

Minutes of a Town of Pictou Source Water Protection Committee meeting convened 6:00 pm in Council Chambers on the above date. Councillor Malcolm Houser presiding.

PRESENT: Deputy Warden Wayne Murray
Councillor Eric Daley
Councillor Darla MacKeil
County CAO Brian Cullen
Caribou Resident Janice Porter

REGRETS: Town CAO Dan Troke
County Engineer Ebon MacMillan
Pictou Utility Manager Kyle Slaunwhite/Minute Recorder

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Houser called the meeting to order.

2. PREVIOUS MINUTES

The previous minutes were reviewed.

3. OLD BUSINESS

a. Public Consultation – New Well - Update

It was reported that the new well #17 is awaiting environmental approval and that when this is received, two existing wells will be taken out of service.

Additionally, Well #8, Well #10, Well #11 have been taken out of service and application has been made to remove those sites from our Approval to Withdrawal. These sites are on the Fraser Property and will be replaced with one well named Well #17. As mentioned at a previous meeting, a hydrogeologist was engaged to develop a plan around the risks to nearby homes and submit a recommendation report to Nova Scotia Environment. This report has been submitted. As a safety precaution, this site will be equipped with Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) control and level monitoring for a one-year period to re-assess pumping rate and drawdown to ensure initial 48-hour tests remain indicative of real scenarios.

b. Water Treatment Plant Update

The plant is in full service and operating well, with a tremendous improvement in the quality of water. Unfortunately, there have been numerous waterline breaks over the winter and the Town went through an extended period of having below desirable water level in the standpipe. All chemicals have been removed from the wellfield.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Northern Pulp Application

The letters sent by the Town to Northern Pulp and the Minister of the Environment had been previously distributed. The Town's response to Northern Pulp's application and the Minister's response to their application were discussed.

Based on the Minister's response that the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal will not allow a pipe to be placed On the shoulder of Highway #106 (among other things) no one knows how this will unfold over the next number of months.

b. **Annual Water Report**

The Annual Water Report has also been submitted to Nova Scotia Environment. In the past the committee was interested in results of wells located in the Caribou Wellfield. This year's report had one exceedance of arsenic at Well #12 – located near Rollie MacDonald's quarry. Upon resampling, levels were found to be below the Health Canada guidelines. The new treatment plant will also ensure that arsenic is removed from the water.

5. NEXT MEETING DATE

October 9, 2019 at 6:00pm

6. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED: E Daley
SECONDED: DW Murray

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MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 6:30 pm.
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

Malcolm Houser
Councillor

Dan Troke
CAO