# Canaport LNG Project Canaport Community Environmental Liaison Committee (CCELC)

Minutes of Meeting CCELC # 16 Monday December 12, 2005 (As amended and approved)

Courtenay Bay Inn Saint John, N.B. Supper 6:15pm -7:20pm Presentation 7:20pm - 9:20pm

#### **Committee Present:**

• Armstrong, Stu Resident

Barton, Dianna
 Enterprise Saint John

Court, Ivan
 City of Saint John Councilor

Dalzell, Gordon
 SJ Citizens Coalition for Clean Air

Griffin, Dennis
 Co-chair of CCELC, resident

Griffin, Glenn Resident Johnson, Jan Resident

• Long, Warren Co-chair of CCELC, Irving Oil

MacKinnon, Claude ACAP Representative

Malcharek, Rainer Bayside Power

Melanson Don
Perry, Yvonne
Rogers, Kathy
Roy, Beth
Smith, Elsie
Thompson, Jean
Resident
Resident
Resident
Resident

Turner, Rick
 Saint John Board of Trade

#### Committee Absent:

Daigle Dawn
Debly, Teresa
Hunter, Roger
Lyttle, Dwain
Macaulay, David
Resident
Resident
Resident
Resident

Quinn, Kevin
 Bay Pilots & Marine Consultants

Thompson David Member

#### Resources:

Caines, Crystal
 Crowther, Leanne
 Forsythe, Fraser
 Fundy Engineering
 Fundy Engineering

Higgins, Tom
 Crandall Engineering Ltd

Parker, Jennifer Irving Oil Limited

Walker, Carolyn
 NBDELG

#### Observers:

Two observers were in attendance throughout the meeting.

#### Opening Remarks:

The meeting commenced with the Christmas dinner at approximately 6:15 pm with Warren Long opening the meeting, welcoming all returning members and resource attendees.

#### Introductions/Attendance:

Tom Higgins of Crandall Engineering Ltd was introduced and welcomed as a resource to the meeting to answer questions related to the proposed Red Head Secondary Access Road.

#### **Review of Agenda:**

The meeting agenda as circulated was reviewed and accepted.

## Review & Approval of minutes of November 14<sup>th</sup> meeting:

The minutes of the meeting of November 14, 2005 (meeting #15) were reviewed and approved as amended (moved Cathy Rogers, seconded by Claude MacKinnon) with the following revisions;

Page 7; changed January's meeting date from 2005 to 2006

#### **NBDELG Monthly Status Reports:**

Carolyn Walker, compliance officer with NBDELG, provided an environmental status report update for November – December 2005.

The following statement within the report caused some confusion:

"Traffic is being monitored and reports are being submitted on a regular basis. To date 68% of the weekly vehicle total to and from the site, along the Red Head Road, has been found to be associated with the LNG site".

The traffic reports should be interpreted as 68% of the vehicles entering and exiting the <u>Canaport</u> site are related to LNG. The data presented within the traffic reports will be revised to compare the total amount of traffic related to the LNG Project traveling on the Red Head Road to the average traffic totals presented in the original Environmental Impact Statement document.

# ACTION 16-1: Fundy to revise the traffic reports as well as compare the traffic totals with the average traffic totals

The committee voiced their concerns on the traffic traveling the road, including the following;

- -heavy trucks traveling the road during school bus hours
- -the large number of trucks recorded by a resident on a couple of occasions
- -speeding
- -tonnage carried by the larger vehicles
- -rocks in the tires of the bigger trucks potentially flying out of the tire

Gordon Dalzell inquired about the process to make public inquiries as he was concerned with the lack of public inquiries reported as related to the two EIA's presently under review. This comment (lack of public inquiries) also pertained to the NBDELG Environmental Compliance report as well. Citizens can call the New Brunswick Department of Environment and Local Government (NBDELG), and Gordon was concerned that this may not be common knowledge. Gordon suggested the NBDELG post an advertisement in the paper encouraging citizens to contact them (NBDELG) if they have any concerns relating to this Project. Another member pointed out that the CCELC is designed to bring the concerns of the citizens to the committee to be addressed, and this process seems to be working as residents have been recording truck traffic and reporting it to CCELC members.

ACTION 16-2: Carolyn Walker to inquire of the NBDELG about posting an advertisement encouraging feedback and concerns from citizens on the LNG Project

#### **Presentations:**

## Red Head Secondary Access Road: Environmental Impact Assessment

As part of the public involvement process, the Red Head Secondary Access Road: Environmental Impact Assessment was presented to the committee to provide information and allow their input on the Project. The presentation included the project description, location of the roadway, impacts to the wetlands and other ecological features, mitigation proposed, compensation plan and the public involvement process. A copy of the presentation will be provided within these minutes.

The following questions/concerns resulted from the presentation;

**Q:** What will the specifications for the design of the road?

A: The road will be built to RCU 80 design standard and will be a minimum width of 25 meters, and a maximum width of 100 meters depending on the fill

and slope requirements. The road will be constructed to be as level as possible, by using material in a balanced cut and fill method as much as practicable. The road will be designed for 70 km/h speeds, but will have a speed limit of 60 km/h. The road will be constructed with an asphalt surface with a 3.7 meter lane width, 1.5 meter shoulder width and appropriate ditches.

**Q**: Will the road be a controlled access highway?

A: The City of Saint John intention was to control the amount of driveways connected to the road. It is uncertain at this point how the access to the road will be dealt with.

One member suggested the possibility of running the pipeline parallel to the secondary access road to minimize the impact to the wetlands.

Gordon Dalzell suggested the committee could ask that the above possibility be studied as part of the public involvement process for the M&NP EIA.

#### ACTION 16-3: Provide an update on the status of the M&NP pipeline route

A member posed the question if there was anything we could do as a committee to encourage the government to accept a wetland compensation proposal for the Mispec Recreation Center. Normally, the NBDELG prefers to compensate based on a like-for-like habitat scenario; however, they will consider other proposals on a case-by-case basis. Another member suggested they, or the committee, could write their concerns in regards to the compensation proposal as part of the public involvement process for the Red Head Secondary Access Road EIA or the Canaport Facility Lands Development EIA.

Carolyn Walker briefed the committee again on the public involvement process, identifying that the public has 25 days to submit their concerns to the Proponent. Comments and/or questions should be submitted to Irving Oil Limited at the address below by **January 6**, **2006**.

Irving Oil Limited c/o Fundy Engineering 27 Wellington Row Saint John, N.B. or tim.ryan@fundyeng.com

A member suggested placing the EIA documents in more convenient locations for easier access.

ACTION 16-4: Place copies of the EIA documents in the two stores located on the Red Head to allow for easier access for viewing.

Additionally, anyone who wishes to receive a CD copy of the above mentioned EIA can contact Fraser Forsythe at 635-1566. Copies are also available for

viewing at the public library, at the NBDELG office in Saint John and Fredericton and also at the Fundy Engineering office on 27 Wellington Row.

Q: Will noise, dust & blasting be identified concerns during this project?

**A**: Yes, these issues will be mitigated may become conditions of the Approval to Construct authorization to be issued by the Department of Environment.

**Q**: If the Technical Review Committee (TRC) identifies concerns or questions that were not identified in the Environmental Impact Assessment report, will the 25 day public comment period commence again?

**A**: Typically the 25 day formal public comment period would not commence again. All questions and concerns identified will be addressed to the satisfaction of the TRC.

#### **Canaport Facility Lands Development: Environmental Impact Assessment**

As part of the public involvement process, the Canaport Facility Lands
Development EIA was presented to the committee to gain their input on the
Project. The presentation included the project description, siting of the project,
impacts to the wetlands and other ecological features, mitigation proposed,
compensation plan and the public involvement process. A copy of the
presentation will be provided within these minutes.

The following questions/concerns were noted as a result of the above mentioned presentation;

**Q:** Are there any limits on the height of the spoil pile? Will there be any dressing on the spoil pile?

**A:** There is no set limit to the height of the spoil pile, however, it is not expected to exceed the height of the existing tree line. Once construction activities are finished the spoil pile, will be stabilized through revegetation.

Several copies of the EIA documents (electronic and hard copy) for the above mentioned Projects were distributed to members. Anyone who wishes to receive a copy of the above mentioned EIAs can contact Fraser Forsythe at 635-1566. Copies are also available for viewing at the public library, at the NBDELG office in Saint John and in Fredericton and also at the Fundy Engineering office on 27 Wellington Row.

Questions/comments relating to this EIA can be submitted to the Canaport LNG Limited Partnership at the address below by **January 6, 2006.** 

Canaport LNG Limited Partnership c/o Fundy Engineering 27 Wellington Row Saint John, N.B.

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The next meeting date is scheduled for **Monday January 9, 2006** at the Church Hall of the Red Head United Church 6:00 – 9:00 pm.

The subsequent meeting is scheduled for **Monday February 13, 2006** at the Church Hall of the Red Head United Church 6:00 – 9:00 pm.

Adjourned: 9:20 pm

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#### Attachments:

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## **Table of Actions/Responsibilities - November**

Action #	Action	Responsible Party	Due Date
15-1	Where are the explosives used on-site stored?	Fundy Engineering	December 12
15-2	Discuss public concerns on the construction of the secondary access road as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment process	CCELC	December 12
15-3	Obtain MN&P registration document for review of the proposed routing for the pipeline originating from Canaport	Fundy Engineering	January 9, 2006
15-4	Dianna to brief CCELC on the activities associated with approximately \$3 B of projects expected over the next 7 years by in Southern NB.	Dianna Barton	January 9, 2006
15-5	Expand on the list of benefits the LNG project will have on the residents and the City of Saint John	Canaport LNG/Fundy Eng	January 9, 2006
15-6	Fundy to issue instructions on how to download the free software adobe that will support PDF format	Fundy Engineering	December 12
15-7	Beth Roy to bring Mispec Community Access proposal to Fraser Forsythe to submit the plan to NBDELG	Beth Roy/Fraser Forsythe	TBD
15-8	Carolyn Walker to contact Health and Safety to see if they can have a representative come and explain the process involved in safety audits	Carolyn Walker	January 9, 2006
15-9	Follow up with City of Saint John (Eric Griffin) regarding Council Item #64 for work planned on Red Head Road	Fundy Engineering	January 9, 2006
15-10	Rainer to calculate the amount of natural gas that might be released from high pressure gas transmission line should a catastrophic break occurs.	Rainer Malcharek	January 9, 2006

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16-3	Provide an update on the status of the pipeline route	Canaport LNG/Fundy Eng	January 9, 2006
16-4	Place copies of the EIA documents in the two stores in the vicinity of Red Head to allow for easier access for viewing	Fundy Eng	December 16, 2006