



Meeting Notes

Community Liaison Committee (CLC) Touquoy/Beaver Dam	
Meeting Date:	October 14, 2023
Meeting Time:	9:00 am to 11:00 am
Meeting Location:	Touquoy Boardroom

Attendees

CLC Members and Represented Community	
Barry Prest (BP)	Rick Deale (RD)
<i>Gil Fahie - regrets</i>	
<i>Mitchell Glawson - regrets</i>	
<i>Gary Leslie - regrets</i>	

St Barbara – Atlantic Operations (SB) Representatives	
Jen Adshade (JA) – Manager of Permitting	Andrew Taylor (AT) – General Manager Atlantic
Jonathan Taylor (JT) – Superintendent Community Engagement	

Notes

- 1) Review and approval of previous meeting minutes. Although there were no edits suggested by CLC attendees at the meeting, there were not enough people for quorum, so the minutes will be mailed out to those not in attendance for their approval.
- 2) Reviewed action items and closed out completed actions, including providing the committee with the TMF plain language brochures.
- 3) Corporate Update provided by AT:
 - AT walked the CLC members through recent corporate updates (sale of Leonora, permit withdrawals, personnel downsizing). He mentioned that even though our team and business are smaller, we are still committed to our values.
 - AT stated that Touquoy will transition from Operating to closure. The mill equipment that will be moved to 15-Mile will enter Care and Maintenance.
- 4) Operational update provided by AT:
 - AT described what site security would look like. BP asked if two people would be enough, to which AT replied that additional fencing and gates will be added to tighten up the site.
 - The operational workforce was significantly reduced on September 22nd, with additional stages of layoffs to occur until November 18th.
 - BP asked if all the buildings would be moving to the 15-Mile Project. AT stated some buildings will not be able to be disassembled and relocated (i.e. the Admin building). BP inquired whether there will be an opportunity for salvaging of unwanted items, and



AT stated that the process had already begun (offering opportunities for employees past or present to purchase some of the surplus stock).

- AT stated the reclamation process has already begun, but the major work will not occur until the TMF is dry enough to begin construction. BP asked how the excess water is removed from the TMF. AT responded the vast majority of the water entering the system will stop once ore processing ceases.
- AT shared that SB has updated the reclamation costs from \$41M to \$80M, and the submission was made to DNRR and NSECC for review.
- BP asked what the waste rock piles would look like, and AT stated that the slopes would be reduced to 3:1. Final design wouldn't be complete until final construction amounts of waste rock are used.
- AT provided an environmental update, stating that there have not been any sediment releases since February, new monitoring wells and surface water locations have been added, and fish monitoring at Scraggy Lake and Moose River are ongoing.
- AT provided the CLC with updates on the wetland compensation, showing the potential locations for the offsetting. BP recommended providing this information to the public, as it is positive news

5) Permitting updates provided by JA:

- JA walked the CLC some of the major changes to the 15-mile project, including the "sequential mining" plan, which will result in the reduction of stockpiles, less of footprint, and repurposing of the mill at TQY to 15-Mile Project.
- The new EA is expected to be submitted by end of 2024.

6) Community update provided by JT:

- New CPA's (community partnership agreements) were signed recently, and there was a discussion on our volunteer work in the area.
- There were three (Middle Musquodoboit, Sheet Harbour and Sherbrooke, soon to be a fourth in Stellarton/Westville) community drop-in centers that are staffed.

7) New Business:

- The committee discussed the mining atmosphere in NS, and SB's confidence going forward in its next projects applications.
- The committee discussed the in-pit application for Touquoy that was withdrawn from the provincial permitting process. SB discussed the scientific studies that were completed in support of the application, and potential concerns with the in-pit disposal method. SB noted there is at least one location in Canada that has used the in-pit disposal method
- BP was wondering if an information session could be held at the Mooseland Community Hall in the next 6 months to provide the community an update on the next phases to come at Touquoy.



- JT mentioned to BP that the MACA (Mooseland and Area Community Association) Community Partnership Agreement (CPA) would be coming to its end in December and mentioned that we would need to discuss the future plans for this agreement.
 - BP and RD mentioned that CLC Member Gilbert Fahie will be phasing out of the CLC, therefore the search for another member continues.
 - RD noted that school breakfast clubs are having difficulty with funding
- 8) Next meeting (and all future meetings) will be held at the Enterpriser's Hall (Middle Musquodoboit Community Drop-in Centre), and the date is tentatively scheduled for January 13th 2024.