

## Highway 104 Community Liaison Committee

### Minutes

December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012

#### 1. Attendance

- Brian Storrie, Angus Gillis, Len Robertson, Susan Ross, Ken Proctor, Hugh McDougall, Sheena Berthiaume, Dwayne Cross, Ian MacCallum, Ken Donnelly

#### 2. Signage

- Concerns raised about old signage from Trans Canada Highway, that are still in place and are causing confusion for people, particularly visitors to the community.
- Brian Storrie will check the signage to see if any should be removed or changed.
- There is reported confusion about how to get to Cape Breton through the roundabouts. The signage seems clear, but some are having difficulty understanding.
- There was discussion about the business logos. There was concern that some are hard to read. Brian Storrie pointed out that some logos were not well-suited for the signs, and those companies are re-submitting their logos. He pointed out that it could take some time, as local operations of large companies need to get head office approval for any changes to logos.

#### 3. Trunk & and Trans Canada Highway Intersection

- There was discussion about this intersection, and what will be done about it. It was explained that the intersection is now set up such that the traffic on Trunk 7 will have priority as it is expected to be of greater volume than on the Trans Canada.
- Traffic counts are being conducted to see what those volumes are. It is expected that there will be fluctuations until people establish new habits for travelling around.

#### 4. South Side Harbour Road

- Concerns were raised about the impacts at SSHR about getting the traffic from the new highway and the new intersection. Dwayne Cross explained how that will work. There remained concerns about how feasible and safe that will be.

#### 5. Antigonish Landing/Wetlands

- It was indicated that an issue has arisen at the Landing where the work is being done to develop wetlands as compensation. Old pipes have been uncovered.

- Ken Proctor reported that the pipes appear to be tidal. The Town was not previously aware of them. Ken said he would share the information they have with Bob Pett. The Town is still deciding what they are going to do about them.
- The committee was provided an update on wetlands compensation by Bob Pett. It is not yet known what Phase 2 impacts will be, but it is likely that there will be more compensation required than what is being done at Antigonish Landing
- There was discussion about what other opportunities there are in the Antigonish areas for wetlands compensation, and what criteria must be met in order to be a candidate site.

## 6. Tenders

- Tenders being let for work on the South Side harbour road and subgrade
- Environmental Protection Plan for the project- is there one, if not what is the plan?
- There is a (\*) urban(\*) plan
- Ian is going to put together a bit of info available on environmental plan

## 7. Environmental Protection Plan

- There was quite a bit of discussion about the Environmental Protection Plan for the project. Concerns were raised about transparency, as it is not available to the public. NSTIR staff said no-one had asked for it before, and it is not conducive to put on line as it is very large with big, detailed maps. However, it is not a secret.
- It was decided that the best path forward was for Susan Ross and people from her association would meet with NSTIR to review the Environmental Protection Plan.
- It was also mentioned that there is a sediment control plan.