



Meeting Notes

Community Liaison Committee (CLC) Touquoy/Beaver Dam	
Meeting Date:	Saturday, October 19, 2024
Meeting Time:	9:00 am to 11:00 am
Meeting Location:	Mooseland Community Centre, Mooseland

Attendees

Touquoy - CLC Members	
Barry Prest (BP)	Richard Deale (RD)
Mitchell Glawson (MG)	Stephen Paugh (SP)
Gary Leslie (GL)	

St Barbara – Atlantic Operations (SB) Representatives	
Andrew Taylor – Vice President Atlantic Operations (AT) (Regrets)	Jen Adshade – Permitting Manager (JA)
Jonathan Taylor – Superintendent Community Engagement (JT)	Eleanor Chisholm – Community Relations Officer (EC)

Discussion

- 1) St Barbara Atlantic Operations - Welcome, Introductions and Land Acknowledgment
 - Meeting commence 9:03
 - JA welcomed the members to the meeting & land acknowledgement
 - EC introduced herself to the members
- 2) CLC Chair - Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes from June 2024
 - BP/MG asked SB about barricaded look-off platform. JT clarified that they will likely need to be removed but were put in place due to safety concerns. **Action Item:** SB to follow up on this.
 - The CLC reviewed and approved the previous meeting minutes.
- 3) Review of Outstanding Action Items
 - Scraggy Lake Dam – SB discussed the letters sent to Nova Scotia Environment and Climate Change (NSECC) related to the condition of the Scraggy Lake Dam. SB is willing to support the CLC if needed. The CLC does not believe this is the right time to move forward. SB agreed this is a reasonable approach. This Action Item is now closed.
 - SB Support to Oyster Pond Academy – JT told the CLC that he spoke with the secretary at OPA and left a message with principle to discuss potential support. JT is waiting to hear back from the principle.
 - Follow up on TMF dust concerns – MG noticed dusty conditions on December 9th, 2023 near the Touquoy Mine. SB noted that the site team completed an inspection following this report



and did not observe any dusting. JA explained that SB has received approval to place the trafficability layer over the TMF and studies are ongoing. SB to provide update next meeting.

- Provide plan for excess materials (desks, printers, windows etc.) – SB provided the CLC with an update on excess materials. The core facility will be used as a staging area for the excess materials. The list of the items is still in progress. A schedule will be developed for community members to come and view available items. BP asked if the core facility will remain in its location. SB confirmed that it will be removed eventually but will stay there for the time being.

4) Corporate Update, Community and Reclamation Update Provided by St Barbara Atlantic Operations

- SB provided a corporate update, including discussion of the current appeal to the Nova Scotia Supreme Court for the Touquoy (TQ) Industrial Approval and the Minister of Environment's incorrect statements regarding reclamation progress. BP asked if there was explanation provided to SB as to why NSECC declined the appeal. SB explained that there was some explanation on some of the conditions, but not all. MG asked if reclamation will still proceed while we wait for the court proceedings. SB confirmed that reclamation and monitoring efforts will continue to proceed. MG asked if the appeal stems from changes to conditions in the new IA, and if the province has added additional, stricter timelines. MG expressed that when hearing the coverage in the media, it is made to seem that because reclamation is going to cost more, SB was appealing the additional cost. However, it is the change in some of the conditions that are being appealed.
- SB provided an update on the status of the 15-Mile project and explained that although SB is still committed to the project, the decision was made to pause the 15-Mile permit application due to a lack of confidence in the regulator. SB confirmed that studies are still ongoing at 15-Mile, and SB is focusing on community engagement. SB updated the CLC on the recent staffing reduction, with only 36-37 SB staff remaining. The CLC asked if SB is waiting for the province to figure things out, and if SB will look at permitting 15-Mile again once there is more clarity. SB confirmed that is correct. BP asked if SB would need to get through the court proceedings to better understand where the government stands. SB confirmed that is correct.
- SB updated the CLC on the new community offices and the increased office hours in the community offices. SB updated the CLC on the closure of the Sherbrooke community office and the opening of the new community office in Guysborough. BP asked if the Guysborough office will be similar to Sheet Harbour office. SB confirmed that the Guysborough office will have fewer hours than the other community offices, and that the Sheet Harbour office will now be open 3 days a week. BP asked if there are many visitors to the community offices. SB explained that the goal of extending the community office hours is to increase visitor numbers. BP expressed that he thinks these efforts SB is making are great, and important for people to know about offices and everything SB is participating in.
- SB advised the CLC of SB's recent media releases, which can be found on the SB website (<https://stbarbaragold.ca/news/>). SB discussed the media releases with the CLC. BP asked for the total reclamation bond amount. SB confirmed it is 80 million dollars. GL asked how long the high school competition will last; SB confirmed until the end of December. BP asked if the competition package was sent to the high schools in Middle Musquodoboit and Sheet Harbour. SB confirmed that they were sent to those schools, and that Marine Drive Academy is coming to the TQ site for a tour on October 29th.



- SB updated the CLC on SB's engagement activities and support within the various communities.
- SB updated the CLC on two community interactions that recently occurred within the community. SB and the CLC discussed the two interactions. BP told SB the CLC that the southern radar speed sign on the Mooseland Road was not working as well as radar speed sign on the north side on the Mooseland Road. BP explained that it was SB that organized the installation and set up of the radar speed signs. SB to look into the ownership and management of the radar speed signs (**Action Item**).
- SB provided an update on Touquoy reclamation, including before and after photos. SB explained to the CLC some of the on-going reclamation works, with \$7 million spent this past summer. MG asked about the vegetation study SB was conducting and asked about the seed mix used during the hydro seeding. SB explained that the vegetation study is for re-sloping. SB will follow up on what was used in the seed mix during the hydro seeding. SB will follow up on the status of the vegetation study as well. MG asked what the purpose of the spillway is and why it is being constructed at this time. SB explained that during closure, the spillway will act as a passive water management system. MG asked about the benching in the open pit at closure and when this would be completed. BP asked if closed loop hydro studies are still ongoing. SB confirmed that studies are still ongoing but should be done by the end of the year.

5) New Business

- SB shared with the CLC that the MACA CPA was extended. JT will talk to Jacob about timing of payment. BP thinks June or July payment is ideal.
- SB and the CLC discuss the CLC member's Christmas donations. The CLC agreed that the food bank is a good option for the donations. JT to confirm CLC members donation via email.
- JT asked the CLC if there are any upcoming events in the community. BP told SB and the CLC that the tree lighting is coming up. JT will email BP to follow up on the tree lighting event. SP told SB and the CLC that there is a new event 'Christmas at the Exhibition' that will be held Middle Musquodoboit this year. JT will follow up with Sheila Fisher for further details. SP told the group that there is normally a Santa Claus Parade put on by the Lion's Club.

6) Next Meeting

- January 18th, 2024 (**Tentative**): Mooseland Community Centre 9:00 -11:00 am. BP to confirm if this will work for him.

7) Adjourn

- Meeting adjourned 11:10 am