



# Atlantic Gold

## Community Liaison Committee (CLC) Meeting Notes - Cochrane Hill

**Meeting date:** 2019-04-29

### **Committee Members**

#### **CLC Members**

Margaret Harpell  
Linda Archibald  
Neil Black  
Meghan Myers  
Brad Burns  
Keith Gallant

#### **Regrets**

#### **Absent**

Rocky McKeen

#### **Atlantic Gold Corporation (AGC) Representatives**

Dustin O'Leary  
Madeline Hill  
James (Jim) Millard (via Skype)  
Chrystal Fuller (Brighter Community Planning & Consulting) – Acting Chair

### **Meeting Notes**

1. Approval of previous meeting notes  
Moved by L. Archibald and seconded by B. Burns. **Approved**
2. Business Arising from the previous minutes
  - Touquoy Tour in November 2018 was well received. Keith Gallant to be contacted about attending the next scheduled tour May 17, 2019.
  - Chris Snell, Kaytland Smith and Marlis Lade have stepped off the committee.
  - Keith Gallant is a new member of the committee.



### 3. New Business

Sherbrooke Office is now open and has regular office hours three days a week. Madeline Hill is the community coordinator and is available to respond to questions or concerns. She will be organizing a series of community outreach events, such as 'Lunch and Learn' sessions which will provide general and technical information on specific mining related topics. The CLC was asked to provide suggestions on possible lunch and learn topics.

Suggested topics for lunch and learns: tailing processing and tailing facility management.

Atlantic Gold is considering holding BBQ fundraisers to welcome the community into its office. The CLC was asked for suggestions on what recipient groups or organizations would be ideal to receive these donations. Some concerns were expressed regarding the BBQ fundraiser idea and this idea may be reconsidered.

### 4. Project Updates

a.) James Millard explained that work is progressing well on the environmental impact assessment (EIS) in the areas of air (dust), noise, light, socio-economic and terrestrial environment (wetlands, species at risk, wildlife, plants). The results for these sections will be ready for presentation to the public on June 11.

- The intention will be to contact local landowners in the last week of May near the project area first before the session to present this information to them in advance of the June meeting.
- Melanie MacDonald and Meghan Milloy from McCallum Environmental Ltd (MEL) were introduced to the committee. MEL is the company hired to project manage the EIS. They are currently compiling data for the EIS and working on technical reports of the bio-physical aspects of the project.

b.) Dustin provided an update on the communications. A brochure was mailed out to the residents last month updating the community about what AGC is currently doing in preparation for the proposed project. Atlantic Gold is also using the Guysborough Journal to advertise for events.

5.) Community Updates – Update and information from the CLC members.

- Suggested that AGC to reach out to the community of Melrose with an additional information session in June.
- AGC was requested to provide an update to the Emergency First Response of St. Mary's district. Madeline will set this meeting up.



- Meghan Myers updated the committee on her upcoming maternity leave which will mean she will step off the committee for the time being. A new representative will be appointed by the SMRA
- The committee agreed it would be beneficial to have a model of the proposed pit and/or tailings facility in the office to physically show residents of what to expect the project to look like.
- The parking lot across the road from the Cloverleaf Farm market store is to be given to the Sherbrooke Village Restoration Society. The Village plans on improving this property and it is recommended that Atlantic Gold make contact with the Village to understand its plans.

6.) AGC project updates: Jim updated the committee that:

- there is geotechnical drilling happening in Cochrane Hill to assess the ground conditions and is expected to occur for another month.
- there may be some clearing of trees in the Cochrane Hill area but only cutting narrow trails for the drilling rigs to for access purposes, and that this work is conducted with the approval permits.
- revised Beaver Dam environmental assessment was submitted to CEAA
- An open house was held March 14<sup>th</sup> regarding the FMS project. It was well attended.

**Date and location of next meeting - July 8, 2019. 10-30-1.30 at the Sherbrooke Office**

Notes prepared by: Madeline Hill

Notes review by: Chrystal Fuller

### **Actions and Decisions Summary**

Action/Decision	Owner	Details
<b>AGC will look at creating a list of potential contractors for the Cochrane Hill Mine.</b>	Chrystal	Carried forward from the last meeting
<b>Keith Gallant to be added to the next community tour group</b>	Madeline	
<b>Promote upcoming Lunch and Learn tours</b>	Madeline	
<b>Coordinate a time a date to present on Emergency First Response to the Fire Departments of St Mary's District</b>	Madeline	
<b>An additional information session to be held in Melrose at the Oldsters club for the residents in Melrose and surrounding area.</b>	Madeline	