

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 October 19, 2018 at 11:00 am.

- Present:** Councillor Robert Pash, Chair
Deputy Mayor Bill Masters
Don Geldart, Citizen Rep
James Freill, Home Hardware
Michelle Newell, Director of Public Works
Crawford Macpherson, Director of Community Development
Michael Allen, Nova Scotia Environment
Jonathan Whitlock, Envirosystems
- Regrets:** Charlotte Sullivan, Nova Scotia Environment
Mayor Christine Blair
Steve Emery, Home Hardware
Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq
- Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved, Moved by D. Geldart, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Masters.
- Approval of Minutes:** The Minutes from May 18, 2018 were approved, Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters, Seconded by Don Geldart.
- Business Arising:** Staff is undertaking a review of the current Source Water Protection Plan – work is ongoing.
- Watershed Uses Review Risks:** The Committee reviewed current activities within the watershed area. Kohltech is undergoing an expansion with the addition of a new 37,000 square foot structure. They are moving and doubling their glass cutting facility. They will be connecting to the existing water distribution system. Also, the water tower on MacElmon Road will be demolished this winter. No other changes were noted in the Well 1C catchment area. No changes were noted in the well 2A catchment area.
- Deputy Mayor Masters suggested it would be beneficial to install instrumentation for monitoring well water levels. Mike Allen noted that triplicate monitoring wells are normally required to get accurate level readings. Staff to review.
- Source Water Protection Monitoring Program:** Monitoring completed, no major incidents to report.
- Committee Membership:** Michelle contacted Don Julien, Executive Director, CMM to ask if they could send a representative to sit on the Committee. No response received to date, will continue to copy Mr. Julien on meeting materials for information.

Public Education Initiatives:

Updated information pamphlet on Source Water Protection circulated with Debert water bills on October 4th. Item also included in Fall newsletter. No other public education initiatives identified. Committee to revisit in the spring.

Envirosystems:

Company has recently been acquired by Terrapure but is still operating as Envirosystems. There will be a period of transition. An open house was held in Debert last May to discuss the odour issues and to update the community on the company's efforts to resolve the issue. A few weeks after the meeting, clean up work on Lagoon L4 was complete. Over the summer, Envirosystems received some isolated odour complaints associated with specific operational events. Overall, operations are in fairly good working order, and the new owners are focussed on investing and upgrading the facility to realize its full potential. Envirosystems are required to carry out an ongoing air quality monitoring program and are sampling weekly. Their operating approval from NSE is being renewed this year and will include ongoing air quality monitoring.

Envirosystems agreed to attend future Source Water Protection meetings and will advise if any groundwater quality issues arise on their site. To date, all groundwater samples have been normal.

New Business:

No new business was identified.

Next Meeting:

The Committee agreed to meet again in the Spring, on May 10th at 11am.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 11:43 am. Moved by Deputy Mayor Masters.



Michelle Newell
Recording Secretary