

Alton CLC Minutes Summary – 2019

Meetings held: January 14, April 29

January 14

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

It was suggested by a member of the committee, that an easy to understand summary of the geology at Alton may be helpful for the public given the letters of comment that were submitted to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board regarding the extension request for the approval to construct the storage caverns. Alton replied to the public letters of comment, and the [reply includes information on the geology at Alton](#).

Alton is examining two short re-routes for the natural gas pipeline to reduce its overall footprint. One re-route would go around a private landowner, and one would avoid a wetlands area. Additional work is required on the re-routes including surveys and an archaeological review. Alton will continue to work with government regulators and stakeholders regarding this work.

Alton completed a gravity survey of the lease at the end of 2018 and into early 2019. Gravity surveys are a good tool that will help contribute to the project's knowledge of the salt deposit at Alton.

As reminder, [Alton work sites are open only to Alton staff and contractors](#).

A member of the committee suggested getting a model of how the caverns are made, to help explain it to the public. In the [Focus on Alton video on the Alton YouTube channel](#), there is an animation section that explains how the caverns are made.

An upcoming meeting will include the annual review that is required for the [Community Liaison Committee's Terms of Reference](#).

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

April 29, 2019

Meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm.

An Alton representative provided project and regulatory updates.

Information has been posted to the Alton website regarding the [Court decision and court order](#). Signage has been posted at the river site per the court order.

When the straw bale hut was removed from the entrance to the Alton river site, items left behind by people leaving the site were catalogued and put into temporary storage for later retrieval.

Property fencing of the Alton river site is continuing, to be followed by fencing at the cavern site.

Next steps are to assess the damage from the flooding at the river site and then remove the 8-9 feet of water in the pumphouse. It will need to be determined what is required for further remediation.

River monitoring work by Dalhousie University scientists has started up again. This is year 11 of the monitoring work.

Project representatives asked for feedback from the CLC members on local community events that the project could participate in through the spring, summer and fall to share information with the public.

A member of the CLC suggested that story boards with graphics are an effective way to share information with the public.

Next meeting of the CLC will need to include review of the [CLC Terms of Reference](#) as part of the agenda. This is an annual review of the Terms of Reference required by the [province's Guideline for community liaison committees](#).

Meeting adjourned at 8 pm.