

Canaport LNG Project

Canaport Community Environmental Liaison Committee (CCELC)

Minutes of Meeting CCELC # 22
Monday, June 12, 2006
As Approved

Red Head United Church
6:05 pm – 9:00pm

Committee Present:

- Armstrong, Stu Co-chair of CCELC, Resident
- Armstrong, Carol Resident
- Brown, Alice Resident
- Bruce, Patrick Member
- Court, Ivan City of Saint John Councilor
- Dalzell, Gordon SJ Citizens Coalition for Clean Air
- Debly, Teresa Resident
- Griffin, Dennis Resident
- Johnston, Jan Resident
- Long, Warren Co-chair of CCELC, Irving Oil
- MacKinnon, Claude ACAP Representative
- Malcharek, Rainer Bayside Power
- Perry, Yvonne Resident
- Rogers, Kathy Member
- Roy, Beth Resident
- Sherman, Peter Resident
- Smith, Elsie Resident
- Thompson, Jean Resident

Committee Absent:

- Barton, Dianna Enterprise Saint John
- Griffin, Glenn Resident
- Hunter, Roger Resident
- Lyttle, Dwain Resident
- Macaulay, David Resident
- Quinn, Kevin Bay Pilots & Marine Consultants
- Turner, Rick Saint John Board of Trade
- Thompson David Member

Resources:

- Caines, Crystal Fundy Engineering
- Forsythe, Fraser Canaport LNG

- McLaughlin, Gary Fundy Engineering
- Peterson, David Department of Environment NB
- Van der Veen, Carolyn Canaport LNG

Opening Remarks:

The meeting commenced at 6:05 pm with Warren Long welcoming the new committee members, and David Peterson from the New Brunswick Department of the Environment.

Review & Approval of minutes from May 8 meeting:

The minutes of meeting #21 were reviewed and a motion to accept the minutes was put forth by Dennis Griffin and seconded by Gordon Dalzell (Motion carried).

A point of clarification regarding April's minutes: It was noted that baseline tests on houses will be performed on those homes that fall within 500 m of blasting on the roadway, and not simply 500 m of the proposed roadway as stated in the last answer on page 4 of April's minutes.

Members Statement:

Gordon Dalzell pointed out the extensive coverage on the Canaport LNG Project in the Bangor Daily News. The coverage prompted three questions from Mr. Dalzell:

Q.1: What are the future developments planned by the company regarding spin off opportunities?

A.1: Warren answered that it depended on a lot of factors including infrastructure and the economics to raise a few. LNG is a clean reliable fuel source and there are opportunities, but nothing planned to date.

Q.2: Will there be any concerns in relation to ocean dumping during pier construction?

A.2: The new pier design that is currently under consideration has minimal dredging requirements. The change in dredging requirements resulted as an alternative method for the installation of pier support jackets will be employed.

Q.3: Will the LNG supply concerns impact CLNG?

A.3: Repsol YPF is responsible for the supply of LNG. Repsol YPF recently committed to the final investment decision that signals they are confident they can meet the LNG supply commitment they have made to the joint venture partnership.

Kathy Rogers wished to formally apologize to the committee and to Archibald Drilling and Blasting as she discovered after some research that there are no legal requirements for sounding audible warning signals prior to blasting for non-quarry operations.

Kathy Rogers also stated that she is receiving a lot of phone calls regarding employment opportunities in relation to the LNG Facility from concerned individuals in the area. Those concerned would like to know the number of persons hired (and whether they are local residents), and the details based on the contracts let to date.

Action 22-1: Canaport LNG to issue to the committee the EPC contractor's subcontractor procurement policy, and present an economic benefit model for the project.

Business Arising from Previous Meetings:

Report on the Action Items from April 2006

20-1 (Rental property / real estate request): This action has been added to the Table of Outstanding Action Items.

20-2 (Blasting procedures): A blasting presentation was given at the May 8 CCELC meeting.

20-3 David Peterson will replace Carolyn Walker as the Department of the Environment's compliance officer while Carolyn is on maternity leave.

20-4 CCELC Yearly Report was sent to the members for their review.

The yearly report was accepted at this meeting as revised (motion put forth by Gordon Dalzell, seconded by Kathy Rogers). Revisions issued for the report can be added directly into the report, or alternatively, the report can be dropped off to Fundy Engineering and the revised pages will be binded directly within the report.

20-5 (Tracking CLNG Website hits): This action has been added to the Table of Outstanding Action Items.

20-6 Potential names brought forth and accepted as new members to the committee include Peter Sherman, Carol Armstrong, Patrick Bruce and Alice Brown.

Report on the Action Items from May 2006

21-1 The names of the members will be stated in the minute on an ongoing basis.

21-2 Property owner contact information was provided to the contractors and notification will be given prior to blasting.

21-3 Jan Johnston provided the names of the elders who wished to be notified prior to blasting in their area. These names have been given to the contractor for notification.

21-4 Blast limits on the Mispic Road will be flagged when on private property. Currently, blasting is being performed on private property.

21-5 Proper protocols have been implemented regarding the audible warning signal prior to blasting. In addition, Archibald Drilling and Blasting reiterated the importance to all employees to ensure proper blasting protocols are implemented at all times.

New Business

NBDELG Monthly Status Report

David Peterson addressed the committee, providing his background and fielding questions regarding concerns over groundwater impacts and other Departmental issues.

Peter Sherman asked for a comprehensive groundwater baseline survey with full spectrum testing including biology, general chemistry, hydrocarbons and heavy metals (to provide a baseline of the water quality before the construction for Mispéc Road). David Peterson indicated that the province will cover the cost for biology tests for bacteria; however, would not cover the cost associated to the analyses of other parameters. This resulted in considerable discussion, and a motion was put to the floor by Teresa Debly, seconded by Peter Sherman, to establish a baseline for potable water quality along the Red Head Road for wells (every 500 m from the Canaport Entrance to the wireless tower). The test should include the parameters of bacteria, general chemistry, hydrocarbons and heavy metals.

Action 22-2: Warren Long to seek a professional opinion regarding the scope of the testing, and whether or not the motion put forth would capture an accurate baseline of the water quality within the area

The following are some of the questions that were raised to David Peterson:

Q.1: Ivan Court inquired about the flow of water as it relates to the development and city property.

A.1: David Peterson stated the province's position that storm surges and flooding are not included in the Department's mandate, and are a civil matter.

Q.2: Peter Sherman asked if any study of groundwater exists in the area of the proposed Mispéc Road.

A.2: The well field behind the Harbour view development is the area that has been studied the most. The new *Well Field Protections Act* allows municipalities to access funding over a 3-5 year mandate to study potential protected areas. It was stated that the city previously applied for this funding over a year ago.

Action 22-3: Ivan Court to check on the city's request for funding for the Harbour View Subdivision area for further water studies.

Q.3: Gordon Dalzell asked about the status of the EIA for the Canaport Facility Lands Development and whether the Department of the Environment was satisfied with the application and the responses made to the Technical Review Committee (TRC).

A.3: The TRC made a recommendation to the Minister a few weeks ago, and there has been no decision to date. The Minister has three options; 1) approve with conditions; 2) request more details; or, 3) reject the application.

Q.4: Gordon Dalzell inquired about the responses to and from the TRC in relation to the above noted EIA, and whether or not this correspondence was available to the public.

A.4: The information would be available under the *Right to Information Act*; however, there are costs associated with making copies of this information.

Q.5: Stu Armstrong asked if the mapping for the proposed Brunswick Pipeline route was available.

A.5: The pipeline route was displayed during the break and can be found in the EIA document for the pipeline routing. The document is available at the three Saint John Public Libraries (Main Branch, East and West); UNB Library; and the Community College Library. In addition, the National Energy Board Website includes all of the records regarding the environmental assessment.

Action 22-4: Canaport LNG to obtain copy of Emera's EIA document to display potentially at the local stores, or for a CCELC copy that can be loaned out to members.

Q.6: Teresa Debly inquired on the watercourse permits for the new Mispic Road.

A.6: The regulatory review agencies have completed their review for wetlands south of the Proud Rd and have issued a Wetland and Watercourse Alteration Permit (WAWA). To date, a Harmful Alteration Disruption and or Destruction has been issued for the watercourse crossings north of the Proud Road. A WAWA for the watercourse crossings north of the Proud Road is still pending.

Q.7: Gordon Dalzell asked about the impacts, in relation to total suspended solids (TSS), as a result of the runoff from the heavy rainfall events on the 3rd and 4th of June.

A.7: Fundy Engineering sampled both sites (LNG Facility and Mispic Road). The sediment controls measures stood up at both sites; however, some minor maintenance to the structures were required. Sample results have been received from the lab for the Canaport site, and there were no exceedences (37 mg/L was the highest and the allowable limit is 50 mg/L). Results are still pending for the Mispic Road.

Q.8: Gordon Dalzell asked what the normal practice would be regarding the sampling that is performed on site for TSS.

A.8: Testing is conducted weekly at a minimum, in particular, after rain events and work phases that involve site disturbances, such as clearing and grubbing.

Q.9: Will the wetlands affected by the construction of Mispic Road be compensated for?

A.9: Yes. Options are being explored to determine a project that will compensate for the loss of these wetlands. The compensation ratio depends on a variety of factors, including the functionality of the wetland area.

David Peterson commented on reportable incidence at the sites (LNG and Mispec Road) based on the conditions within the permits.

The following were reported incidents for the Mispec Road:

- On 8 June 2006, a stop work order was issued due to the fact sedimentation controls were not installed in a culvert location as indicated on the plans approved in the Environmental Protection Plan. Sedimentation controls were immediately installed, and the stop work order was rescinded.

The following were reported incidents for the LNG Facility:

- On the 1 and 2 of June, there was a TSS exceedence at the LNG Facility. The reason for the exceedence was due to the location and the nature of the work being performed (grubbing near the shore of the Bay). Immediately following the exceedence, additional sedimentation controls were installed.

If there are any concerns or questions relating to the LNG Project, the Brunswick Pipeline Project, or the Mispec Road, David Peterson can be contacted by calling the New Brunswick Department of the Environment in Saint John at 658-2558.

DFO Meeting Update:

Beth Roy provided a brief update on the status of the DFO and the Fisherman's meetings, and the minimal activity recently regarding their consultations.

A motion was put forth by Ivan Court and seconded by Gordon Dalzell that the committee recommend to the DFO, and other involved parties, to meet with the fisherman as soon as possible. The committee also wishes to be updated regarding the status of the DFO meetings.

Action 22-5: Request involved parties meet with the fishermen as soon as possible to discuss outstanding issues.

LNG Site Update:

Fraser Forsythe provided a project update for the LNG facility, and the associated site activities. The EPC contractor has awarded the civil work to Gulf Operators. There are approximately 75 persons on site installing various support services such as electrical, communications and waste management.

Ivan court asked if we could address water issues (blocked culvert) at the affected house at the Canaport site access. Work was being performed in that area, and may have cause a blockage in the culvert.

Action item 22-6: Canaport LNG to address the water issue (blocked culvert) as soon as possible

Peter Sherman raised the issue of vehicles speeding on the Red Head Road. Canaport LNG indicated that written directives have been issued to the EPC contractors and a request has been made to the city asking for the installation of additional signage on the road, and ditch clearing work to improve the safety along the road.

The community needs to make every effort to get truck numbers and license plate numbers so company action can be taken. Rainer Malcharek requested the Canaport LNG engage the police, and provide regular updates to the committee.

Action 22-7: Fraser will review the traffic and enforcement issues with the City of Saint John and Police Department

Action 22-8: Carolyn will look into the communications regarding traffic safety and local safety education, and will provide a safety update in the Canaport Connections newsletter.

Gordon Dalzell commented on the importance of the enforcement of the *Liquor Control Act* on Mispic Beach with the increased traffic.

Ivan Court inquired on the site hours of operation. There are no hours of operation for the LNG site, in exception to blasting, which is to be performed within the hours of 9am-5pm, Monday to Saturday. The Mispic Road project does not have any limits as to the times when they can perform blasting; however, their schedule for blasting in the contract is from 7am-7pm.

Mispic Road Update:

Crystal Caines provided the site update for the Mispic Road. Currently, the contractors are working south of the Proud Road. All trees along the right-of-way south of the Proud Road have been cut. Grubbing and blasting in this area is now underway, along with the installation of the culverts within the wetlands. The project is still awaiting WAWA permits for north of the Proud Road before they can begin work within the 30 m buffers of these watercourse crossings.

Expropriation:

Gary McLaughlin provided an update on the status of the expropriation process. The remaining lands in question have been expropriated by the expropriating authority, the City of Saint John, pursuant to the Expropriation Act of the Province of New Brunswick. The matter will go before Common Council to authorize payment and procession on 19 June 2006.

Other Issues:

It was recognized that there are a few presentation that have been tabled for future meetings. The committee confirmed that their preference for presentation sequence would be the Emera pipeline presentation, followed by the Air Quality Legislation in August, and the Health and Safety presentation in September.

The next meeting will be scheduled for Monday, 10 July 2006. Tentative meeting for August is Tuesday, August 8. Confirmation for August 8 will be given at the next CCELC meeting.

Adjourned: 9:05 pm

Submitted by:

Fundy Engineering

Attachments:

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Table of Outstanding Action Items (June)

Traffic Update – May 2006

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