

Antigonish Oyster Community Liaison Committee
Meeting Minutes
Sunday, November 15, 1-3 pm

Present: CLC

Stephen Feist (CLC Chair)
David Garbary
Jim Lerikos
Roger Porter
Sean Day
Marc Genuist
Archie Mackenzie

TPO

Ernie Porter
Jane Porter
John Porter
Ted Porter
Rachel Odgers

Absent:

Hughie Stewart, Owen McCarron

Item	Time
1. Approval of Agenda - Chair	1:00

The agenda was approved as distributed.

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| 2. Introduction - Chair | 1:05 |
| a. Chair Welcomes Committee Members | |
| b. Committee Members Introduce themselves | |
| 3. Purpose of the CLC - Chair | 1:15 |
| a. Principles of Nova Scotia Environment's Guide | |
| b. Distribution of CLC Members Handbook | |

The Antigonish Oyster CLC is an advisory committee. It is not here to support any one group but to provide to any stake holder and receive from any stakeholder relevant facts based on science.

It is to provide an opportunity for open dialogue between Town Point Oysters and local communities based on science and facts. CLC is here to listen to feedback from the community and relate that feedback to TPO, and then allow TPO to respond. It is the Committee's purpose to provide ongoing dialog between the community and the CLC and between the CLC and TPO.

The CLC's mission is to provide a forum for the exchange of information and dialogue, in order to allow the community as a whole to become informed based on facts and science. Membership in the CLC does not signify a member's approval or disapproval of aquaculture facilities in the community.

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| 4. How Does Oyster Farming Work - Town Point Oysters | 1:30 |
| a. Overview | |
| b. Power Point Presentation | |
| c. Tour of Machinery | |

5. Government Requirements - Town Point Oysters

2:15

a. Overview of the application process

A redacted version of TPO's application is available on the NSDFA website.

b. Current Status

The marine site application has been submitted to NSDFA. The status of the application is that NSDFA internal review is complete and the application has been shared with "network" which is comprised of numerous other government departments and agencies. A redacted version of TPO's application is available on the NSDFA website.

c. Next Steps

TPO will continue to operate the nursery. Soon it will shut it down for the winter. TPO will apply for another spring spat collection permit.

With regards to the marine site application TPO is patiently waiting. Really nothing left for TPO to do on government side unless the government asks TPO a question.

It was decided to continue with CLC and positive public engagement.

6. Next Steps for CLC Committee - Chair

2:45

a. Selection of Items for Next CLC Meeting

It was determined to discuss known community feedback.

b. Determination of first Public Meeting

c. Determination of Next Steps

A number of issues have been raised, mainly by the Friends of the Antigonish Harbour (FOAH). The CLC will thoroughly go through what FOAH is saying and give TPO an opportunity to respond.

The CLC will endeavor to understand the nature of, and motivation behind concerns raised by FOAH and any others who may be seeking information or have questions. The committee will have an open dialogue with TPO to drill down on the substance of any concerns raised in order to elucidate the facts and share these with the public via the CLC website and Facebook page. This will allow the community to become informed based on factual information.

7. Adjournment

3:00

Next meeting date and time: December 6th 2-4pm

Post Meeting Questions and Answers with Town Point Oysters

Q&A took place with TPO.