

FRENCH RIVER SOURCE WATER PROTECTION COMMITTEE

A meeting of the French River Source Water Protection Committee was held at the Warwick Mountain Recreation Centre on October 23, 2019 at 10:00 am.

- Present:** Councillor Mike Gregory, Chair
Mayor Christine Blair (arrived at 10:19)
Deputy Mayor Geoff Stewart
Greg Watson, Citizen Rep
Doug Bastow, North Shore River Restoration Group
Kim Baldwin, Citizen Rep
Crawford Macpherson, Director of Community Development
Michelle Newell, Director of Public Works
- Regrets:** Perry Swan, Village Commission Rep
Michael Allen, Nova Scotia Environment (Watershed Planner)
- Approval of Agenda:** The meeting was called to order at 10:08 am.
The agenda was approved. Moved by Geoff Stewart, Seconded by Doug Bastow.
All in favour.
- Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the meeting of September 18, 2019 were approved, with a small change to clarify that the original meeting date of October 21, 2019 was moved to October 23, 2019, on account of the Federal Election. Moved by Doug Bastow, seconded by Kim Baldwin. All in favour.
- Business Arising:** None
- Letter to Energy and Mines:** As directed by the Committee at their last meeting, the Mayor forwarded a letter to the Minister of Energy and Mines on October 8th, requesting a response to her earlier letter of May 3, 2019. Copies of both letters were attached to the package for information. No response received to date.
Committee to discuss status of response at next meeting.
- Review of Draft Regulations:** Crawford reviewed the updated draft regulations with the Committee. Changes were made further to the direction given by the Committee at their last meeting. Definitions remained the same, and the watercourse definition matches the current definition included in the Province's environment act. Within the regulations however, the requirements for setback reference the French River and its tributaries, to reflect the Committee's intent. The previous Section 4 'Restricted Activities' was removed, while the prohibition of landfills was kept in the document. The section relating to on-site septic systems was removed, as was the section on forestry, since both items are covered under provincial regulations. The section on agriculture was partially maintained, with the previous reference to Agricultural Best Management Practices removed. Pest control references were removed. Erosion and Sediment control was kept in the document, with the

addition of required vegetative buffers. The section on pits and quarries remained unchanged, as did the section prohibiting mining.

Public Meeting:

The Committee agreed that another public meeting should be held to present the latest version of the draft regulations. The meeting is to be held on November 20th at 6:00pm at the Warwick Mountain Recreation Centre. Notice of the meeting will be posted on the County and Village social media sites, as well as the County website, and will be forwarded to 'The Light' as well. Posters will be placed at the library, Post Office, Foodland and Ford dealership.

The draft regulations are to be posted on the County website prior to the meeting.

Following the public meeting, the proposed regulations can be presented to Council.

Next Meeting:

Next Committee meeting will be held on November 27 at 10am at the Tatamagouche Library.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.

Moved by: Greg Watson

Michelle Newell