

Minutes of a Town of Pictou Source Water Protection Committee meeting convened 6:00 pm via Zoom on the above date. Deputy Mayor Malcolm Houser presiding.

PRESENT: Councillor Eric Daley
Councillor Darla MacKeil
Pictou Resident Lorna MacIsaac
Town CAO Dan Troke
Pictou Utility Manager/Minute Reorder Kyle Slaunwhite

REGRETS: Deputy Warden Wayne Murray
Caribou Resident Janice Porter
County CAO Brian Cullen
County Engineer Ebon MacMillan

1. CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Houser called the meeting to order.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED: D MacKeil
SECONDED: E Daley

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MOTION: To approve the agenda as circulated.
MOTION CARRIED

3. PREVIOUS MINUTES

The previous minutes of April 10, 2019 were reviewed.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Well Decommissioning (Public Works, M&M, #10 and Smith Grant)

These sites were decommissioned in Summer 2020 as part of the Town's approval to operate with Nova Scotia Environment. These wells had all equipment removed from the well and bentonite was used to seal the holes to ensure no contaminants enter the water supply. The process was reviewed and approved by Nova Scotia Environment.

- Q on whether the building structures are secure – they are and will be demolished at a future date.

b. New Proposed Well Site

A map of the proposed new well site was circulated. This map included all private well residents (seven in total) that have a well within the 650-meter buffer, per conditions of drilling a new well within the Source Water Protection Plan. This well will be drilled the week of October 19, 2020.

Residents will be contacted prior to well pump testing. This notice will request whether residents would like to have their private well monitored during the pump testing period.

A request was made to notify committee members when letters are being sent out.

5. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

- Q about the impact the drier summer had on water supply – this summer was better compared to 2019; the new well and other factors are anticipated to improve future supply
- Q on when UV and chlorine disinfection is required – chlorine is required for all water disinfection, while UV is only required in Groundwater Under the Direct Influence of surface water (GUDI) wells when risk of viruses are present
- Q about the impact a splash pad would have on future water demand – options are currently being researched; the Town will also be operating the pad and can limit usage if required
- Deputy Mayor Houser was thanked for his role as chair of the Source Water Protection Committee

6. NEXT MEETING DATE

April 7, 2021 at 6:00pm

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

APPROVED

Malcolm Houser
Deputy Mayor

Dan Troke
CAO