

DEBERT SOURCE WATER PROTECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Debert Source Water Protection Advisory Committee was held at the Debert Administration Building, 439 MacElmon Road, on May 18, 2018 at 9:30 am.

Present	Councillor Robert Pash, Chair Mayor Christine Blair Steve Emery, Home Hardware Don Geldart, Citizen Rep Michelle Newell, Director of Public Works Michael Allen, Nova Scotia Environment Charlotte Sullivan, Nova Scotia Environment
Regrets	James Freill, Home Hardware Crawford Macpherson, Director of Community Development Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq
Approval of Agenda	The agenda was approved by the Committee.
Approval of Minutes	The Minutes from November 24, 2017 were approved by the Committee, moved by Steve Emery, seconded by Don Geldart.
Watershed Uses	The committee reviewed watershed maps and discussed any new uses observed since the last meeting. They identified a new bakery, and an unsightly siding business on Ventura. The new water tower was also discussed. Any new wells constructed to service the utility would require the development of new well protection zones. The new tower system offers adequate fire protection, and the old tower will be demolished when the new system is up and running.
Illegal Dumping, Canso Crescent	The shingles which had been dumped on Canso Crescent have been cleaned up.
Source Water Protection Monitoring Program	The Committee reviewed results from the last year. No issues of concern.
Source Water Protection Plan	The current plan needs to be updated. Staff to review and bring back to Council at next meeting.
Committee Membership	Michelle to email Don Julien, Executive Director, CMM to ask if they will send a representative to sit on the Committee. The Committee asked that staff contact Envirosystems to ask if they wish to attend the Source Water Committee meetings.
Public Education Initiatives:	The information pamphlet on Source Water Protection which had previously been sent out with the water bills for Debert should be updated and resent with the upcoming water bills. The Committee also asked that an item be included in an upcoming County newsletter.

Envirosystems:

An open house is being held by Envirosystems on May 30, 2018 at the Debert Hospitality Centre. Remediation of their odour-causing lagoon is to be completed by the end of May.

NSE has included air quality monitoring parameters within Envirosystems' approval to operate. Envirosystems' was required to hire a consultant to monitor sources of emissions from their facility and carry out modelling. They have been taking weekly ambient air quality samples at the fence line since September and this will continue for 2 months beyond their clean up. Once the results of this exercise are available, then new air quality parameters will be set for the facility.

The Committee members noted that the odours are still bad on occasion, which affects existing and future residents/businesses.

NSE's authority is limited to air quality parameters that have a demonstrated health impact. They cannot limit parameters that affect property enjoyment – this is very hard to enforce.

Department of Labour has already visited the site.

There are no community liaison committee meetings currently scheduled.

The Committee asked if the Envirosystems operating approval from NSE can require Envirosystems to contact us, should they discover any groundwater impacts or experience any upset conditions on their site.

Next Meeting:

The Committee agreed to meet again in the fall, October 12, 10am.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.



Michelle Newell
Recording Secretary