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From: Chris A Daly [DALYCA@gov.ns.ca]
Sent: June 17, 2003 2:34 PM
To: McDonald,Derek [CEAA]; BoudreauPR@mar.dfo-mpo.gc.ca
Cc: Chapman,Steve [CEAA]; HoodB@DFO-MPO.GC.CA; Cheryl L Benjamin; Kim MacNeil; Bob D Petrie; Phil.J.Zamora@XMAR.DFO-MPO.X400.GC.CA
Subject: RE: Status of White's Point meeting

Paul: I see from your email to Derek you sent me an email today, but I never received it. You may want to check you have the right email address, dalyca@gov.ns.ca.

I think we need to meet sooner than later so we can get our ducks in a row to make an announcement by the end of June. Our regional folk would likely like to attend in person or by phone as well. Any word on the revised draft letter from DFO? We need it soon if we are going to keep this show on the road. Our communication people are drafting a press release as we speak.

I think the agenda items are good and need to be discussed, but our first order of business is to make sure we get the exchange of letters completed, press release approved, and referral letter to CEAA from DFO before the end of June. Did I miss anything?

Chris

>>> "McDonald,Derek [CEAA]" <Derek.McDonald@ceaa-acee.gc.ca> 06/17/03
>>> 02:57PM >>>
Hi Paul,

Did we commit to Monday? Tuesday (or Wednesday) would work better for me. I think our agenda will depend on whether or not a referral has been made. This meeting originated with a proponent request to discuss the blasting plan for the provincially-approved 3.9 Ha quarry, as well as the process overall (presumably timing, steps, expectations). This led to the thought that a government-only pre-meeting was needed to 'compare notes' and bring each other up-to-date on where we are headed, before sitting down with the proponent. So here we are.

Given that a referral has not yet been made (although it seems inevitable), what do you see as an agenda? Can/should we get into discussions concerning joint review?

I see some agenda topics as follows:

DFO update on blasting plan review
Status of referral to public review
How the review process might look, assuming a referral:
- fed-prov agreement
- scope
- schedule
- communication
- roles

Derek

-----Original Message-----

From: Boudreau, Paul R [mailto:BoudreauPR@mar.dfo-mpo.gc.ca]
Sent: June 17, 2003 13:58
To: 'Chris A Daly'
Cc: Hood, Bruce; 'Derek.McDonald@ceaa-acee.gc.ca'
Subject: RE: Status of White's Point meeting

Hi Chris,

Thanks for the update. I spoke with Derek this morning and have agreed that we should meet next Monday afternoon. I have suggested 13:30 to 14:30 at BIO.

Can you make it here or should we reschedule?

Hope to see you soon,

Paul

-----Original Message-----

From: Chris A Daly

Sent: June 16, 2003 15:27

To: p=gc+internet;a=govmt.canada;c=ca;dda:RFC-822=Derek.McDonald(a)ceaa-acee.gc.ca;;

p=gc+internet;a=govmt.canada;c=ca;dda:RFC-822=Steve.Chapman(a)ceaa-acee.gc.ca;

Cc: Boudreau, Paul R; Zamora, Phil

Subject: Re: Status of White's Point meeting

The end of June should be our target for a release, but that may not happen if our gov'ts decide to hold onto things. So I suggest that we not build the expectation that he will get more clarity by the end of June. Yes I agree we should let him know before we make it public.

I have asked our communication person to start drafting a press release. Can you please provide me with your communication person contact info so we can let our communication people coordinate the timing and content of the release.

In terms of the draft letter from DFO to us, I have talked to Richard in Ottawa and he was going to re-draft it and fax back, are you Paul and Phil aware of where this might be? We are working on our response now.

In terms of the Minister Thibault's meeting next week, we all agreed that we would coordinate our communication on this issue. Do you Paul or Phil know if he will want to announce this then? If so we will have to check with our communication people here and we will need to bump up our schedule to inform the company and issue the press release. Please let me know. Thanks! Chris.

>>> "McDonald,Derek [CEAA]" <Derek.McDonald@ceaa-acee.gc.ca> 06/16/03

03:10PM >>>

Chris/Steve,

That was my original idea anyway - to wait until we have something definite, instead of sitting there awkwardly being evasive. However, Paul Buxton mentioned that he would be away for a week beginning the 28th (in England visiting his dad.)

Nonetheless, I think I should advise the proponent that a decision on process is expected by the end of June and the discussion would be more fruitful at that time. I also think it would be appropriate to advise the proponent of the decision as soon as it's confirmed, but prior to any announcement. Perhaps that is the appropriate timing for a meeting.

I have also learned that the Partnership for Sustainable Development of Digby Neck and Islands is scheduled to meet with Minister Thibault next Thursday - not sure how this could play into timing of an announcement. Will he say something about it?

Derek

-----Original Message-----

From: Chris A Daly [mailto:DALYCA@gov.ns.ca]
Sent: June 16, 2003 14:47
To: Derek.McDonald@ceaa-acee.gc.ca; Steve.Chapman@ceaa-acee.gc.ca
Subject: Re: FW: Status of meeting

Since we are shooting for a end of June public release date, should we wait until after then to meet with Paul so we can answer his questions on that process too? What do you think? Chris

>>> "McDonald,Derek [CEAA]" <Derek.McDonald@ceaa-acee.gc.ca> 06/16/03
>>> 02:35PM >>>

The meeting cannot take place on Tuesday pm, due to the proponent being unavailable. Also, I have not heard from DFO - Phil Zamora is unavailable until next week and Paul Boudreau has not yet returned my call.

My suggestion is to wait until next week. By then, we may have some further clarity on where the process is headed and may even be in a position to share that with the proponent. With that in mind, I suggest Tuesday, June 24th. How does that work for you both? (Wed and Thu are also good for me at the moment). However, I still think the meeting should be structured in two parts - government only (DFO, CEAA, NSDEL), followed by the proponent.

Regarding Paul Buxton's comment about legal vs. technical, I agree with him that bringing in legal advisors at this stage could be counter-productive and my preference is to keep it technical. If legal matters are raised, they can be taken under advisement and addressed separately. Your thoughts?

Derek
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-----Original Message-----

From: Paul Buxton [mailto:paul.buxton@ns.sympatico.ca]
Sent: June 16, 2003 08:46
To: McDonald,Derek [CEAA]
Subject: Re: Status of meeting

Derek,

You're right - it's always the way. Tuesday p.m. is the only time in the next two weeks I can't be there. It does occur to me that since Phil is out this week and he has been our correspondent with DFO it may be better to wait. However, if the decisions are coming from Paul Boudreau then this week is fine. At the moment I am planning to attend with David Kern but it appears that the issues surrounding the blasting plan are more legal than technical. Should legal advisors be at this meeting on both sides or do you think progress can be made? If DFO is going to maintain its current position then legal advisors should be present since clearly our options have run out and we will have to seek a legal resolution. This would result in a poor process from everyone's perspective.

Regards,

Paul

----- Original Message -----

From: McDonald,Derek [CEAA] <mailto:Derek.McDonald@ceaa-acee.gc.ca>
To: 'Paul Buxton <mailto:paul.buxton@ns.sympatico.ca>' <paul.buxton@ns.sympatico.ca>
Sent: Friday, June 13, 2003 3:58 PM
Subject: RE: Status of meeting

Always the way.....

As soon as I sent my previous message, I got a call from Chris Daly and they are interested in meeting this coming Tuesday (17th). I am trying to arrange for someone from DFO to attend in Phil's stead - possibly Paul Boudreau, who is the Acting Manager of Habitat Management Division.

Would you be available for a meeting (in Halifax) Tuesday afternoon, say at 2:30? Also, please advise who would be attending with you, if anyone.

I will confirm our plans after I talk to DFO.

Regards,
Derek
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-----Original Message-----
From: McDonald, Derek [CEAA]
Sent: June 13, 2003 13:29
To: Paul Buxton (paul.buxton@ns.sympatico.ca)
Subject: Status of meeting

Hello Paul,

I have been discussing this with the various players. It looks like it will definitely not happen next week, mainly because Phil is not available (he's on the road all next week). So we are looking at the week of the 23rd.

I'll keep you posted.

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