

Highway 104 at Antigonish  
Community Liaison Committee Meeting  
July 19, 2011

**Attendees:**

Trudy Spooner, Ken Donnelly, Roger Garby, Ian McCallum, Susan Ross, Hugh MacDougall, Len Robertson, Gerry Grant, Alicia Grant, John Bain, Ken Proctor, Anne-Marie MacKenzie

**Regrets:**

Dwayne Cross, Alan Bond, Mary McCarron, Rose Julian, Bill MacFarlane

1. Intro

- Heather has left the CLC and will now be replaced by Susan Ross
- Susan works with the Antigonish Water Harbour Association

2. Roundabouts

*Education*

- We discussed education at the last meeting but no action items were decided on
- Some materials have been produced by TIR for the Avonport roundabout, but that is unique because it is beside a school and a trucking company
- Communications Nova Scotia may put something together, but it has not been done yet

*Decorations Inside the Roundabout*

- Keith Boddy, TIR, has draft guidelines on what can be inside the roundabouts
- In general, items in the roundabouts cannot hinder view, be a distraction or be so interesting that pedestrians want to walk into the roundabout to look closer
- Keith may be able to come to a CLC meeting in the future and explain in more detail, he can also be contacted before the next CLC.
- Currently, there has been some planting of trees and shrubs in the roundabouts, though this presents a maintenance challenge

*General*

- A man driving a pre-fabricated house through the roundabout commented that it was big enough, but the curb was too high at 4", it can be hard on tires. 2" would be preferable.
- The road signs were a little tight, but still manoeuvrable

3. Noise/Quiet

- The machinery used at night was changed to a scraper and the noise decibels went down
- There were no further complaints from the community
- The work is now complete and there is no further 24hr construction planned
- The piles at the bridge will not be installed overnight
- The holes will be bored. The piles won't be driven.
- Installing the piles will likely exceed the town overnight noise bylaw of 70 decibels

#### 4. Wetlands

##### *Wetland 1*

- Still working a tender document and approval from Nova Scotia Environment

##### *Wetland 6 (beside Trunk 7)*

- This is the wetland where the amount of wetland disturbed was greater than anticipated
- TIR met with NSE and DFO.
- According to DFO, there is no need for a HADD. The culvert length is staying the same
- The approval for work was adjusted to incorporate the new amount of wetland disturbed
- More compensation of wetlands will be needed, but it might not be possible to get it all done at Antigonish Landing. We'll know more when Phase II is started.
- Trail development around Antigonish Landing should begin soon.

#### 5. Response to Heather's Question

- Last week Heather inquired "Why are wetlands consultants and other work projects not being procured more locally?"
- TIR must follow the rules of procurement, where hiring has to be fair and of good value
- Habitat Unlimited was hired from Antigonish on the recommendation of DFO. Bob Pett was able to apply for an "Alternative Procurement" to hire them, based on them being identified by DFO as the only agency with the skills to carry out the work
- The remaining work was put out to tender, at which point interested agencies need to submit a proposal.

- The NS government cannot pick agencies based on geographic location, though it is possible for them to earn points on the application for local knowledge.

#### 6. Gateway Update

- The Gateway plan was adopted by the Town and County councils in March
- RDA was asked by the County to put together a presentation clarifying the strategy
- This will take place on Tuesday July 26<sup>th</sup> from 5-8pm, and is a closed meeting for Council only
- Sheena Sampson, Brian Story and the consultants will attend
- Keith Boddy should also be called to discuss what can go inside the Roundabouts
- RDA has invited the town to also have a session but they have not responded
- There will eventually be an open session to discuss the budget
- The Fringe Plan with the County is currently accepted, but the Fringe Report may not be ready before Christmas
- John Bain would like the Fringe Report and the Gateway report to be incorporated into one document
- Fringe Report contains signage policies but there is confusion over whether signage bylaws are governed by the municipality or TIR.
- There will be a joint meeting between the Town and County in September

#### 7. Miscellaneous

- **Action: Send news to Talk of the Town and Ken Proctor by Monday**

NEXT MEETING IS TUESDAY AUGUST 16, 2011 AT 11AM