



Fundy Ocean Research Center for Energy

## **10th Meeting of the Community Liaison Committee (CLC)**

FORCE Visitor Centre Theatre  
1156 West Bay Road  
Monday, May 25th, 2015 -18:00

### **Minutes**

#### **1. Welcome & Introductions**

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Gerard Cormier at 6:07p.m. The Agenda was circulated (the minutes of the previous meeting having been circulated electronically). Present at the meeting were: Gerard Cormier (GC), Lois Smith (LS), Cindy Tupper (CT), Donnie Fletcher (DF), Andrew Wagstaff (AW), Tom MacLaren (TM), Melissa Nevin (MN), Steven Collinson (SC), Mary McPhee (MM). Carys Burgess (CB) arrived to join the meeting at 6:27p.m. Regrets were received from Robert Yorke. Members exchanged greetings. The Agenda was approved as circulated. MM shared a video feed timelapse of the FORCE site, as well as the Ocean Networks Canada (ONC) FORCE observatory web-page.

#### **2. Minutes of Last Meeting & Business Arising**

The discussion turned to the minutes of the last meeting, GC asking if everyone had reviewed the minutes and if there were any outstanding matters from the document. Members discussed the potential for a CLC trip to the FORCE substation. MM indicated that this could be coordinated in the summer if the membership desired.

#### **3. Old Business:**

##### **a. Tidal Readiness Committee**

Tom MacLaren provided an update on the proceedings of the local tidal readiness group, saying that the membership had recently met with both Bill Casey and Scott Armstrong to discuss tidal readiness matters. TM reported that both individuals stated they intended to focus on green energy but that particularly Bill Casey discussed his interest in pursuing the geothermal projects and tidal energy developments. TM described the tidal readiness group as a combination of Board of Trade members such as David Beattie, Norman Rafuse, as well as Gerard Cormier from CLC and municipal government representatives. TM reported that there were no concrete developments as yet, but the membership had clarity on the following: the need for infrastructure in order to compete, i.e. 24-hour port/access to the water, and the need for reinforcements at the wharf in Parrsboro. Further, TM said that the local Harbour Commission was planning on upgrades to the wharf, following an engineering study, with a look toward 24-hour access. TM told the group that there was a distinction between manufacture and service industry components. Lastly, TM shared that the group would be approaching all candidates for all political parties in the upcoming election campaign with an update/briefing on tidal energy developments.

b. Cumberland Energy Authority

Don Fletcher provided an update on the Cumberland Energy Authority (CEA) including the financial contributions to tidal readiness, particularly website development, promotion, Marine Renewables Canada developments, industry events and particularly the Cumberland Energy Symposium. DF told the members that the Symposium would serve as the grand opening of the CEA programs. DF described the CEA developments with the geothermal research with the UCB Verschuren Centre, as well as the research into solar developments such as Solar City. DF described the plan to further the reach of the CEA with the retaining of Bethany Sloan in the full-time capacity, as well as the development of the Energy Symposium, which would have a focus on tidal. GC asked if wind power developments had been discussed, like those in Amherst at the wind farm. DF replied that Amherst was not currently involved with the CEA. MN added that there are some restrictions on development with grid capacity and the COMFIT and these factors create limitations to development, for the whole Maritime region.

**4. New Business**

a. FORCE Project Update

Mary McPhee updated the membership on FORCE project, including FAST platform fabrication and the development of the new EEMP for the phase which includes the installation of turbines. Regarding the EEMP, GC asked if the focus was on living things. MM responded that the EEMP studies would concentrate on fish, marine mammals, and include lobster studies. MN added that there would be studies of seabirds. MM provided updates on the follow up to subsea cable installation, and industry milestones. MM described the resources from FERN through Acadia and told the members they could access FERN newsletters and other research updates on the FERN website. TM asked about the timeline for turbine installation. CB addressed the question, saying that manufacture is scheduled to be completed in the fall of the year, and that Cape Sharp Tidal anticipated cable connection by July.

b. FORCE Visitor Centre 2015 Season Update

MM gave an update on Visitor Centre staffing, including the hiring of Phoenix Bard-Cavers and Tyler Boucher as Visitor Services and Project/Program support. MM added that there would be an additional student position for the summer which would potentially include a community ambassador role. MM shared that the Centre would be open 7 days per week June through August, with hours of operations adjustment in September and October relating to site operations and staff demands.

c. Building Nova Scotia's Tidal Power Supply Chain (MRC)

Membership discussed the workshops being developed by Marine Renewables Canada. MM shared resources for following these developments.

d. Value Proposition of Tidal Energy in NS

MM told the membership that this item had been requested on the Agenda. Membership discussed the highlights of the report, and the need for further interpretation of the report for the local area.

e. Membership

MM reported that local fishers Dave Rafuse, as well as Tom Robarts and Brian McLellan had volunteered to sit on the CLC and contribute to discussions. MM reflected the importance of fishers input in CLC discussions, particularly considering the concerns of fishers for project developments. The membership discussed the membership needs, and AW commented that 9-12 members is a good, working membership, saying that more members often meant less productivity. The membership was in agreement with these comments. The membership discussed the methods of engaging the fishing community in the discussion. Lastly, membership discussed the fulfillment of the Community Co-

chairs role, particularly to replace Lois Smith after her term as co-chair. Membership agreed to follow up for the next meeting.

f. Public Engagement

The membership discussed the timing of industry events, and FORCE updates, communications. Melissa Nevin indicated the desire from community members to have a public event held closer to the communities of Bear River, Annapolis Valley First Nation and Glooscap First Nation. The membership discussed timing for a future public update and the potential for the CLC to host such an event. Further, the members discussed events of note for engagement concerning the tidal energy project, including the Cumberland Energy Symposium in September. Members discussed the sharing of information surrounding EEMP studies and the research related to tidal energy.

**5. Action Items**

No major actions were required of members.

**6. Next Meeting & Adjournment**

Membership discussed the potential for a September meeting, and scheduling in relation to turbine deployment and other developments.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55p.m.