

DEBERT SOURCE WATER PROTECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Debert Source Water Protection Advisory Committee was held at the Debert Administration Building, 439 MacElmon Road, on November 24, 2017 at 10:00 am.

- Present:** Mayor Christine Blair, Chair
Councillor Robert Pash
Steve Emery, Home Hardware
Michelle Newell, Director of Public Works
Crawford Macpherson, Director of Community Development
Michael Allen, Nova Scotia Environment
- Regrets:** James Freill, Home Hardware
Don Geldart, Citizen Rep
- Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved by the Committee, moved by Steve Emery seconded by Robert Pash.
- Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from July 7, 2017, were approved by the Committee, moved by Councillor Pash, seconded by Steve Emery.
- Terms of Reference:** Michelle Newell provided an overview of the Committee's Terms and Reference and mandate.
- Watershed Uses:** The Committee discussed any changes or events which have occurred within the watershed areas since July 2017. Councillor Pash noted a concern of cars being taken to well house and airport areas, destroyed and left there. The possibility of gates was discussed.
- Illegal Dumping:** The Committee discussed the illegal dumping behind Canso Crescent along the trails. Michelle Newell to discuss with the County's Solid Waste Enforcement Officer. Possible use of gates to be reviewed.
- Fuel Storage Within Watershed** Michelle Newell provided an update regarding the annual review or visual inspection of the fuel storage tanks located within the water shed. While NS Environment does not conduct visual inspections of all fuel tanks they do require commercial tanks to be registered, inspected annually and have inventory control measures in place.
- Source Water Protection Monitoring Program:** The Committee reviewed the existing source water monitoring plan and had no concerns or revisions.
- Emergency Response Plan:** The Committee discussed the current procedures for potential emergencies. Discussion was held on what should be included in the emergency response plan including changing "Drought Plan" to "Water Shortage Contingency Plan." Discussions have been held with EMO and it was suggested to talk to County Staff

for additional suggestions. Michelle to provide update at next meeting.

New Business

Discussion was held regarding what EnviroSystems (formerly Atlantic Industrial Services) is doing for site remediation and odour control. Michael Allen will review status of cleanup, terms of operating permit and timelines and provide an update to Michelle.

The Community Liaison Committee determined that a product being used at the EnviroSystems site was causing the odours and will not be used going forward. Councillor Pash will attend the next meeting and put forth this Committee's concerns and will provide an update at the next meeting.

Next Meeting:

The Committee agreed to meet again on Friday, May 11th at 10 am.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 10:55 am.

Penny Puddester
Recording Secretary