



## **Community Liaison Committee**

Thursday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 4-5:30pm

### **Members in Attendance**

Ginny Boudreau, GCIFA  
Sheri Parker, community resident  
Ray White, community resident  
Gordon MacDonald, MODG  
Fin Armsworthy, Councillor, District 8  
Frank Sander, community resident  
Harvey Doane, Maritime Launch Services (Project Development Team)  
Steve Matier, Maritime Launch Services (Project Development Team)  
Sarah McLean, NATIONAL Public Relations (facilitator)

### **Regrets:**

Janet Peitzsche, Deputy Warden  
Harold Roberts, CADA  
Della Horne, community resident  
Michael MacLean, community resident

### **Meeting Minutes**

#### **1. Call to Order and Welcome**

- *S. McLean called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.*
- *Roundtable introductions; CLC members introduced themselves and their interest in participating in the CLC*

#### **2. Role of Community Liaison Committee**

- Sarah McLean, as facilitator, provided an overview of the function of a CLC, referencing the Terms of References. Sarah touched on best practices and guidelines on how to develop and manage a CLC (as set out by the Province of Nova Scotia); and the degree to which they can be relied on to foster collaboration, information sharing and dialogue about community projects. Typically, CLC's work well when the group proceedings are respectful, encouraging thoughtful, informed and productive dialogue. The CLC reviewed the role of the Chair and agreed that a rotating chair would be the best approach. A member of the Project Development team will act as Secretary at each meeting. Key Decisions made:
  - i. The CLC will meet every three months and as needed should key discussions or decisions require CLC guidance.*
  - ii. There will be a rotating chair for each meeting, and the Secretary will be a representative from the Project Team*

- iii. Membership terms are two years, but given the pace of the project, membership will be reviewed in June 2022 to allow for turn over and new members to join the CLC.

*Question: A community member asked if opposing groups have been invited to the CLC. Maritime Launch advised the invitation to join the CLC was public, however invitations have been made to those who have voiced opposition to the project. To date, there has been no confirmation of interest to join the CLC.*

*Action Item: Maritime Launch will once again reach out to local community members who have voiced opposition and invite their participation in the CLC.*

### **3. Project Update**

- Harvey Doane, who is VP, Strategic Development for Maritime Launch as of June 01. Harvey shared a comprehensive project update with members of the CLC. Key updates included:
  - *Harvey shared a background on his professional experience, and the work he did at NSBI over the last number of years to support Maritime Launch's success*
  - *Harvey provided an overview on the EA compliance work that is underway by Maritime Launch and its project partners, including the recent Bird surveys that were conducted by Stantec Consulting*
  - *The first hire for Maritime Launch was made, Director of Safety. Yaroslav Pustovyi who has a PHD, is a former astronaut and is mission trained. Yaroslav will be responsible for working to ensure all safety regulations are met as the project is developed, and for each launch. Regulators include the Province of Nova Scotia and the federal government (Canadian Space Agency and Transport Canada).*
  - *An air quality study, and water sampling study will also soon get underway*
  - *Maritime Launch has begun the design and engineering work associated with the site. This will help determine the community infrastructure needs that will be required to support a project of this scope (roads, fire and medical specifically)*
  - *Harvey shared an update on two key announcements in May including a financing round of \$10.5M, and the local firms who will be working with Maritime Launch on key areas of the project*
  - *Harvey shared that there is a lot of customer interest in Maritime Launch, including letters of interest from across the globe. Harvey underscored that there are Canadian firms interested in constructing a satellite in Nova Scotia*
  - *Maritime Launch is focused on building a local supply chain and will be hosting an Industry Day this fall*
  - *Maritime Launch is committed to hosting an Open House in Canso in the fall, and it will be an extremely comprehensive format. It will include all project partners and firms.*
  - *Maritime Launch has been engaged with local universities and the NSCC on training and education. Steve has presented at the local high school regarding opportunities in the industry and at the Spaceport specifically*

### **4. Questions, Suggestions and Discussion:**

1. *A member asked if the EA approval was conditional. Maritime Launch responded by stating that the EA approval has been granted, but there are compliance requirements that must be met as part of the approval.*
2. *A member asked how stable Ukraine is. Maritime Launch shared that the country is very stable. The economy is growing significantly, and there is a high degree of confidence working with this government. Ukraine's industry leadership in building launch vehicles has been unmatched for decades.*
3. *A member asked about the Ukraine's quality control in building launch vehicles. Maritime Launch stated that working with Yuzenoye and Yuzhmash is the most ideal and experienced partner. Every launch vehicle that is built is brand new, and they are building each using Ukraine heritage – over 65 years of proven success. Maritime Launch stated their desire to work with an experienced company who manufactures on a global scale, as opposed to a provider who is brand new and building a rocket for the first time.*
4. *A community member inquired on the Government of Canada's interest in improving communication capacity in rural parts of the province, and if this project will support that need. Maritime Launch advised that the Government of Canada has been very supportive and interested in the success of this project.*
5. *A member asked about the infrastructure and capacity demand that will be required on the local wharves. Specifically, the size of the vessels coming in and out of the Bay and where they will dock. Maritime Launch advised that the company will reach out to the GCIFA to design what the needs will be, and to work together in partnership on the waterway and wharf needs.*
6. *With respect to the Open House, the committee discussed possible timing. With consideration to the work underway and Public Health guidelines, Maritime Launch stated that it will be early fall, and are hoping for mid – late September. Maritime Launch committed to posting a public notice once the date is established.*

**5. Future Meetings, suggested locations and agenda:**

- Members agreed that the 4pm time works well and would like to establish this time as typical going forward.
- Maritime Launch will schedule the next CLC to coincide with the Open House and Industry Day, tentatively scheduled for September.

**Meeting adjourned (5:50pm)**