

# No Fracking Fluids

A Public Hearing was held on May 6th and May 7th at the Legion in Debert, to hear appeals filed against the approval to Atlantic Industrial Services to discharge treated wastewater from a hydraulic fracturing process into the Debert Sewer System. Over the two evenings many emotional presentations were heard. On May 16th, the Sewer Use Appeals Committee unanimously decided to overturn the previous decision, and will not allow fracking wastewater into the County's sewer system. (Harrington Photos)

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treat the wastewater, remove the NORMS, and return the liquid back to holding ponds.

AIS would have had to be granted a "Phase 2" permit to be able to discharge this treated wastewater into the sewer system. This required approval from the Municipality to accept the wastewater into their sewer system and would also require more treatment before discharge.

Councillor Taggart asked who would be responsible for monitoring the compliance. Mr. Brenton said the DOE would regulate and monitor both facilities.

Ramesh Ummat, former Director of Public Works, gave a detailed presentation covering the application by AIS, regulations, studies, approvals and conditions of discharge. He noted Environment Canada had recently tested waters coming out of the

treatment plant to establish a base line.

Committee members listened intently to the heartfelt and emotional presentations from concerned citizens.

Catherine Duchesneau said she was speaking as a mother and did not want to see Debert used as a "dumping ground". She felt this was a human rights issue, a case of "putting money ahead of long term health and at what cost to us?"

Robert Lattie, from Five Islands expressed his passionate opposition to releasing fracking wastewater into the Bay of Fundy, reflecting on the beauty and tranquillity of the region. "Safe standards today may be disputed later on," he said. "No sound reason to risk this to the Bay of Fundy." He went to add, "Sometimes you just know things are not right."

Anita McLellan, of Economy wanted to know who was doing all the moni-

toring tests and how often. She received much support from the audience when she said it was "ironic that the Bay of Fundy was once in the running for 7th Natural Wonder of the World and now DOE was giving approval to dump fracking wastewater."

Eric Zscheille, of Belmont, was concerned the treatment of wastewater was a "pilot project" and questioned whether there are enough baselines in place to protect marine life. "I know I have not heard enough to know whether it will cause harm to the ecosystem," he said. He felt putting the wastewater into the sewer system was not the only option and did not want to see a rushed decision people would regret later on.

On the second evening of presentations by citizens, speaker after speaker spoke against permitting fracking fluids entering the Debert Sewer System and ultimately flow into the Bay of Fundy. Following presentations by

citizens, Atlantic Industrial Services representative explained the processes followed by the company in treating all fluids explaining how fracking fluids left over from over two years of fracking testing in the Kennetcook area ended up in AIS lagoons in Debert.

The Sewer Use Committee unanimously decided to overturn the March 2013 decision to allow the fracking wastewater into the sewer system. The decision states the Committee felt there was insufficient evidence to prove the fracking wastewater would not pose a health, safety or environmental hazard nor was the Committee satisfied the fracking wastewater would not interfere with the operation of the wastewater system.

This was good news for citizens concerned about the Bay of Fundy but certainly is not the end of the story.

AIS still has millions of liters of fracking wastewater at its facility in Debert.



Colchester North MLA Karen Casey pleaded with Council Members to give the submissions from concerned citizens "careful consideration". She said she supported the citizens of Colchester North and had learned a lot after listening to the very passionate presentations.



Ramesh Ummat, currently Colchester County Chief Administrative Officer (left), gave a presentation prepared when he was Director of Public Works to the Sewer Use Appeals Committee Members (left to right): District 10 Councillor Tom Taggart (Chair), District 9 Councillor Doug McInnes, District Councillor Dennis James, District 11 Councillor Wade Parker, District 4 Councillor Mike Cooper. Missing from photo is Board Member District 1 Councillor Christene Blair

## Comments From Citizens

Here's comments from five presenters at Colchester County Council's two nights of public meetings regarding dumping fracking fluids from Atlantic Industrial Services Debert's facility into to the Debert Sewer System:

**Heather Robinson**, of Lower Economy, and a member of "Save Our Bay" asked the powerful question, "When did NS become such a have-not Province that we are willing to prostitute one of our best attributes, the Bay of Fundy?"

**Jay Brenton**, NS Dept. of the Environment, explained the approvals that had been given to AIS in relation to treating and storage of fracking wastewater.

**Anita McLellan**, of Economy, said she found it ironic the Bay of Fundy was once in the running as a contender for 7th Natural Wonder of the World and now there was discussion over dumping fracking wastewater into the area.

**Robert Lattie**, a resident of Fvie Islands, told the panel "sometimes you just know things are not right." His emotional presentation painted a delightful picture of sights and sounds along the Bay of Fundy that left Councillor Tom Taggart saying he should work on a tourist video for the area.

**Charles Page Fletcher**, who grew up in Bass River, said he had a real passion for the community and that there is nothing like the Bay of Fundy anywhere in the world.

# Refundable Drive - June 8<sup>TH</sup>

By *Christine Urquhart*

There will be a Refundable Drive on Saturday June 8th and lots of help is needed for picking up the refundables, as well as, sorting and counting them. If you can help out in any way please let me know, call me at 662-3550. This also applies if you have refundables that you don't wish to leave at the end of your driveway (there have been a few problems with someone picking up the refundables before those from the Church could arrive); and you may have so many that it would just be easier for us to drop by to get them at your house.

You can also leave them or bring them to the Masstown United Church any time before 11am on that Saturday. Please remember

that refundables are items you have paid a deposit on, not milk containers! (We often have a whole garbage can full of milk containers after sorting out the refundables). Thank you in advance for saving your refundables for the Church, every bit helps out so much!

They have been putting the new roof on the Masstown United Church and the Stewards & Trustees want to thank Aaron Smith and his workers for their fine job.

The Masstown Stewards & Trustees would also like to thank everyone who helped out in any way with our recent Baked Beans & Brown Bread take out supper. This was put on to replace the pot luck supper we had to cancel in March.

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