

Lower St. John River Hydro Community Liaison Committee

Draft Meeting Minutes

June 19th, 2024

Via

Mactaquac Conference Trailer, Mactaquac Dam & Microsoft Teams

Attendance:

Bob Scott (Chair)	Deb Nobes
Mark McNevin	John Casey
Andre Lauzon	Charlie Ryan
Mark MacNevin	Carl Urquhart
Dino Kubik	Dustin Brownlow
Greg Carroll	Geoffrey Downey
Anthony Bielecki	Sean Lee
David Duplessis	John Landry

Regrets:

Duncan Walker	Gisele Goguen
Larry Jewett	Krista MacDonald
Murray Crouse	Debby Peck
Liam O'Dell	Jean-Francois Martel
Kaleigh Holder	John Michael McPhee
James Bates	David Coburn
Barb Hoyt	Ryan Lewis
Katelynn Everett	Chris Bringloe
Gaston Damecour	Roger Cyr

Welcome (Bob Scott)

Bob Scott opened the meeting at 11:45 am by welcoming the members and asking those present and on-line to each introduce themselves

Approval of Agenda

Carl Urquhart Approved, David Duplessis Seconded. Carried.

Approval of March 21, 2023 Meeting Minutes

John Casey moved, David Duplessis, Seconded. Carried.

Safety Message (Greg Carroll)

Heat Warning – Stay Hydrated, wear lightweight clothing, monitor

Mactaquac Station Update (Greg Carroll)

- Milltown – Decommissioning continuing.
- Mactaquac – MQ 6 Maintenance Outage & MQ 2 Forced Outage (Blade bearing failure)
- Beechwood – All Units are available.
- Tobique Narrows – TN 1 Outage for refurbishment project.
- Grand Falls – All units are available.
- Sisson – Available
- Nepisiguit Falls – 2 units available, Unit 1 offline for refurbishment.
- Tobique Storage Lakes are all at minimum discharge.
- We finished March 198 % LTA and as such our year end finished at 123 % LTA (3rd best generation year on record). Our current predicted year end generation is below normal to date, showing 93 % LTA. This is due to April coming in at 108 % LTA and May was at 52 % LTA. Since May is historically our largest Mw production month that is why we are seeing below normal numbers being predicted for year end.
- MQ Unit #2 experienced a turbine blade bearing failure back in May. Currently unavailable and we are working through the engineering of what the repairs may look like. Unit #6 is currently offline until September 27th for it's maintenance outage.
- DTI is continuing work on the approach channel bridge. The road has been limited to 1 lane to facilitate the repairs and as per GNB 511 website, this restriction will be in effect until November 30 / 2023.
- DFO has finished moving Gaspereau to the Headpond Wednesday, June 12, a total of 3.5 million fish were transported upstream. Salmon fishing commenced on Thursday, June 13, as of today they have retrieved 23.
- On the evening of June 3, several deceased fish were observed near the turbines at the Mactaquac Generating Station. We are collaborating closely with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans to investigate the cause and determine the best course of action. This event was reported immediately to our regulatory entities as well Kingsclear FN as part of our Environmental Reporting protocols.
- Public tours will be available this summer. 9-5, 7 days a week

MLAP Update (Charlie Ryan, Mark MacNevin, Anthony Beilecki)

- EIA registered July 2023
- 4 rounds of questions received from TRC.
- WNNB feedback on EIA has been received and responded to
- First Nations Consultation is ongoing, multiple meetings were held.
- Public engagement is ongoing, open houses were held in Fredericton, Keswick Ridge & Woodstock
- Request for Qualification Screening issued in January.
Five (5) companies passed the evaluation:
- Request for Qualification to the 5 proponents was issued in April 2024
- Request for Proposals to top 2 or 3 candidates to be issued in August 2024
- Development Phase agreement with top proponent March 2025
- Project agreement with target price Spring 2026

Turbine and Generator

- Request for Proposals to be issued in August 2024
- Three (3) companies passed the evaluation:
 1. Andritz
 2. General Electric
 3. Voith
- Supply agreement and development phase agreement with top proponent March 2025
- Local contractors were invited to bid and will be kept in the loop and included as much as possible.

NB Power Corporate Update (Bob Scott)

- Lepreau coming back up next week (was scheduled 100-day shutdown)
- AMI Update – 100,000 Smart meters installed already.
 - Smart meters have many great benefits.

- If you are away from home during a power outage you will get alert when power comes back on
- Once all are installed will be easy to track usage.
- General rate application hearings at Delta open to public.

Community Update

- Central York bought building they have been using, have 2 boat launches available to public (small craft launches, kayaks, canoes, etc.
- Central York set up now to deal with any state of emergency. Also have 2 warming and charging sites for the public to use.
- General Campaign this year for Saint John River hoping to get \$600k for 8 wharfs.
- A reminder of the PGA tournament at the Mactaquac Golf Course this July. Good for tourism and the local economy. Much more traffic is expected in the area. DTI advises that the contractor at the bridge will be aware of the event and plan project work accordingly.

Date set for next meeting :

September 19th, 2024, Mactaquac – Admin Conference Room

Meeting adjourned

12:51 P.M. Bob Scott

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Questions regarding Mactaquac Lifetime Achievement be emailed to mactaquac@nbpower.com

Meeting Recorded by: Candace Morgan