



Public Advisory Committee

August 18, 2025

Present:

Brian Arseneault	Nancy Savoie	Paula Boudreau	Jaimie Buchanan	René Arseneault
Carlos Doucet	Tom Mann (facilitator)	Jean-Marc Beaulieu by videoconference	Gabrielle Arbour- Fillion by videoconference	Jason Flight by videoconference

Regrets:

Jesus Entrialgo	Karen Narvie	Pauline Diotte	
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Minutes of the meeting

18h01 Opening of the meeting.

Tom started the meeting by saying that we are grateful to live and work in traditional and unceded territory of the Mi'gmaq people

18h05 Introduction of Paula Boudreau and Jamie Buchanan to the Committee that were elected by unanimous consent by the ad hoc Selection Committee formed at the July 3 meeting. (Pauline, Brian, Jean-Marc, Carlos). Introduction also of Maître René Arseneault as a replacement for Francis during vacation and potentially replacing Francis altogether as he is local.

18h25 Francis presented the revised Mandate and Operation manual and everyone accepted the changes. A new August version will be posted on the website.

18h35 Tom mentioned that there is an opening for a commercial seat. If anyone knows someone interested, please contact them. It was decided that the 200 words explaining their motivation must be submitted by August 29, 5pm. The selection will take place on September 16. The ad hoc selection committee will be composed by Brian, Carlos, Jamie, Jean-Marc and Paula. Interested individuals can forward their 200 word submission to tom.mann.nb@gmail.com.

18h45 Francis asked the committee for ideas to better communicate the message of the evolution of the company; it seems the website is not visited that much. Paula suggested to get in touch with the library as an information point. Brian said that mailings could be an idea. René said that public radio appearances have worked for him in the past. Jason and Carlos proposed to create a Facebook page to centralise the information. Francis to think about those options.

Paula mentioned that the EcoRock website is not that easy to find; more search words should be added for the search criteria. Francis thanked the committee for their suggestions and will look into these suggestions and report back to the next meeting.

18h55 Francis shared the recommendations of the study for maneuvers at Dalhousie's West wharf by Panamax and Lakers. Jean-Marc noted that if phase II only is going ahead, smaller cement carriers will be used, and this report is obsolete. Francis agreed that another report might have to be done for smaller vessels.

Francis shared the new dredging map if only 10.5m draft is needed. The area would cover 74 000m² instead of 257 000m² and the volume would be 90 000m³ instead of 364 000m³.

19h00 Tom explained that the First Nation Advisory Committee will no longer sit as Chief Chris has asked EcoRock to go through MTI from now on. Karen Narvie also resigned from her seat on the Public Advisory Committee as the First Nation's point of view will be covered by MTI. MTI represents the 8 Mi'gmaq communities in what is known as New Brunswick and requires all proponents to comply with their Mi'gmaq Rights Impact Assessment Framework.

Since the introduction of Bill C-5, Eel River Bar and many First Nations across Canada have concerns that their established Aboriginal and treaty rights established in United Nations Declaration Act (2021) and precedent case law may be jeopardized and require the technical review of MTI to guide them.

Paula asked if the information received from MTI would be shared with the Committee. Francis said it would.

It was decided that the next meeting would be held on September 24 at 6pm same room.

19h10 Meeting concluded.