

LNG & Multipurpose Pier Project Canaport Community Liaison Committee (CCLC)

Minutes of Meeting CCLC # 8
Monday, March 14, 2005

Red Head United Church Hall
Saint John, N.B.
6:10pm to 8:30pm

Committee:

- Armstrong, Stuart Resident
- Barton, Dianna Enterprise Saint John
- Dalzell, Gordon SJ Citizens Coalition for Clean Air
- Debly, Theresa Resident
- Griffin, Dennis Co-chair of CCLC, resident
- Hunter, Roger Fundy North Fisherman's Association
- Johnston, Jan Resident
- Long, Warren Co-chair of CCLC, Irving Oil
- Macauley, Dave Resident
- MacKinnon, J Claude ACAP Representative
- Malcharek, Rainer Bayside Power
- Melanson, Don Resident
- Smith, Elsie Resident
- Stevens, Mike Resident
- Thompson, David Fundy North Fisherman's Association
- Turner, Rick Saint John Board of Trade

Resources:

- Caines, Crystal Fundy Engineering & Consulting
- Cline, G Jeff DFO
- Forsythe, Fraser Fundy Engineering & Consulting
- Galbraith, Shane City of Saint John
- Parker, Jennifer Irving Oil
- Peterson, Dave NBDELG

Opening Remarks:

The meeting commenced at 6:10pm with Warren Long opening the meeting, welcoming all returning and new members.

Introductions/Attendance:

Participants introduced themselves and are as indicated above.

Review of Agenda:

The meeting Agenda as circulated was reviewed and approved. It was decided that prior to mail out of the Agenda to committee members that the Agenda be reviewed and approved.

ACTION 8-1: The committee co-chairs are to review and approve meeting Agenda prior to distribution to committee members

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the last meeting held on February 7, 2005 (meeting #7) were approved as circulated with no changes.

Project Recap:**Update on Project Status:**

Warren Long provided an update on the Project using a slide show presentation consisting of the slides: "The Big Picture", "What's Happening Now?" "What the Site Looks Like", "What's Next?" and "Summary". A copy of the slide presentation is attached to these minutes for your reference. A question was raised from member discussion of this presentation concerning the design of the LNG storage tanks; would they be single wall or double wall, and how would design impact the conditions of the Environmental Assessment (EA) approval.

ACTION 8-2: Fundy to provide copy of EA approval conditions to committee members

DFO, Irving, Fisherman meeting:

Meeting with DFO, Irving, and Fishermen has yet to be scheduled. Roger Hunter indicated that current fishing activities have delayed scheduling meeting, however, he expects to finalize a meeting date within the next two weeks. It was suggested that the issues of the Fisherman's Association be taken off the table for resolution and then reported back to this committee, agreed.

ACTION 8-3 Roger Hunter to brief committee of the results of DFO, Irving, Fishermen's meeting, issues, resolutions, etc at our April meeting

Community Liaison Committee Membership Update:

The registration list from original LNG Project public meetings was distributed to participants and reviewed as a source of potential new members. Also, notices for new members posted in local stores resulted in a new addition to the committee (Theresa Debly), and in expressions of interest from Cathy Rogers, Beth Roy, and Kevin Quinn. This resulted in considerable discussion around the table as to whether the committee felt there is equal and sufficient representation of residents and others. Dave Peterson spoke to the importance of striving to achieve a balance between individuals who are resources and committee members at the meetings. The consensus was to extend an invitation to those individuals who had expressed interest, and that would conclude the search for additional members.

ACTION 8-4: Fundy to follow up with those individuals who have expressed interest in participating and extend invitation to join the CCLC

A concern was expressed that local residents are not aware of the CCLC its mandate and activities. Jennifer Parker suggested that a newsletter could be developed, and sent out quarterly, describing the activities of the CCLC, the project, schedule, etc. as a means of informing residents. Further, the committee requests that a copy of all press releases pertaining to the Project be provided to CCLC members.

ACTION 8-5: Jennifer Parker to prepare a newsletter for distribution to the local residents notifying of the commencement of a significant construction activity, and ensure Irving press releases are sent to members.

Further discussion ensued concerning the mandate and terms of reference for the CCLC. Both Theresa Debly and Stu Armstrong requested copies of previous CCLC meeting minutes. Dave Peterson suggested we prepare a binder for the committee members to include minutes of our meetings, and other information relevant to the CCLC meetings.

ACTION 8-6: Fundy to prepare a "CCLC member binder" containing previous minutes, agendas and information pertaining to the LNG Project for distribution to CCLC members. A draft copy of CCLC Terms of Reference is included with these minutes.

Arising from previous meeting:

Shane Galbraith, Director of Operations (City of Saint John) was present to speak to member concerns related to Red Head Road traffic issues such as signage and snow plowing. Mr. Galbraith indicated that Red Head Road was a first priority in relation to winter plowing and sanding. Concerns that

the snow removal patterns have changed compared to previous years were presented. Mr. Galbraith indicated that there have been no changes to the routine of the plowing/sanding. At each occurrence (0-2" snow), a heavy sander unit is dispatched to Red Head Road/ Grandview Ave. At each occurrence (3"- 4" snow or greater) a plowing unit is dispatched to Red Head Road to Cape Spencer and return. Mr. Galbraith also indicated that in the event of an emergency, a standby plow/sand truck could be dispatched to the Red Head Road and adjacent roads to ensure ambulance/fire vehicle access.

ACTION 8-7: Fraser Forsythe to contact Shane Galbraith to identify plowing/sanding routine and routes for the Red Head Road, and provide this information to CCLC members.

Other safety concerns of residents such as insufficient signage and speeding were also presented to Mr Galbraith. Committee members Mike Stevens and Don Melanson agreed to contact Mr Galbraith to coordinate with City of Saint John staff to take them on a tour to identify what the residents view as specific deficiencies and safety concerns of the Red Head Road.

ACTION 8-8: Mike Stevens/Don Melanson undertake Red Head Road inspection with City Staff and report results to CCLC at next meeting.

New Business:

Rainer Malcharek presented an information document entitled "Pipeline Regulations" to the committee for discussion. A copy of this document is attached to these minutes for your reference. It is the concern of this member that the existing "Pipeline Act chpt P-81" and "Regulation 86-184" there under are inadequate for the construction, commissioning, and operation of the natural gas pipeline required from the LNG facility to the Irving Oil Refinery. Considerable discussion was forthcoming from this issue as the committee tried to develop an approach. It is recognized by members that although this is not directly an issue for the committee it is nonetheless linked to the project and of concern to residents who live nearby the pipeline route. As such it was the consensus of the committee that we seek additional clarification of the Pipeline Act and status of revisions and rewrite of the Act.

ACTION 8-9: Fundy to provide information and process that is used to obtain a "Permit to Construct" approval from Public Utilities Board (PUB) for a pipeline.

ACTION 8-10: Dave Peterson is to contact Calvin Duncan of Provincial Dept. of Energy to report status of the revised “Pipe Line Act” and to request Mr. Duncan attend a future CCLC meeting to brief committee members after the revised Act has been tabled in the Legislature and prior to legislative approval.

A number of additional points were raised by committee members during the discussion about the revision of the “Pipe Line Act” and are presented below in no specific order of priority. These points will be addressed during Calvin Duncan’s brief to the committee at a future meeting.

- What is the standard of minimum distance that a gas transmission pipeline can be located from a residence?
- What impact has the installation of a gas transmission line had on residential insurance rates in other Canadian jurisdictions?
- Who bears liability for damages resulting from a catastrophic failure of the gas line, and if the line is located immediately adjacent to the existing NB Power high voltage line will there be an increased risk that a fire may result?
- Is the proposed pipeline in the right of way of the existing oil line from Canaport to the Irving Oil Refinery?

The recent earthquake event in the St Lawrence River Valley prompted questions as to the seismic activity and condition of the LNG Project site. This issue was analyzed in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) section 4.1.1.1 “Localized Seismic Activity”. The analysis confirmed the 90% of earthquake events have occurred in the central highland, Moncton, and Passamaquoddy Bay areas some considerable distance from the site. Condition #18 of the EA approval requires that the proponent complete a site-specific seismic and risk analysis prior to completion of the final LNG storage tank design.

Further, in relation to seismic concerns, the committee expressed concern that blasting activities on the site could result in changes to ground water hydrology which might impact local wells, and at a minimum would generate noise disturbances.

ACTION 8-11: The committee requests that local residents be notified of start and stop times for any blasting on site.

The Committee raised a question of truck traffic on Red Head Road resulting from the clearing of vegetation from the site. Particularly, removal of salvaged wood resulting from the clearing. This increased truck traffic could pose an extra risk to pedestrians on the road and in particular school children waiting at bus stops that this truck traffic will pass.

ACTION 8-12: Fundy to request that the clearing contractor provide a hauling schedule for wood removal trucks prior to hauling material from the site and will be made available to the Committee.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting date is **Monday April 18, 2005** at the Church Hall of the Red Head United Church 6:00 – 7:30 PM.

Adjourned: 8:30 pm

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Attachments:

Table of Actions/Responsibilities
“Pipeline Regulations” document
Slide presentation
Draft of proposed CCLC Terms of Reference

Table of Action/Responsibilities

Action #	Action	Responsible Party	Due Date
8-1	The committee co-chairs are to review and approve meeting Agenda prior to distribution to committee members	Co-chairs	Mar 14
8-2	Fundy to provide copy of EA approval conditions to committee members	Fraser Forsythe	Next mtg
8-3	Roger Hunter to brief committee of the results of DFO, Irving, Fishermen's meeting, issues, resolutions, etc at our April meeting	Roger Hunter	Next mtg
8-4	Fundy to follow up with those individuals who have expressed interest in participating and extend invitation to join the CCLC	Fraser Forsythe	Mar 31st
8-5	Jennifer Parker to prepare a newsletter for distribution to the local residents notifying of the commencement of a significant construction activity, and ensure Irving press releases are sent to members.	Jennifer Parker	As required
8-6	Fundy to prepare a "CCLC member binder" containing previous minutes, agendas and information pertaining to the LNG Project for distribution to CCLC members. A draft copy of CCLC Terms of Reference is included with these minutes.	Fraser Forsythe	Next mtg
8-7	Contact Shane Galbraith to identify plowing/sanding routine and routes for the Red Head Road, and provide this information to CCLC members.	Fraser Forsythe	Next mtg
8-8	Undertake Red Head Road inspection with City Staff and report results to CCLC at next meeting.	Mike Stevens Don Melanson	Next mtg
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