The CLC Co-Chair would like to work with AG to develop a comprehensive list of individuals
- **ACTION ITEM:** AG and the Brighter Community representative will meet with the CLC Co-Chair on Monday November 9th, 2020 at 9:30 am to discuss this list

- AG has a dedicated community relations phone line for concerns (902) 391-4653 and email address (communityrelations@atlanticgold.ca). AG issues quarterly newsletters to the community
- The CLC suggests mail/letter communication
- The CLC expressed concern that the AG website is not up to date
- AG discussed website hosting and website revisions underway
- The CLC suggests providing the AG community newsletter via mail
ACTION ITEM: AG will investigate options to send out the community newsletter via mail

5. Scraggy Lake Studies & Discussion

- The CLC reviewed the study completed for AG, investigating property ownership and structures on Scraggy Lake
- The CLC reviewed the study completed for AG, investigating the effect of a dam failure on the water level of the lake
ACTION ITEM: Provide the study investigating the effect of a dam failure (completed by GHD) to the CLC
- The CLC discussed the dam history. The CLC suggests the provincial government needs to maintain the current fish habitat
ACTION ITEM: A meeting will be held on December 5, 2020 at the AG Admin building to brainstorm how to proceed to respond to the Deputy Minister's letter. The meeting is optional for CLC members. AG will provide support
ACTION ITEM: AG to arrange for an independent specialist in inland waterways and fish habitats to attend this meeting

6. Reclamation Update

- AG is working on the current closure plan. The new closure plan includes further information and detail than previous.
- The meeting on December 5, 2020 will include an in-depth summary of the Reclamation Plan
- **ACTION ITEM:** The CLC recommends the cart at the museum should be brought inside to prevent degradation from weather. It may have been used to transport the workers into the mine
- **ACTION ITEM:** AG to investigate the level the cart at the museum was found

7. Date and location of next meeting February 06, 2021, 9am – 11am

Moved to adjourn 11:19

Actions and Decisions Summary

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