

Highway 104 at Antigonish Community Liaison Committee

Briefing Report October 23rd, 2013

Consulting with Landowners

At the last meeting, Owen McCarron raised an issue that he had been hearing about in the community. Some people who were having land dealings with NSTIR had expressed frustration with the level of communications. Dwayne Cross said he would look into it.

Both the Chisholm and Landry acquisitions are in expropriation. When this occurs, the client has hired a lawyer to represent them and the file is transferred from Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal staff to the Department of Justice lawyers. As it is then in a formal legal process, communication must be between lawyers and not at the staff level.

Regarding the Dunn's, the property appraiser was working with Mr. Dunn in July. The appraiser will continue working with Mr. Dunn, and the appraisal report was expected to be completed by the end of summer. TIR Acquisition staff spoke with Mrs. Dunn in mid July and provided an update at that time.

Antigonish Landing

NSTIR are going to do some of the culvert replacements at Antigonish Landing this fall.

Wetlands

The work of restoring some of Wetland 1 where the “mud wave” occurred has been completed. The success will be evaluated by wetland specialist surveys next spring.

There will need to be more compensation developed and there are very few opportunities in the Antigonish area. NSTIR will know more in November about other opportunities to provide the remainder of the compensation required.

Noise Study

A noise study was conducted by Stantec Engineering to measure the noise from the new highway. Three locations were sampled:

- 125 Church Street Extension;
- 11 Heritage Drive; and
- 23 Heritage Drive.

Some people may remember that Stantec had conducted noise modeling before construction.

The study showed “In both locations, the operating condition is lower than that predicted, and the differences are within the level of accuracy of the noise model.”

This report had not been previously circulated to CLC members, although Councillor MacFarlane and Alan Bond had been sent a copy.