

WHITES POINT QUARRY AND MARINE TERMINAL

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COMMUNITY / BUSINESS CONSULTATION REPORT

1.0 SCOPE

In 2003, Elgin Consulting and Research was contracted by Bilcon of Nova Scotia to consult with various sectors in the community as part of the Project Consultation Process. The geographic area of consultation was defined as Digby Neck and the Islands: Digby Neck defined as Rossway to East Ferry. Interested Community advocates who often assume leadership roles were also included. This was a two-year longitudinal consultation.

2.0 CONSULTATION RATIONALE

Since July 18, 2002, the Proponent has been an active participant in the Nova Scotia Department of Environment and Labour's mandated Community Liaison Committee. Although these meetings have been an accessible public source for accurate information, it was determined that the full scope of the project and the potential positive aspects were not being conveyed to the Neck and Islands business community, the fishermen, or the general public. It was suggested that a consultation format that relied on individual or small group contact had potential for more constructive interaction.

3.0 METHODOLOGY

Using the WVDA (2003) data base, the Aliant/MTT phonebook and local knowledge, a list of 52 active businesses was compiled in December 2003. Further, the fishers who harvest in Whites Cove and area were also identified. Additionally several organized key community groups were contacted for the purpose of consultation and information exchange.

In most cases the first formal contact was in the form of a letter in which Elgin requested an opportunity to meet with the party/business. These primary meetings were conducted between December 2003 and January 2004. Response to the written request was minimal. Elgin then made drop in 'cold' contacts or telephone interviews. Since the initial consultation, December 2003-January 2004, there have been some changes in the business community on the Neck and Islands. Several tourism operators have closed or changed their operations.

As the primary objective of this consultation was to catalogue the concerns, problems and the perceptions of the stakeholders with respect to the Whites Point Project, the interviews took many forms. Flexibility was a key factor. In all cases no attempt was made to change the participant's perception of project. However, it is noteworthy that as part of the consultation, information about the proposed project was often provided to the participant.

4.0 INTERVIEW PROTOCOL

Typical Format

A contact was made, usually by phone, and a time was arranged for Elgin to meet with the participant. In several cases, the participant was not willing to meet. None of the interviewers were taped, and a contact sheet was used to record responses.

Elgin made the association with the Proponent and the proposed quarry development very clear. Confidentiality was assured when requested and the purpose of the interview was explained as an attempt to understand the concerns of the business community and to provide the participant with a full description of the proposed initiative. Questions were encouraged and when specific information was requested, a meeting was arranged with the Proponent and/or consultants.

There were five open-ended questions.

1. What is your perception of the proposed development?
2. What are your concerns associated with this development?
3. What do you perceive to be the positive aspects of this development?
4. What could the Proponent do to better collaborate with your business?
5. What do you see as the future for the economy of the Digby Area?

5.0 GROUPS

- 5.1 Fishermen-Whites Cove/Whites Point
- 5.2 Weymouth Falls Community Development Society
- 5.3 Bear River First Nation
- 5.4 Digby Municipal Council

The Proponent's Project Manager & Elgin's Consultant met with all of the above groups. The Quarry Manager also attended the discussions with the Fishermen and Digby Municipal Council.

These meetings started with a formal presentation about the proposed development. Elgin's Consultant would provide a brief overview of the proponent and project followed by introductions of the Project Manager and the Quarry Manager. The Quarry Manager would provide background on the Proponent and the Project Manager would in general terms define the scope of the project. Once the presentation was complete there was a question and answer period.

After the formal meeting on all occasions Elgin followed up with some of the participants to ascertain whether or not they felt their questions were answered or if there was further information required.

In the case of the Lobster Fishermen, it was determined that a series of meetings were necessary as the Proponent was to obtain more specific information regarding shipping.

Presentations

Municipal Council	November 2002 & December 6, 2004
Digby and Area Board of Trade	February 13 th , 2003
Whites Cove Lobster Fishermen	November 4 th , 2003
Whites Cove Lobster Fishermen	February 11, 2004 - *Scheduled meeting postponed due to a storm with only one attendee – K. Stanton
Whites Cove Lobster Fishermen	March 10, 2004
Bear River First Nation	January 4, 2005
Crime Prevention Committee	November 16, 2004
- Constable Corey Bushel	
- Mrs. P. Halliburton	
- Mr. B. Lewis	
Weymouth Falls Community	May 12, 2005
Development Association	

5.1 Lobster Fishermen-Whites Cove/Whites Point

Focus Contacts:

Bruce Theriault - President Inshore Lobstermen's Association
John Ivens - Fisherman, Community Liaison Committee Member
Roger Tidd - Fisherman, Whites Cove
Kemp Stanton-Fisherman, Whites Cove.

Two group meetings were held at the Proponent's office in Digby. A third was scheduled, but was cancelled due to inclement weather. The attendees were local fishermen, including Bruce Theriault, President of the Lobstermen's Association. Also present was a member of the Community Liaison Committee. The issues expressed concerned the shipping route, method of shipping, and the comparison of this development with the Martin Marietta operation at the Canso Causeway.

As a result of this first meeting, the Proponent and Elgin met with the potential carrier. Shipping route modifications to minimize the impact of the ship on the area used for setting traps during the lobster season were discussed. An annual contingency trust fund was also discussed. This would be provided to the Lobster Association for potential losses to equipment.

In response to the concerns expressed by the operation of the quarry and port by Martin Marietta, multiple contacts were made by Elgin with key community figures and fishermen in the Canso Area. It was noted that in the early stages of the quarry development during the construction phase of the causeway, there were significant difficulties with sediment. The causeway also changed the pattern of fish migration and had an effect on the traditional fishing areas. However, to-date, all feedback from these contacts indicates that the mining methods used have little or no continuing impact on the fishery. Further, it was noted that the deep-water port and the quarry employ an average of 70 people annually.

In the follow-up meeting, the modifications of the shipping route, the data from Canso and the contingency trust plan were discussed. Also noteworthy is that the fishermen who actively use this location indicated that they rarely set traps anywhere near the proposed Marine Terminal site as there is nothing to draw the lobsters to that area. Further meetings will be held as the environmental assessment process continues.

On June 8, 2005 the Proponent hosted an informal information session for the Bay of Fundy Inshore Fishermen's Association. Invitations were sent individually to Members of the Association as derived from the membership list. Elgin sent 23 letters (See appendix 1). One written reply was received from Mr. Farnsworth, Vice President of the Association, declining the opportunity to participate. However, the session occurred as scheduled. The Proponent discussed the proposed compensation plan to enhance the lobster habitat at Whites Cove. The issues of sediment and water run-off were also explored.

5.2 Consultation with the Black Community

There is a relatively large Black population in the Municipality of the County of Digby. As there are several historical origins for this group, Planter, Loyalist and post 1900, it

is necessary to identify the formal consultation source. The Proponent met with the Weymouth Falls Community Development Society in May of 2005. (See appendix 2) This was a follow-up to multiple visits to the Proponent's office in Digby. Members of the Black Community from Acaciaville/Jordontown, Lequille and the Weymouth Area have frequented the office to obtain employment applications and to discuss the nature of the project.

The major concern was the length of time it is taking for this project to proceed. This group feels that the employment opportunities far outweigh the risks.

5.3 First Nations Contacts

The closest Reserve geographically to Whites Point is in Bear River. The Bear River First Nations Reserve has approximately ninety residents (Stats Can 2001) although in the larger community, there are almost two hundred members with status. There have been multiple contacts with Bear River First Nations Community Members. A letter was written to Chief Frank Meuse requesting formal consultation. (See appendix 3) The response was that they did not wish to consult. Following that, informal discussions took place with two Band Counsellors and the Economic Development Officer in April 2004. Further correspondence was unsuccessful in leading to a meeting with the entire Council. The informal gathering of the Proponent, and members from Bear River First Nations, was relatively productive. The discussions centered on the potential for economic development for the reserve residents and the project description.

A follow-up information session was held at Bear River First Nations in January 2005. (See appendix 4) A formal presentation by Elgin and the Proponent was held with a lively question and answer session. There are two employment applications on file with the Proponent from First Nations persons.

5.4 Municipal Council

Warden James Thurber - Councillor - Municipality of Digby - District #4
Deputy Warden Helen Robinson (retired) - Municipality of Digby 2004 - District #2
Councillor Linda Gregory - Municipality of Digby - District #3
Councillor James MacAlpine - Municipality of Digby - District #1
Councillor Roberta Journeay (retired) - Municipality of Digby
Mrs. Angela Lombard - Municipality of Digby - District #2
Mr. Randall Amero, - Municipality of Digby - District #5

The above Members of Council, two of whom retired in 2004, have been contacted by both the Proponent and Elgin. There was a formal motion passed by Municipal Council

in opposition to the quarry development (Spring 2003). The motion had one abstention (Mr. MacAlpine), one against (Mrs. Robinson) and two in favour (Mrs. Gregory and Mrs. Journey). It was not necessary for the Warden to vote as there was no tie. The October 2004 Council, consisting of Mr. Thurber, Mr. MacAlpine, Mrs. Gregory, Mrs. Lombard and Mr. Amero has since met formally with the Proponent. Elgin has had individual discussions with each of the pre 2004 Council and the two new Councillors.

Questions were posed by Council and there has been some limited follow-up. The questions included:

- The number of employment positions.
- The Proponent's perception of the project impact on the Bay of Fundy eco-system as it relates to the lobster, whales, scallops and other marine life.
- The effect of the project either by blasting or by contamination on the water supply of Digby Neck
- Proximity to fault lines in the Bay of Fundy
- The reclamation plan for the site.

Responses to the questions included examination of four of the schematic diagrams that were developed for the project. These were the site plan, the shipping route, the property map and the reclamation plan

Councillor Robinson made frequent contact with the Bilcon Office, primarily to obtain information about the project time line. Councillor Robinson was very interested in the employment potential.

6.0 OPEN HOUSES

Formal Open House events were scheduled so as to maximize access of the public to Bilcon personnel/consultant. Evening hours were available. The conversations were usually one-to-one with various participants. Specific questions were asked by participants and answers were provided by the Proponent.

6.1 December 15, 2003

There were nineteen attendees including members of Digby Municipal Council, tourism operators, and interested community members.

Conversations that related to the proposed development included:

- The longevity of the project
- The scope of the development
- The perceived effects on the fishery

- The tourism sector
- The employment potential (number of employees, training required and the source of the workforce either local or imported)
- The projected time line for start-up.

The expressed concerns were:

- Negative effects on the tourism industry. There is a perception of this project as a major industrial initiative. Many expressed a concern that this development would affect the travelling public's identification of the area as a pastoral/eco-tourism destination.
- The effects of sediment on the Bay of Fundy and the implications for fish stocks particularly lobster.
- The effect of blasting on marine life, particularly marine mammals
- The number of jobs that would be available for local persons.
- The identity of the proponent

6.2 December 7th & 8th 2004

This two-day Open House had thirty-three attendees, including potential suppliers, tourism operators, interested community residents, and members of the Sierra Club - Atlantic Chapter. The main office reception area was set up with six conversation centres. Bilcon personnel and environmental consultants were available throughout the two-day period to answer questions and engage in conversation with attendees.

Centre #1 Between December 2003 and December 2004 there were a significant number of community contacts as a result of the business consultation, individual conversations and office interactions. Consistently four of the proposed schematic diagrams were used to concretely illustrate the project proposed effects. These diagrams were placed on a wall with adjacent seating capacity. The schematic diagrams were:

- The proposed shipping route and proximity to adventure tour operator's destinations and lobster fishing areas
- The proposed industrial site plan including the marine terminal
- The property map
- The restoration plan

Centre #2 The large survey map of the leased property was placed on the back wall with adjacent seating capacity.

Centre #3 Beverages were located independent of displays so that this area could also provide a location for constructive interaction.

- Centre #4 Light snacks were placed strategically in the center of the room with seating capacity.
- Centre #5 Seating was adjacent to a computer that had additional schematic diagrams in a PowerPoint presentation with respect to the project.
- Centre #6 A large conference table was used as a display space for printed informational material associated with the project, occupational health and safety, and environmental regulations.

There were specific questions associated with:

- The shipping route and the impact on whale migration, adventure tourism operators and the placement of lobster traps.
- The sediment and the potential impact on the Bay of Fundy. This was with regard to the effects on the coastal ecosystems. There was significant discussion as scallops are filter feeders, and lobsters could be negatively affected by changes to the sea floor.
- The number of local employment positions, qualifications and the application procedure.
- The condition of the property post quarry, the restoration plan and the potential uses for the site after the quarry.
- Other potential uses for the marine terminal for the fishing community.
- Local businesses having the opportunity to supply the project.

7.0 INDIVIDUAL (contacts relating to a specific sector)

7.1 Fish Processing Operations

Little River currently has two processing operations. Both expressed a concern regarding potential effects on their water supply and the effect the quarry would have on fishing operations, specifically lobster.

It is noteworthy that qualified people who can work competently in the processing industry are at a premium. The Processing Association has stated this as a concern as this is highly skilled labour. If the Eastern Canadian Processors are to retain some of a market-share, they need to maintain satisfactory staff. The processing of many species is becoming even more centralized. For example, dogfish processing, even for landings in Little River, is primarily done on Prince Edward Island. Wages in this area for people who "work in the fish" do not exceed \$10.00 per hour. The introduction of an employment opportunity that would pay unskilled workers \$12.50 per hour is of obvious concern.

7.2 Beach Harvesters

There is the potential to harvest periwinkles and seaweed at the Whites Cove site, however, Elgin was unable to locate any harvester who had used the area commercially in well over a decade. "Winklers" (G. Thomas) use small boats that they pull onto shore as they harvest off the rocks at ebb tide. The price for this commodity has steadily declined over the last five years. One ambitious harvester made it clear that you have to keep "your pay out low just to get by" (G. Thomas). Consequently, with the cost of fuel via the sea and the inaccessibility of the Whites Cove Road by land, the "winkles, they are not worth it." Another harvester, L. Lewis, noted that there are much more lucrative coves that are "easier to get to."

The exposed nature of Whites Cove does not readily lend itself to significant quantities of either dulse or rockweed. This is a volume issue and it is necessary to have sufficient quantities to make the product worth harvesting.

7.3 Other Fishing

There has been a significant decline in the number of fishermen who are involved in traditional hand line fishery. Elgin was unable to locate any individuals who consistently use the Whites Cove area for periwinkles and rockweed.

A contact was made with the Executive Members of the Full Bay Scallop Association. Concerns expressed by the scallop fishermen were consistent with other fisheries. Of concern was the amount of sediment that would result from the project entering the ecosystem, and the impact on the scallop.

According to the weir fishermen, there are six active weirs for herring, gaspereaux, and mackerel. They are located at Mink Cove, Sandy Cove Back, Seawall (2), Long Beach, and Centreville. It was noted by the current fishermen that there has been a significant decline in catches over the last decade due to the larger vessels that are "stalking the bay" (L. Lewis.)

7.4 Retail Business

In preliminary discussions with the operators of these businesses, there was an acknowledgment that an increase in employment within the local area would have a positive impact on the businesses. However, the effect of the quarry development on the tourism sector was voiced as the major objection to this development. The aesthetics of a quarry site, and the impact that it would have on the visiting public were of concern. There was little awareness of the mining site and many did not know that the development would not be visible from Highway #217. Further, they were concerned by the impact

that the quarry site would have aesthetically from the sea view as seen from the boats operated by the adventure tour operators. There was also the fear that this development would alter the visiting public's perception of the area as a pastoral haven. The industrial development was not seen as compatible with the concept of an eco-tourist destination. Fish plant activity is not perceived as industrial development nor are the eleven permitted quarries that already exist on the Digby Neck and Islands.

Another major discussion point was the lawsuit initiated by the Proponent against Evelyn Denton Dickinson and the Digby Courier. There is a pervasive fear that the Proponent is on the offensive and will "bully their way regardless of what the community wants" (P. Gidney). The suit was discussed at length. Bilcon's personnel indicated that this action was in response to the accusation that the Proponent had committed a criminal offence under the Cemeteries Act.

A third source of concern was the effect this development would have on the adjacent communities. This was hard to define as it was voiced as lifestyle-associated issues and property values declining in relation to the industrial development.

It should be noted that the recorded decline in tourist traffic in the Digby Area had a negative effect on retail operations in 2003 and 2004. Little River Trading Company no longer sells gasoline due to a significant decline in volumes.

7.5 Adventure Tour Operators

In many cases, Elgin was told that the operator did not wish to discuss the project. They were convinced that this development would destroy the tourism industry and affect the potential of whale watch operations. The large ships that would be transporting rock would "inevitably kill whales" (multiple sources). The ballast would contribute to significant problems of non-indigenous species and the effect of same on the lobster industry. Further, an industrial development of this size would, in their opinion, end the perception of the Neck area as an eco-tourism destination.

7.6 Accommodations

The WVDA business directory in 2003 indicated that there were thirteen accommodation businesses on the Neck and the Islands, however, there were fifteen. There were five Bed & Breakfasts, three campgrounds, three rental cottages, one hotel, one inn, one lodge, and one motel. The largest operation was the Brier Island Lodge. Mr. Tudor, the owner/operator of the lodge, suggested that we make contact with the Brier Island Chamber of Commerce for an information exchange. A letter was written to the Chamber and a follow-up phone call made to the Chair, Mrs. Penny Graham, but no meeting was

set. Mrs. Graham is no longer President. Harold Graham the new President was also contacted; however, there has been no further formal consultation with the Chamber.

Most of the operators were reluctant to discuss the quarry issue and there are still some who either would not discuss the project or have not returned calls/letters. There was an acknowledgment that there would be a need for accommodation during the construction phase but this group also echoed the concerns of the retail business sector of the effect on tourism.

An invitation was sent out to all of the tourism operators to an open house at the Proponent's office on February 15th, 2005. (See appendix 5) Response was minimal, however, the participants felt the information obtained was not readily available in the media, and regretted that more colleagues chose not to attend.

It should be noted that since the initial consultation of 2003, several of the accommodation operations have ceased business. Whale watch operators recorded significant declines in numbers in 2003. The decline continued thorough 2004 and is projected to be the case in 2005 based on the initial declines that were reported in June and early July. The year 2004 was, according to many operators, the worst season in over two decades. Nova Scotia Tourism recorded a decline of 20%. Multiple factors were associated with this, including the high cost of fuel and the exchange on the US dollar.

7.7 Aquaculture Industry

Mr. Rodney O'Neil, Sandy Cove, Digby Neck

Mr. O'Neil is currently a Director for the Aquaculture Association of Nova Scotia. Mr. O'Neil wanted assurances that the Proponents of this development would actively consult with the fishery. He has had extensive life-long experience in the fishery and it was his contention that, if the Proponent worked with the fishery, it could be beneficial for both. There was discussion regarding the Marine Terminal and potential uses as a safe-harbour for vessels in distress.

7.8 Harbour Authorities

The current wharf structures and their uses are documented in Appendix 6. In discussions with Harbour Society members, the primary concern was the effect on the fishery, primarily lobster, although other species of marine life were noted. The sediment, the effects of blasting, the interference of the shipping during the active season (December to May) and the loss of trap sites were also of concern. Furthermore, the effect that the project would have on whale watch operations was a topic of conversation, the assumption being that the blasting would harm the whales and the dust and sediment would affect the coastal eco-system

8.0 NON PROFIT GROUPS

8.1 Islands Historical Society

The Chair, Dorothy Outhouse, is concerned about the possible impact on the tourism industry. Specifically, the whale watch and tourist perspective of the project development. Mrs. Outhouse was not sure exactly what that would be, but she is aware of the Tiverton Development and Quarry Operation. It was explained that Whites Point is not visible from the #217, and with one notable exception, the adventure operators do not commonly travel near Whites Cove. Mrs. Outhouse still has reservations. (See appendix 7)

8.2 Bay of Fundy Discovery Centre Society

A letter was written November 21st, 2003 (appendix 8); their response of December 19th, 2003, indicated that they had concerns associated with the sediment and changes to the Bay of Fundy ecosystems, as a result of the quarry development. Further conversations have occurred and the Chair indicated that the Society would welcome copies of the Proponent's research once the panel review is complete.

8.3 Digby Neck Community Development Association

To date, there has not been a response to a letter written by Elgin on November 19th, 2003 (see appendix 9). This group is the parent group for the Partnership for Sustainable Development whose sole mandate is to stop the quarry.

8.4 Digby Neck and Islands Tourism Association

There was some correspondence with the Tourism Association. The Chairs, Mrs. Linda Graham and Mr. Murray Ross, were contacted via letter with an offer to make a formal presentation to the group. They declined. (See appendix 10)

8.5 Rossway Hall Society

Fr. Daniel Mills (retired) Rossway, Digby Neck

Fr. Mills is a retired Catholic Priest who has taken a great interest in the community in which he retired. He had some very specific questions after he spoke with Elgin and he was encouraged to come into the Proponent's office to discuss these items. The issues raised by Fr. Mills included the effect of the development on the fishery, sediment, blasting, damage to the eco-system of the Bay of Fundy and the credibility of one of the initial developers of this project.

9.0 GOVERNMENT CONTACTS

9.1 Provincial Political Staff - Mr. Cyril Reddy, Government Caucus Liaison

Elgin's Consultant discussed the Project with Mr. Reddy as he had specific questions regarding the Proponent and the longevity of the development. Mr. Reddy was aware of the perceived behaviour of Nova Stone as relayed by community residents. This was discussed on several occasions. Further, the number of employment positions and the number of years that the site would be in production was discussed. The Project Manager also met with Mr. Reddy in Halifax to provide information.

9.2 Harold Theriault Jr. - MLA Digby Annapolis

Mr. Theriault has openly stated within the media, his opposition to this proposed development. His specific concerns were: the lobster industry, blasting, the whales, sedimentation and the effects on quality of life. Mr. Theriault has declined formal contact with Bilcon's Project Manager and Quarry Manager to discuss these concerns.

10.0 NEWSLETTERS

As of February 4th, 2005, six newsletters have been produced and distributed. Newsletters one through four were circulated to approximately 2500 households and Newsletter five and six were distributed to approximately 4000 households.

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| No. 1 | January 2003 - Digby, Digby Neck and Islands |
| No. 2 | February 2003 - Digby, Digby Neck and Islands |
| No. 3 | April 2003 - Digby, Digby Neck and Islands |
| No. 4 | October 2003 - Digby, Digby Neck and Islands |
| No. 5 | November 2004 - Digby, Digby Neck, Long Island, Brier Island, Brighton, Barton, Marshalltown, Bear River and Smith's Cove |
| No. 6 | April 15, 2005 - Digby, Digby Neck, Long Island, Brier Island, Brighton, Barton, Marshalltown, Bear River and Smith's Cove |

11.0 COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

11.1 Digby and Area Board of Trade

Elgin's Consultant has been an active participant with the Board of Trade. Concerns have been voiced directly to the Consultant within the context of meetings and committee work. The concerns expressed have been with respect to the damage to the tourism industry including the traveling public's perception of the area as a result of this industrial development and the aesthetic of the site. The other factor discussed was the potential benefits to the local suppliers and the possibility of a significant windfall for the economy.

11.2 Digby Area Learning Association Career Fair

On March 31 and April 1, 2005 Elgin participated in a career fair sponsored by DALA. Although many of the contacts were employment related it was also an opportunity to provide a general description of the project to many community members, agencies and businesses that are part of the larger community.

12.0 OTHER BUSINESSES/TRADES PERSONS

There are several professional trades' persons who have their business locations on the Digby Neck and Islands. There are two auto repair locations, two body shop operations, two carpentry businesses, a furnace repair/burner service, an electrical contractor and several individuals who sell salted, smoked or slacked fish. Discussions with this sector usually consisted of information exchanges regarding the regulatory process and time lines. In two cases the individual expressed frustration about what they perceived as the project delays associated with the regulatory agencies.

13.0 SUMMARY

The public perception of this project has been significantly impacted by the information disseminated by the media and the very vocal opposition. Throughout most of the consultation process it was at times very difficult to specifically identify the actual concern. The characteristic responses were that the project will destroy:

- The fishery
- The tourism industry
- The Bay of Fundy ecosystem
- The whales
- Their way of life

When questioned what factors lead them to believe their concept of destruction, the response was almost invariably that they had 'read it, heard it, or just know it to be true'. The most difficult concept to explore was the lifestyle issue. Comments such as 'it will not feel the same' were the usual explanation.

There is also a fear that discussions about this project can lead to economic hardship for businesses. It was demonstrated and reported in the media that individuals who sought to obtain information from the Proponent were penalized by influential community members. Some of those business people recorded significant losses.

The concerns expressed throughout the consultation to date can be categorized as follows:

1. Loss of employment with the current economic mainstays. This area relies on seasonal fishery, seasonal logging, and seasonal tourism. All of these industries are dependent on the environmental conditions. If this project *were to damage* any of these sectors in any way then the perception is that this project is not positive. This includes the concerns expressed about water loss to the fish plants in Little River as a result of the impact of quarrying on the water table.
2. Environmental concerns as demonstrated by the comments on destruction of marine habitat via construction of the marine terminal, contamination of water and marine habitat due to particulate matter from blasting and crushing, the introduction of harmful alien species via ballast water, ship traffic as a hazard to whales and an impediment to lobster trap placement. Loss of terrestrial habitat, which would reduce birds, and a lowering of regional groundwater caused by the quarry activity.
3. Sociological concerns are the most difficult to categorize. The lifestyle changes that would result from the existence of a secondary industrial site in this very pastoral area are hard to define. Much easier to define is the sentimentality associated with the community of Whites Cove that was existent in the late 19th century. The target area has a large retirement community. Almost 50% of the population is over 58. Many of these older citizens remember their parents

talking about the 'good old days'. Many of the opponents have vivid memories of playing in the area as children when the site was more accessible. The memories are genuine and heart-warming.

There is little acknowledgment although almost every participant was aware of the previous use of the property as a quarry site. This property was a major source of aggregate for Highway #217 when it was first surfaced in the 1950's. Nor is there an acknowledgement although there is an awareness, that for over thirty years, the actual road to the Cove had been so neglected that it was impossible to navigate until the present owners purchased the property.

4. The restoration/reclamation plan was of concern. There are persistent rumours that the site will become a landfill for undesirable products. This is particularly relevant to the tourism industry which is concerned about the aesthetics.
5. The early conduct of Nova Stone Exporters and the ongoing defamation suit that was brought forward by the Proponents against a Little River Resident remains a major concern.
6. Understated, but often part of the conversation is the published wage schedule for the operation. These rates are significantly higher than any other employer with the exception of the Provincial Department of Transportation. Three employers expressed some concern that they could not compete with the scale.
7. The nationality of the remaining Proponent. There is an acknowledgment that most of the trade in the area is with the United States and that American tourists are very welcome, but there was a distinct implication that direct American investment was an issue.

14.0 APPENDICES

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May 9, 2005

Mr. Terry Farnsworth
12 Old Marshalltown Road
Digby County, NS
B0V 1A0

Dear Mr. Fransworth:

As you are aware, Bilcon of Nova Scotia is in the process of seeking approval to operate a Quarry and Marine Terminal at Whites Point on the Digby Neck.

We have met informally with many individuals who fish the Whites Cove area and these contacts have been productive, however Bilcon feels that they need to expand the scope of their consultations. As part of the ongoing public liaison activities we are asking if the membership of the Bay of Fundy Inshore Fisherman's Association would be interested in attending an open house hosted by Bilcon specifically for Executive, Directors and the membership Association to obtain details about the proposed initiative. This would be an informal gathering in which individuals could convey their questions or concerns directly to Bilcon personnel.

We would like to schedule this for June 8th, 2005 at 7pm in the Bilcon Office in Conway Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

Sincerely,



Kristy Herron
Communications
Bilcon of NS

May 17, 2005

Ms. Kristy Herron
Communications,
Bilcon of Nova Scotia
P. O. Box 2113
Digby, Nova Scotia
B0V 1A0

Dear Ms. Herron:


I have received your invitation which was issued to the Bay of Fundy Inshore Fishermen's Association to attend an "Informal Open House", at the Bilcon Office in Conway, on June 8th, 7:00 p.m.

I understand the purpose of the "Informal Open House" is to expand the scope of Bilcon's public liaison with Community Groups and exchange information about our concerns and your project.

Please be advised that our Association's understanding is that a Panel Review has been established to address our concerns about the potential environmental impacts of your proposed project. We do not wish to have any type of 'informal discussions' nor do we wish 'liaison'. The Panel is public and documented and that is the way we feel our Association is best served. We did not appreciate the manner in which CLC Meetings were conducted in the past, and we do not wish to do the same sort of thing in a different fashion.

Thank you for your invitation; however, we feel we must decline.

Sincerely yours,



Terry Farnsworth
Vice President
Bay of Fundy Inshore Fishermen's Association

WEYMOUTH & AREA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY AGENDA

MAY 12, 2005

- **CALL TO ORDER**
- **WEYMOUTH WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT – LISA FOWLER**
- **BILCON OF NOVA SCOTIA**
- **MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING**
- **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**
- **MOTION TO ACCEPT**
- **FINANCIAL REPORT**
- **MOTION TO ACCEPT**
- **OLD BUSINESS**
- **NEW BUSINESS**
- **DATE FOR NEXT MEETING**
- **ADJOURN**

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Chief Frank Meuse
Bear River First Nations
Bear River, NS
B0S 1B0

November 8, 2004

Dear Chief Meuse:

As you are aware on April 16th, 2004 there was a meeting with Counsellor Dawn McEwan, Counsellor Steve Meuse, and Economic Development Officer, Rob McEwan of the First Nation and Bill Clayton Jr., Bill Clayton Sr., John Wall, Pail Buxton and myself of Bilcon of Nova Scotia. This was a very preliminary contact and some issues were explored associated with the proposed development at Whites Point.

At that time the door was left open for future consultations with the Members of the Bear River First Nation Council and staff. Since we last met, the agreement between the Federal and Provincial Governments has been signed and on Friday November 5th the Review Panel Members were named.

We would again like an opportunity to meet with Members of the Bear River First Nations to explore any issues associated with this proposed project. The first contact was very informative. There is a strong desire on the part of Bilcon to pursue a cooperative and mutually beneficial arrangement with the Bear River First Nation.

I would respectfully request that you share this invitation with your Council and staff and indicate that I can be contacted at the phone and address above to arrange meetings.

Yours sincerely,

Kristy Herron
Communications
Bilcon of Nova Scotia

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Elder Agnes Potter
Bear River First Nations
Bear River, NS
B0S 1B0

Dear Elder Potter:

On behalf of Bilcon I would like to extend to you our appreciation for your blessing at the information session on January 11th, 2005. As I explained when we spoke yesterday, I have a great reverence for the spiritual philosophy as demonstrated by the Mi'kmaw Elders that I have been privileged to encounter.

I have come to understand that respect for all living things and the circle of life are integral to Mi'kmaw spirituality. It is from this holistic approach that we each can all draw strength and solace. It is indeed unfortunate that many more have not had the opportunity to witness the multiple positive effects that frequently occur when one encounters the warmth generated by the intervention of an Elder in this manner.

I applaud your efforts to reach out to the greater community. You are providing a vital service. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of assistance.

Respectfully,

Kristy Herron
Communications
Bilcon of NS

*Sample letter to
Tourism Operators*

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January 31, 2005

Breakers Bed and Breakfast
George & Betty Cook
5 Water St, Box 1445
Digby, NS, B0V 1A0

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Cook:

As you are aware, Bilcon of Nova Scotia is in the process of seeking approval to operate a Quarry and Marine Terminal at Whites Point on the Digby Neck.

As part of our ongoing consultation we will be holding an information session specifically for the Tourism Sector, (Accommodations, Restaurants and Adventure Tour Operators), about this proposed initiative on Tuesday February 15th at 7:00pm. This would be an informal gathering in which individuals could convey their questions or express their concerns directly to Bilcon Personnel.

We are looking forward to hearing from you. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions require any further details

Sincerely,

Kristy Herron
Communications
Bilcon of NS

WHARF STRUCTURES

There are ten active wharf structures currently in use on Digby Neck Islands. They are: Rossway, Centreville, Sandy Cove (Fundy & St. Mary's), Little River, Whale Cove, East Ferry, Tiverton, Freeport and Westport.

Further, the NS Department of Transportation maintains four structures for the ferries that transport between the islands. These are considered to be part of the highway infrastructure for #217. These wharfs are often used by local residents to fish from the shore. Although the size and quantity of fish obtained from "going off the wharf" (R. Cossaboom) has declined, this activity is still quite prevalent.

Rossway is currently used only for the weir fishery. It is a condemned structure and is considered unsafe.

Centreville Wharf has twelve fishing boats that use the facility. Eight are year-round. The mainstay of this wharf is the lobster fishery.

Sandy Cove has two wharves, one St. Mary's Bay East and the other on the Bay of Fundy West. Sandy Cove East has approximately twenty-four fishing boats with an average of four draggers. When the Scallop Fleet is in St. Mary's Bay, a number of the Scallop Fleet will tie up in Sandy Cove, but this is not year-round. The primary source of income is the lobster fishery. Sandy Cove West is consistently used by only one weir fisherman.

Little River is a very active site with thirteen lobster boats, three weir/aquaculture boats, one trawler, and four draggers that work off-shore from Grand Manan to Nantucket. Some of the catch is processed in Little River.

Whale Cove is deteriorating significantly and is in need of repair. There are four lobster vessels and a diving company offering lessons in this facility. In 2000, there were six to seven lobster craft.

East Ferry has seven lobster boats regularly using the facilities. It is speculated that once the harbour improvements in Tiverton are complete, these boats will moor across the passage in Tiverton. Two Whale watch operators also work out of East Ferry.

Tiverton has fourteen fishing boats. Two whale watch operators use the Department of Transportation Ferry Wharf. Over the last three years, the federal and provincial governments have made a substantial investment to improve this facility. Huge breakwaters have been constructed and there are plans for a replacement wharf with multiple floating docks. Once complete, this harbour will be suitable for recreational craft associated with the tourist trade. The primary catch is lobster, although there are some who are involved in the ground fishery.

Freeport Harbour Authority records thirty-five to forty fishing boats using the wharf structures located on either side of the harbour. The primary catch is lobster. There is also a whale and sea bird adventure tour operator that uses the South Cove wharf.

Westport has two wharf structures owned by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans. The Westport Harbour Authority is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the fisherman's wharf used by fourteen lobster boats, the Canadian Coast Guard, summer recreational visitors and a whale watch company. The second wharf structure is used exclusively by three whale watch operators.

**Islands Historical Society
c/o Mrs. Dorothy Outhouse
Freeport, NS
B0V 1B0**

Dear Mrs. Outhouse:

As you are aware, Global Quarry Products is in the process of developing a Quarry operation at Whites Point. Global has actively participated in the Community Liaison Committee that was established by the Nova Scotia department of Environment, however John Wall, the Quarry manager is of the opinion that many interested parties in the local community have not aired their views through this format. It is for that reason that my clients are requesting an opportunity to meet with the Society in a format that would be conducive to an open exchange of concerns, and issues.

This is a complex issue, that has many facets and multiple perspectives. The purpose of this contact is to share information.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information. I can be reached at home 834-2204, by cell 245-8879 or a message can be left at the Global Office in Digby. I am looking forward to your response in which you could suggest a date and time. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

**Kristy Herron
Communications**

November 2003

**Bay of Fundy Discovery Centre Society
c/o Mr. Roger Outhouse
Freeport, NS
B0V 1B0**

Dear Mr. Outhouse:

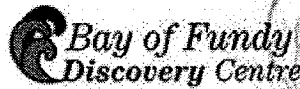
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Sincerely,

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December 19, 2003

Kristy Herron
Global Quarry Products
P.O. Box 2113
Digby, NS B0V 1A0

Dear Ms. Herron:

On behalf of the Bay of Fundy Discovery Centre Association I would like respond to your letter that was received on November 21, 2003.

As you are likely aware the Association is in the planning stages for a quality interpretive centre to be located in Freeport. It is projected that the first year of operation the Discovery Centre will have over 13,000 visitors (increasing to 20,000 by year five). According to the business plan for the Centre this translates into over \$3 million in additional expenditures for the economy.

The Association is a registered charity (under the federal *Income Tax Act*) with the following mission:

To encourage the preservation of the diverse ecosystems of the Bay of Fundy, to provide exceptional educational and research opportunities, and to clearly illustrate the cultural heritage of Digby Neck, Long and Brier Islands.

With respect to the proposed quarry for Whites Point the main concern, from the perspective of the Association, is related to the overall public perception and interpretation of the quarry project. In the process of carrying out the above mandate the Discovery Centre will promote ecotourism for the entire Digby Neck and Islands area and public perception is a key factor in attracting visitors to the area.

The extraction of a non-renewable resource, so close to the ecosystems that the Centre will promote, would appear to be counter productive to the mission stated above. If we are unable to see how the quarry would support our mandate then it is unlikely that the visiting public would make that connection either.

Given our other obligations at this time a meeting to discuss these issues would not be practical. But we do however welcome a written response to the concerns outlined above. If you have any questions or if you would like more information about the Discovery Centre project do not hesitate to contact me at 839-2068 or at the address above.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Roger Outhouse".

Roger Outhouse
Chairperson

December 2, 2003

**Digby Neck Community Development Association
Sandy Cove, NS
B0V 1E0**

Dear Association Members:

As you are aware, Global Quarry Products is in the process of developing a Quarry operation at Whites Point. Global has actively participated in the Community Liaison Committee that was established by the Nova Scotia department of Environment, however John Wall, the Quarry manager is of the opinion that many interested parties in the local community have not aired their views through this format. It is for that reason that my clients are requesting an opportunity to meet with DNCDA in a format that would be conducive to an open exchange of concerns, and issues.

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Mrs. Linda Graham & Mr. Murray Ross
Digby Neck, Long Island and Brier Island Tourism Committee
c/o Mrs. Linda Graham
Graham's Pioneer Retreat
Centreville
R. R. #4
Digby, NS
B0V 1A0

Dear Mrs. Graham and Mr. Ross:

As you are aware, Bilcon of Nova Scotia is in the process of seeking approval to operate a Quarry and Marine Terminal at Whites Point on the Digby Neck.

As part of our ongoing consultation we are asking if your membership would be interested in attending a meeting hosted by Bilcon for the Tourism Sector to obtain details about the proposed initiative. This would be an informal gathering in which individuals could convey their questions or concerns directly to Bilcon personnel.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

Sincerely,

Kristy Herron
Communications
Bilcon of NS

Digby Neck, Long Island, and Brier Island Tourism Committee
c/o Linda Graham
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Digby, Nova Scotia B0V 1A0

20 January 2005

Bilcon of Nova Scotia
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Dear Ms. Herron:

I received your letter of 14 January 2005 in advance of our 19 January meeting. I was able to put it on our agenda for this meeting.

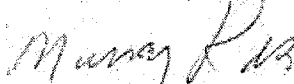
The group had held a debate during our November 2004 meeting concerning two different issues, the proposed quarry being one of these. It was decided at that time that we would not enter into either controversy as a group. It was further decided that each member, as an individual, could respond to the issues.

Thank you for offering to host a meeting with our group. At this time, we will not be requesting such a meeting.

Sincerely



Linda Graham, Co-chair



Murray Ross, Co-chair

WHITES COVE PROJECT

PROJECT SUMMARY

A permit (#2002-026397) was issued by the Nova Scotia Department of Environment and Labour, effective as of April 30, 2002, for the construction and operation of a quarry with an area of less than 4 Ha. (10-acre) in Whites Cove. This permit expires on April 30, 2012.

A permit application will soon be submitted for a quarry exceeding 4 Ha. in the same general area. As well, a permit will be sought for the construction and operation of a marine terminal at Whites Cove to enable the crushed rock to be exported to the U.S.

Approximately 2,000,000 tons of rock will be crushed and shipped per year.

WHY HERE?

The Whites Cove area of Digby Neck is composed of a thick layer of basalt rock, which, when processed, becomes a high quality aggregate for use in concrete and road paving. The location of the site, on the Western side of the Neck is ideal for several reasons:

- 1) It is water accessible, and therefore a convenience and advantage for shipping to the markets for aggregate stone. Because the stone is removed by ship, there will be minimal truck traffic from the site in the community.
- 2) The quarry will not be visible from Route 217 or from anywhere on the Eastern side of the Neck.
- 3) The ridge of the North Mountain provides some protection from typical quarry noise.
- 4) The Proponent believes that there is a pool of skilled and highly motivated people on Digby Neck capable of operating this project.

THE PERMIT PROCESS

FOR A 4 HA. (10 ACRE) SITE

- 1) An application was made to the Nova Scotia Department of Environment and Labour resulting in an Approval to Construct and Operate a less than 4 Ha. quarry on a 370 acre site in Whites Cove.
- 2) No environmental assessment was required as part of the application for the 4 Ha. permit.
- 3) Terms & Conditions were attached to the Approval, and form part of the Approval. Copies of the Approval and Terms and Conditions have been made available to the Community Liaison Committee.

FOR A LARGER QUARRY

- 1) An application will be made to the Nova Scotia Department of Environment and Labour in 2003 for approval to operate a quarry, exceeding 4 Ha. on the same 370 acre site in Whites Cove.
- 2) The application will require a thorough and rigorous environmental assessment.
- 3) The environmental assessment is ongoing and many aspects have already been discussed with the Community Liaison Committee, and will continue to be discussed at future Community Liaison Committee meetings.
- 4) As it is the intention to ship the crushed rock from a 'purpose built' marine terminal in Whites Cove, an Approval will be sought in 2003 for the construction of the marine terminal under the Navigable Waters Protection Act.
- 5) The application under the Navigable Waters Protection Act will be assessed to determine whether a Canadian Environmental Assessment is required. It is assumed that a Canadian Environmental Assessment will be required for this project.

THE COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE

As stated under Section B of Section 11, Public Communications of the Terms and Conditions of the Approval to Construct and Operate the less than 4 Ha quarry: "At the request of the Department, the Proponent shall establish a Community Liaison Committee..." The Department of Environment and Labour notified the Proponent on June 7, 2002, that under Section 11, a Community Liaison Committee should be established. (Copies of the of the 'Guidelines for the Formation of a Community Liaison Committee' are available upon request.) The first meeting of the CLC was held on July 18, 2002 at the Sandy Cove Fire Hall.

As Mr. Robert Petrie, District Manager of NSDOEL, confirmed at the public meeting of August 8, 2002, the Committee is a forum for the exchange of information between the public and the company. He also noted that, "There is nothing to say that all members have to agree".

The Committee, is composed of members of the community, with diverse interests and opinions whose main function is to enable the company and the community to communicate information and answer the community's questions and concerns.

The Community Liaison Committee will continue to function in this capacity throughout the duration of the project.

The current Community Liaison members are:

Ms. Cindy Nesbitt - chair	Ms. Judith Cary
Mr. Brian Cullen	Mr. David Graham
Ms. Christine Harnish	Mr. John Ivens
Mr. Mark Jeffrey	

Dates of Past Meetings:

July 18, 2002.	Sandy Cove Fire Hall
August 8, 2002.	Sandy Cove Fire Hall
August 29, 2002.	Sandy Cove Fire Hall
September 25, 2002.	Sandy Cove Fire Hall
October 24, 2002.	Sandy Cove Fire Hall
November 21, 2002.	Rossway Community Hall
January 9, 2003.	Rossway Community Hall

All Minutes are available upon request.

WHO ARE THE PROPONENTS?

NOVA STONE EXPORTERS INC. — Holds the permit for the 4 Ha. quarry.

GLOBAL QUARRY PRODUCTS — Subsidiary of Nova Stone Exporters Inc. - Will operate the quarry

Contact: Paul G. Buxton, P. Eng. - Project Manager
Betty MacAlpine, Office Manager

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NOTICE:

NEXT COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING:
JANUARY 30, 2003, 7:30 p.m.,
Rossway Community Hall. (Call 245-2567 to Add to the Agenda).

WHITES COVE PROJECT

PERMIT FOR CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF 4 HA. QUARRY: _____

The permit granted by the Province of Nova Scotia was issued pursuant to Part V of the *Environment Act, S.N.S., 1994-95, c1* and is subject to rigorous Terms and Conditions, which include, among others, issues relating to Construction and Setbacks, Noise, Dust, Blasting and Water Discharge.

DETAILS OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1) SURVEY AND SETBACKS

A survey must be submitted to the Nova Scotia Department of Environment and Labour (NSDOEL) showing the exact location, corners and boundaries of the active area, and all applicable separation distances for quarry operations which are:

- i) 30m of the boundary of a public or common highway (unless consent is received from the Dept. of Transportation and Public Works).
- ii) 30m of the bank of any watercourse or ordinary high water mark.
- iii) 30m of the boundary of the quarry property.

EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION

Controls are to be in place prior to construction and these controls are to be maintained and to remain in place until the disturbed areas are stabilized.

SIGNAGE

Signage must include hours of operation, emergency/telephone numbers and contacts and must be posted at the entrance of the quarry.

2) DUST

The dust generated must be suppressed by the application of water sprays or other suitable, approved dust suppressants. Dust emissions monitoring must be conducted at the request of NSDOEL and the location of monitoring stations may include areas beyond the quarry.

3) SOUND LEVELS/NOISE

The sound levels measured at the site property boundaries cannot exceed stipulated Equivalent Sound Levels (Leq) and must be monitored (including areas beyond the quarry boundaries) at the request of NSDOEL.

- i) DAYS (7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.) - Leq 65 dBA (Decibel)
- ii) EVENINGS (7:00 p.m.-11:00p.m.) - Leq 60 dBA
- iii) NIGHTS (11:00p.m.-7:00a.m.), ALL DAY SUNDAY, STATUTORY HOLIDAYS - Leq 55 dBA

Based on 'Equivalent Sound Level' research (available upon request), a level of 60 dBA is deemed equivalent to the sound of "conversational speech at 1 foot away".

4) BLASTING

The Permit stipulates:

- i) ground vibration and air concussion limits. A technical blast design which ensures these limits must be reviewed by NSDOEL before any blasting takes place. Blasts must then be monitored to ensure the limits are not exceeded, and a monthly summary of results must be submitted to NSDOEL.
- ii) water quality analysis of all structures within 800 metres of the quarry must be submitted before any blasting takes place
- iii) marine mammals in the area - a report must be submitted to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Maritime Aquatic Species at Risk Office, verifying that the charge size and blast design will not have an adverse effect on marine mammals. This report must be accepted by DFO before blasting commences.

SETBACKS

Blasting is not permitted within:

- i) 30m of the boundary of a public or common highway
- ii) 30m of the bank of any watercourse or ordinary high water mark.
- iii) 800m of the foundation or base of a structure located off site

5) WATER DISCHARGE

SURFACE WATER

- i) Siltation of the surface water is to be prevented by developing and maintaining the site based on the criteria set out by the NSDOEL, 'Erosion and Sedimentation Control Handbook for Construction Sites'.
- ii) Erosion and sedimentation control devices must be installed before any excavation of material.
- iii) No surface water may be discharged beyond the quarry boundary without a current and valid authorization from the affected landowners.
- iv) Liquid effluent levels must meet the limits stipulated in the Permit and effluent must also be monitored at the frequency and locations specified. A monthly summary of the monitoring results are to be submitted to NSDOEL.

GROUNDWATER

- i) Any water supply which has been lost or damaged as a result of extracting material must be replaced at the Permit holder's expense.
- ii) Any excavating below the watertable must be approved by NSDOEL.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT CRITERIA: _____

GREATER THAN 4H QUARRY

The Environmental Assessment process reviews the activities being carried out, and their possible effects on the environment of the area. Elements typically investigated include the, Flora/Fauna, Marine Mammals, Marine Ecology, Geology, Hydrogeology, Archeology and Cultural aspects. These assessments are conducted by independent professionals who must be "qualified personnel, in accordance with recognized industry standards and procedures". (A list of professionals retained is available upon request).

MARINE TERMINAL

As the product will be shipped from a constructed marine terminal, a Federal Environmental Assessment is required. The Assessment will again be carried out by independent professionals who will investigate possible effects on marine life. As the quarry and marine terminal are so closely linked, a joint Federal/Provincial Environmental submission will be filed combining the assessments of both the quarry and terminal.

Information and reports on the ongoing Federal/Provincial environmental assessment process will be available through the Community Liaison Committee.

ECONOMIC FACTS OF THE PROJECT: _____

CAPITAL COSTS

- Moving and crushing equipment, marine terminal and ship loader - in excess of \$25 million.
- Moving equipment to be purchased in Nova Scotia
- Other equipment to be purchased in Canada

EMPLOYMENT

Construction of quarry and terminal to create work in local area for about one year.

- 31 full-time people required to operate quarry on year-round basis
- Additional employees required on an 'as needed' basis
- Competitive wages, training provided (List of job rates and application for employment available upon request)
- Preference in hiring given to people in local area

COMMUNITY LIAISON MEMBERS: _____

Cindy Nesbitt - Chair; Judith Cary, Brian Cullen, David Graham, Christine Harnish, John Ivens, Mark Jeffrey.

NOTICE: _____

NEXT COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING
February 27, 7:00 p.m. at Rossway Community Hall
To add to the agenda please contact Cindy Nesbitt.

CONTACTS: _____

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Betty MacAlpine - Office Manager
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FOR YOUR
INFORMATION

Facts Sheet
No. 3
April, 2003

WHITES COVE PROJECT

COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Terms and Conditions of the Approval to Construct and Operate a less than 4Ha quarry stated that at the request of the NS Department of the Environment the Proponent shall establish a Community Liaison Committee. The NS Department of the Environment made such a request and the Committee was established to hold regular community meetings and inform the community about the Whites Cove project.

The first meeting was held on July 8, 2002 at the Sandy Cove Fire Hall. To date, CLC has met on a total of 9 occasions, the most recent on March 12 at the Rossway Community Hall.

Many aspects of the project are discussed at these meetings, however, certain questions have been asked on a number of occasions. Following are a number which generated the most interest:

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AT CLC MEETINGS

Q. Is the Proponent of the Whites Cove quarry planning other quarries on the Bay of Fundy or St. Mary's bay?
A. No. The Proponent of the Whites Cove quarry IS NOT planning any other quarrying activities on either the Bay of Fundy or St. Mary's Bay.

Q. Could other proponents apply for permits to operate quarries on the Bay of Fundy or St. Mary's Bay?
A. Yes, it's possible. A permit to construct and operate a less than 4 Ha quarry is relatively simple to obtain. However, there is not enough rock available for export from such an area to justify building a marine terminal which would cost approximately 15-20 million dollars. A very large quantity of rock would be required to justify the expense of its construction. A 4 Ha permit means there is only enough rock to supply the local market, and a review of markets in the local area (Digby and Annapolis Counties) shows that it is already being adequately supplied by existing quarries operating in the area.

To secure a Permit for a larger than 4 Ha quarry, and to construct such a quarry and marine terminal to ship the product requires a very large capital expenditure, and therefore, a guaranteed market for the entire production. Without a guaranteed market, no proponent would risk this very large capital expenditure. Global Quarry Products has a guaranteed market for its entire production.

Q. Is the Proponent of the Whites Cove Quarry required to restore the quarry site after quarrying operations have been terminated?
A. Yes. Under the Terms and Conditions of the 4 Ha permit, the Proponent was required to post a security suitable to the NS Department of Environment and Labour in the amount of \$6,250 per hectare of disturbed area BEFORE disturbance, or before June 15, 2002. The Proponent posted a security of \$25,000 in accordance with the stipulation.

The Proponent must also submit a rehabilitation plan to the NS Department of Environment and Labour before April 30, 2003. This plan must be revised and updated every 3 years and submitted to the NSDEL for review. In addition, before the expiry of the security currently in place, the Proponent must post a final security which is to be calculated using the rehabilitation plan and the costs to carry it out. This final security amount is to be revised every three years in accordance with revisions to the submitted rehabilitation plan.

The Proponent must rehabilitate the site within 12 months of abandoning the quarried site and it must be in accordance with the approved rehabilitation plan. The security deposit will not be released until the rehabilitation plan has been completed to the satisfaction of the Minister or Administrator of the NS Department of Environment and Labour.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ...CONTINUED

- Q. Have any cemeteries been found on the quarry site?
A. No. There is no physical evidence of cemeteries on the site nor is there any documented evidence of cemeteries ever being on the site.
- Q. Will traditional activities such as periwinkle or dulse harvesting be prevented once the quarry is in operation?
A. No. Access to the beach will be provided and maintained for this traditional activity. A meeting is planned with periwinkle and dulse harvesters to delineate routes and access points.
- Q. Will local labour be employed at the quarry site?
A. Yes. The Proponent has gone on record as stating that preference will be given to residents of Digby and Annapolis Counties in the hiring policy. As previously stated, the initial construction of the quarry and terminal will create work in the local area for about 1 year. In addition, competitive wages and training for the operation of the quarry will be provided for at least 31 full-time people. Additional employees will be hired on an 'as needed' basis.
- Q. Will the work be year-round?
A. Quarrying and shipping operations may be expected to cease during the most severe winter conditions, however, maintenance work will be carried out during this period. In general, employees can expect to work for an average of 10 months per year.
- Q. Will the quarry operate at night?
A. The present plan is for two 8-hour shifts operating between 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.
- Q. How long will the quarry be in operation?
A. Given the quantity of rock available and the anticipated annual shipments the quarry expects to operate for over 40 years.
- Q. When will work begin on the quarry site?
A. Work will commence in the Spring of 2003 but work on the Marine Terminal is not expected to begin until the early Spring of 2004.
- Q. Can the quarry be seen from Highway #217?
A. No. No part of the quarry operation can be seen from Hwy. #217 or from anywhere on the Eastern side of the Neck.
- Q. Will the quarry operation mean more truck traffic on Highway #217?
A. All crushed product will be shipped from the marine terminal. Only emergency supplies of crushed stone to the Department of Transportation and Public Works for use locally will be trucked. There will be some increase in general traffic from employees and delivery vehicles to the quarry, particularly during the construction.

COMMUNITY LIAISON MEMBERS:

Cindy Nesbitt - Chair; Judith Cary, Brian Cullen, David Graham, Christine Harnish, John Ivens, Mark Jeffrey.

NOTICE:

NEXT COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING
April 9, 7:00 P.M. Rossway Community Hall
(To add to the Agenda please contact Cindy Nesbitt)

CONTACTS:

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Whites Cove Project

Global Quarry Products
Fact Sheet No. 4

October 2003

Community Liaison Committee

The Community Liaison Committee met at the Rossway Community Hall on Wednesday August 27th and October 8th. As many in the community have already discovered these meetings are open and the public is encouraged to attend. The minutes are available at the Global Quarry Office in Digby. Members of the Community Liaison Committee are:

Cindy Nesbitt-Chair

Judith Carty, Brian Cullen, David Graham, Christine Harnish, John Ivens, Mark Jeffrey.

The public is encouraged to convey their comments and concerns to any member of the Committee or to the Office of Global Quarry Products.

Canadian Environmental Assessment Review panel

On August 11th the public was invited to comment on the draft agreement for the joint environmental assessment panel review process for the proposed Whites Point Quarry and Marine Terminal in Digby County. This document will detail the parameters for the environmental assessment and delineate the responsibilities of the various federal and provincial departments as well as the scope of the criteria for the review. Following the approval of the agreement the review process will commence with significant opportunities for public comment. The draft agreement can be reviewed at:

http://www.ceaa-accc.gc.ca/0009/0001/0001/0023/draft_e.htm

and comments can be sent to:

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Comments on the draft agreement must be received no later than October 22, 2003.

Employment

Employment opportunities with the fully operational Quarry have been distributed to the community liaison committee and have been available to the public through the minutes of these meetings. At this point in time it is projected that there will be 31 full time positions in two shifts. The hourly wage ranges from \$14.00 to \$20.00 per hour depending on the position. For more information please contact Ms. MacAlpine at the Global Quarry Products Office.

2. Global Quarry Fact Sheet # 4

The Proponent's Buyer

The site in White's Cove is being developed by Global Quarry Products as a source of aggregate for Clayton Concrete of New Jersey. Basalt is one of the most desirable aggregates used in the manufacture of concrete. The benefits to the overall environment when this type of construction material is used are well documented.

Clayton Concrete was founded in 1951, and has stayed on the cutting edge of construction material technology. Although famous for concrete, the award winning Clayton Block Company, a sister company, is capable of producing over 360 different block shapes, designs and textures and has successfully worked with architects and contractors to design and manufacture custom block for specific projects. Newer block product additions are a lightweight block called C-Lite and Allan Block retaining wall systems. As a licensed manufacturer of Allan Block, which uses no mortar and is available in a variety of shapes and colors. Clayton Block has found unprecedented acceptance of this superior product by contractors, landscapers and homeowners. Clayton Block also offers customers a full line of specialty finish split face and ground face architectural block designs that have been selected for some of New Jersey's most beautiful buildings. In fact, in 1990 the company won a Grand Award for excellence in concept, design, originality and application of brick or block for the products supplied to the Princeton University Fischer Hall building from the New Jersey State Conference of Bricklayers and Allied Craftsmen and the Mason Contractors Association of New Jersey.

(From the Clayton Website
<http://www.claytonco.com>)

Why Concrete?

We are aware of the need to develop construction methods that are environmentally sound, yet are durable and sustainable. It has been determined that concrete is just such a product. Concrete itself provides a range of environmental benefits. Concrete's durability conserves resources by reducing maintenance and the need for reconstruction. The thermal mass of concrete buildings saves energy year-round; concrete structures cost less to cool in the summer and to heat in the winter than do wood or steel buildings. Concrete buildings are also better able to withstand fire, wind, or other natural disasters. At the end of its initial service life, concrete can be crushed and reused as an aggregate in new concrete, continuing the life cycle of environmental benefits.

Source Websites:

<http://www.ecco.org/>

http://cementamericas.com/ar/cement_cement_concrete_environment/

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Whites Point Project

Issue #3

November 30, 2004

Bilcon is the Sole Proponent

Bilcon of Nova Scotia is a wholly owned subsidiary of Clayton Concrete, Block & Sand of Lakewood, New Jersey. In Nova Scotia the Quarry Manager is John Wall, The Project Manager is Paul Buxton and Kristy Herron coordinates Communications.

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Please do not hesitate to drop in during our regular office hours: 10am to 4pm, Monday through Friday.

Review Panel

Members Appointed

(Excerpts from the CEAA press releases)

On November 5th The Honourable Stéphane Dion, Federal Minister of the Environment, and Hon. Kerry Morash, Nova Scotia Minister of Environment and Labour, jointly established a three-member panel to review Bilcon's proposed basalt quarry and a marine terminal at Whites Point, Digby County. The panel members are: Dr. Robert O. Fournier (Chair), Dr. Jill Grant, and Dr. Gunter Muecke.

Robert O. Fournier (Chair)

Dr. Fournier received a Ph.D. in Biological Oceanography from the University of Rhode Island in 1967. In 1971, he joined the teaching team of Dalhousie University in Halifax where he has been specializing in Oceanography.

Dr. Fournier has substantive experience with panel reviews. He chaired the National Energy Board – *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act (CEAA)* joint review panel for the Sable Gas Project (1996-1998). He also chaired the provincial Electricity Marketplace Governance Committee (2002-2003), co-chaired and facilitated the Provincial Energy Strategy Public Meetings (2001) and chaired the Halifax Cleanup Task Force (1989-1990).

Dr. Fournier is also very well known for his media activities, contributing science commentaries to media including national and local radio, television and magazines since 1974. He is the author or co-author of more than sixty documents on topics ranging from biological oceanography to energy, electricity and the economy.

Jill Grant

Dr. Grant received a Ph.D. in Regional Planning and Resource Development from the University of Waterloo in 1991. Dr. Grant pursued teaching at the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design as a professor in Environmental Planning (1988-2001) and has been a professor at Dalhousie University's School of Planning and a member of the Graduate Faculty since 2001.

Dr. Grant is a member of the Canadian Institute of Planners and served on the editorial board of *Plan Canada* which she chaired from 2001 to 2004. She has also been

associated with numerous professional journals such as the Journal of the American Planning Association, the Landscape and Urban Planning Journal the Journal of Industrial Ecology and the Journal of Environmental Management.

Gunter Muecke

Dr. Muecke started his teaching and research career as a field geologist for Shell Canada (1960-1963) and then became a lecturer in Mineralogy at Oxford University (1968-1970). In 1969, he received a D.Phil. in Geochemistry from Oxford University. He then pursued a teaching career at Dalhousie University, in the Department of Geology and Earth Sciences (1970-1998) and at the School of Resource and Environmental Studies (1985-1998). Since 1998, he assumed post-retirement appointments as Associate Research professor both at the School of Resource and Environmental Studies and at the Faculty of Science (Geographic Information Systems).

Dr. Muecke has a long-standing interest and involvement in the geological aspects of environmental issues. He has knowledge and direct experience of both the federal and provincial environmental assessment processes having been an appointed member of the federal-provincial review panel for the Kelly's Mountain Coastal Superquarry Project (1991).

Further on November 10th the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency and Nova Scotia Environment and Labour invited the public to comment on draft Guidelines for the preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Whites Point Project. These guidelines will identify the issues that Bilcon of Nova Scotia will be required to address in its environmental assessment of the project and provide Bilcon with direction on how to describe and assess these issues, and how to structure the EIS that will be submitted to the joint review panel. After

taking public comments into consideration, the joint review panel will finalize and issue the Guidelines to the proponent. **Written comments on the draft Guidelines must be received by the joint review panel no later than January 21, 2005.** Please forward your comments, in the official language of your choice, by mail e-mail to the following:

Steve Chapman, Panel Manager
Whites Point Quarry and Marine
Terminal Project - Joint Review Panel
PO Box 486 C.R.O
Halifax NS B3J 2R7

E-mail: Comments@WPO-JointReview.ca

The draft EIS Guidelines are available on the Web sites of the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca) or Nova Scotia Environment and Labour (www.gov.ns.ca/enla/eis/ca). The joint review panel will soon release the procedures to be followed for the review and announce the dates for public meetings.

Copies of the draft EIS Guidelines can be reviewed at the following centres:

Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency
 1801 Hollis St., Suite 200
 Halifax, NS

Nova Scotia Environment and Labour
 5151 Terminal Rd., 5th floor
 Halifax, NS

Nova Scotia Environment and Labour
 Yarmouth District Office
 13 First St.
 Yarmouth, NS

Annapolis Royal Branch Library
 Town Hall
 285 St. George St.
 Annapolis Royal, NS

Isaiah W. Wilson Memorial Library
84 Warwick St.
Digby, NS

Clean Nova Scotia
126 Portland Street
Dartmouth, NS

Ecology Action Centre
Suite 31
1568 Argyle St.
Halifax, NS

Bilcon of NS
305 Highway #303
Suite #3
Conway, NS

Also announced by the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency on November 10th was the establishment of a \$100,000 Participant Funding Program to assist the public to take part in the joint panel review of the Whites Point Quarry and Marine Terminal project in Digby County. The total funding amount will be made available in two separate phases. Phase I: Up to \$25,000 will be provided in participant funding to help individuals to take part in the review of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Guidelines. The EIS Guidelines serve as a guide for the proponent in preparing a statement of the projected effects of the project on the environment. A funding review committee, independent of the joint review panel, will consider all applications and recommend allocation of funds to applicants according to the eligibility criteria set out in the *Participant Funding Program Guide*. Only expenditures incurred following the allocation of funding will be eligible. The allocation of federal funds will be made on the basis of applications received by the Agency **no later than December 10, 2004**. Successful

applicants will be required to sign a contribution agreement with the Agency.

Phase II: Up to \$75,000 will be available to the public to prepare for and take part in the panel hearings. Information regarding funding applications for Phase II will be announced at a later date. The *Participant Funding Program Guide*, the application form and information on the panel review process for the project are available on the Agency's Web site at www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca.

For more information on the Participant Funding Program, or to submit an application, please contact:

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To register as an interested party and to be kept informed of the panel's activities, please provide a full mailing address, an e-mail address and/or a fax number, as applicable, to the panel manager, Steve Chapman.



Bilcon Open House

On December 7th and 8th Bilcon will be hosting an informational Open House in the Conway Office. For information please contact Kris at 902-245-2567.

Tuesday December 7th

Noon to 4pm

Wednesday December 8th

10:00am to 8pm

Light Refreshments will be served

Whites Point Project

Issue #6

April 15, 2005

Environmental Assessment Update

Bilcon Personnel attended all four of the Public Meetings held by the Panel to review the draft guidelines for the Environmental Impact Statement. These meetings were very informative and were extremely useful to the development of the Proposed Project.

On March 31st the Joint Panel released the final Environmental Impact Statement Guidelines for the Whites Point Project. These can be found on the CEAA website. http://www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca/010/0001/0001/0023/index_e.htm

The document is quite long and the criteria is very comprehensive. It is noteworthy that the Panel Members carefully reviewed the comments and suggestions by the public.

Bilcon is now in the process of assembling the response to this document. This will be the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that will be subject to further comment by the public and another round of hearings conducted by the Panel. As the volume of completed research and ongoing studies is extensive this will take a significant period of time.

Volunteer Recognition

The Clayton Companies place a high value on Community contributions of both time and resources. As this issue of our Newsletter will be distributed during International Volunteer Recognition Month, Bilcon would like to add their appreciation of all those who give their time to benefit the people of their communities.

Bilcon is on the Web

Bilcon would like to invite you to visit their Internet web site at

www.bilconof.ns.ca

The site has current information on the Project and the Environmental Assessment Process. Also available is company information with contacts and links to Clayton Companies

Participant Funding Announced

The Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency announced on April 13th, the availability of Phase 2 of the Participant Funding Program to assist the public to take part in the joint panel review of the Whites Point Quarry and Marine Terminal project in Digby County.

Phase 2 participant funding of up to \$81,300 is now available to help the public prepare for and participate in the review of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and the panel hearings to follow. This amount combines the previously allotted \$75,000 for Phase 2 and funds that were not distributed during Phase 1. A total funding amount of \$100,000 was established to help the public participate in the environmental assessment process. Funding applications received at the Agency by May 11, 2005 will be considered. The funding review committee, independent of the review panel, considers all applications and recommends to the President of the Agency the distribution of available funds to successful applicants according to the eligibility criteria set out in the Participant Funding Program Guide.

The news release and the CEAA link can be accessed from the Bilcon website.

Reclamation Process

One of the most widespread concerns expressed by the general public is the status of the Whites Point site following termination of the quarrying and shipping operation. The Environmental Impact Statement will deal with this issue in detail but it is important to note the following:

- 1 The reclamation process must be approved by the Panel;
- 2 The costs of reclaiming the site will be established by government agencies and Bilcon will be required to provide funds for reclamation to the government prior to the construction of the quarry;

Bilcon intends to carry out reclamation on an incremental basis. When an area of the site has been quarried out, this area will be reclaimed as new areas are being opened up and quarried. This procedure means that only a fraction of the site is being worked at any one time while the balance will be unopened areas or areas already reclaimed.

The primary goal of reclamation is to return the land to beneficial use. Mined out aggregate pits and quarries are converted to second uses that include residential property, wildlife refuges, golf courses and gardens like the Butchart Gardens in Victoria.

The Bilcon office in Digby has illustrations of reclamations that have been carried out in the Province of Nova Scotia as well as graphic representation of the projected reclamation plan for Whites Point.

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Tourist Industry Consultation

On February 15th Bilcon held an informal information session from 7pm to 10pm for the tourism sector. Individual letters were sent to Operators of Accommodations, Restaurants and Adventure tourism businesses inviting them to share their concerns and to review the proposed project. Those who attended found this forum useful. There were many open and frank discussions associated with possible impacts. As part of the ongoing consultative process Bilcon will be inviting other sectors to participate in these types of forums.

DALA Career Fair

Bilcon was one of the many participants who had displays at the Career Fair sponsored by the Career Resource Centre of the Digby and Area Learning Association. Through the course of the two days, April 1st and 2nd, 213 individuals from the local area who were looking for employment opportunities and training options attended. Our display had information about the Project, and the potential employment positions at the quarry site.

Notes from Clayton Concrete

Bill Clayton Sr. and the Clayton Companies were recognized by the State of New Jersey in a Joint Legislative Resolution for their *"uncommon level of public-spiritedness in benefit of the community as evidenced through support of local school programs, colleges and Universities, various law enforcement and fire departments throughout the state, the Lakewood Blueclaws and their causes, the Boy and Girl Scouts, many churches and religious organizations and the annual National Night Out Against Crime program"*

WHITES POINT QUARRY AND MARINE TERMINAL

BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY CONTACT SHEETS

By

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CONTACT SHEET - WHITES POINT QUARRY

FISH PROCESSING OPERATIONS / FISH PLANTS & AQUACULTURE

CONTACT: Courtnakle Fisheries Ltd, Dwayne Theriault

DATE:

ISSUES

NOTES

Courtnakyle Fisheries Ltd. was familiar with the project, and saw no need to consult.

CONTACT SHEET - WHITES POINT QUARRY

FISH PROCESSING OPERATIONS / FISH PLANTS & AQUACULTURE

CONTACT: Di-anna Aqua Inc / Cooke Aquaculture, Rodney O'Neil

DATE: Multiple Contacts -February 19, 2004 / August 2004
/ October 2004

ISSUES

Lobster fishery (sediment and trap placement)
Tourism (whale watch impact and restoration of property)
Actual jobs available at the quarry site
Economic development
The behaviour of Nova Stone

NOTES

Mr. O'Neil, who is the Director of the Aquaculture Association of Nova Scotia, wanted assurances that the Proponent would actively consult with the fishery. He has had extensive experience in the fishery and it was his contention that by working together with the Proponent, it would be beneficial to both.

He would like to see the marine terminal used as a potential safe-harbour for vessels in distress.

Mr. O'Neil makes regular visits to the Proponent's Office.

CONTACT SHEET - WHITES POINT QUARRY

FISH PROCESSING OPERATIONS / FISH PLANTS & AQUACULTURE

CONTACT: Gidney Fisheries, Bruce Gidney

DATE:

ISSUES

NOTES

Declined to be interviewed.

CONTACT SHEET - WHITES POINT QUARRY

FISH PROCESSING OPERATIONS / FISH PLANTS & AQUACULTURE

CONTACT: D.B. Kenney Fisheries Ltd.

DATE: December 18, 2003 / January 22, 2004

ISSUES

1. Fisheries
2. Tourism
3. Potential effects on the whales

* see summary notes, page 16 of Elgin Community/Business Consultation Report
July 2005

NOTES

Penny Graham (nee Kenney) and her spouse operate one of the largest whale watch operations on Brier Island.

CONTACT SHEET - WHITES POINT QUARRY

FISH PROCESSING OPERATIONS / FISH PLANTS & AQUACULTURE

CONTACT: Nantucket Sea Farms (now Admiral Sea Farms)

DATE:

ISSUES

NOTES

Declined to be interviewed.

The local partner is the son of MLA Harold Theriault, Jr., who has opposed this project.

CONTACT SHEET - WHITES POINT QUARRY

FISH PROCESSING OPERATIONS / FISH PLANTS & AQUACULTURE

CONTACT: Ocean Trawlers Ltd., Fred Trask

DATE: December 2003 - November 2004

ISSUES

1. Potential effects on their water supply
2. Impact on the fishery (loss of habitat)
3. Employment opportunities that would pay unskilled workers \$12.50 per hour, as those who work 'in the fish' do not exceed \$10.00 per hour.

NOTES

There were casual conversations with Fred and his wife, Stephanie.

CONTACT SHEET - WHITES POINT QUARRY

FISH PROCESSING OPERATIONS / FISH PLANTS & AQUACULTURE

CONTACT: R & R Finfish Development Ltd., Sean Raymond

DATE:

ISSUES

- closed -

NOTES

This was an aquaculture development that was extensively damaged in a winter storm.

CONTACT SHEET - WHITES POINT QUARRY

FISH PROCESSING OPERATIONS / FISH PLANTS & AQUACULTURE

CONTACT: Scotia Fisheries Limited, Alan Walker,

DATE: Informal contact

ISSUES

1. The impact of the quarry on the water table

NOTES

Other than identifying the above issues, Scotia Fisheries declined to be interviewed.

CONTACT SHEET - WHITES POINT QUARRY

FISH PROCESSING OPERATIONS / FISH PLANTS & AQUACULTURE

CONTACT: Seabrook Fisheries Limited, Wayne Lewis

DATE:

ISSUES

NOTES

Saw no reason to discuss the project.

CONTACT SHEET - WHITES POINT QUARRY

RETAIL BUSINESS

CONTACT: Graham's Store, now Gibson's Landing

DATE: December 2003

ISSUES

- 1 Q: What is your perception of the proposed development?
 A big hole.
- 2 Q: What are the potential negative aspects of this development?
 The list is not long enough!
- 3 Q: What are the potential positive aspects of this development?
 None.
- 4 Q: What could the Company (Global Quarry Products - at that time) do to
 better collaborate with your business?
 Nothing.
- 5 Q: What do you see as the future for the economy of the Digby Area?
 **I think that there is great potential in the tourist dollar and that large
 industrial development, such as the quarry, does not fit.**

NOTES

Previous operators were concerned about the effects on tourism, fisheries, and traditional industry. The consultation took place in December 2003. In April/May 2004 there were some discussions with current owners who are concerned with the impact on tourism (perception of traveling public).

CONTACT SHEET - WHITES POINT QUARRY

RETAIL BUSINESS

CONTACT: Little River Trading Company, Royce Eldrikin

DATE: November 21, 2003 / January 2004 / December 2004 /
January, February and March 05

COMMENTS

1. Effects on water table for Little River (wells)
2. Effects on tourism and fisheries
3. Conduct of Nova Stone

* see summary notes, page 16 of Elgin Community/Business Consultation Report
July 2005

NOTES

The Eldrikin's Little River Trading Company is the only general merchandise store in Little River a community that has been the centre of the opposition. Some of the conversations were "over the coffee pot" in the store.

CONTACT SHEET - WHITES POINT QUARRY

RETAIL BUSINESS

CONTACT: Ossingers Groceries, Barbara Ossinger

DATE: December 16, 2003

ISSUES

1. Q: What is your perception of the proposed development?
A quarry. It is not like we have not had many of these developments in the past.
2. Q: What are the potential negative aspects of this development?
There needs to be some evaluation of the effects on both the tourism industry and the lobster fishery. - Based on reports and community discussions - (see summary notes, page 16 of Elgin Community/Business Consultation Report July 2005).
3. Q: what are the potential positive aspects of this development?
The employment would be welcome.
4. Q: What could the Company (Global Quarry Products - at that time) do to better collaborate with your business?
Unsure.
5. Q: What do you see as the future for the economy of the Digby Area?
I am very concerned that this area is not growing and that soon there will be nothing left.

NOTES

There have been multiple contacts since December 2003. Mrs. Ossinger has often requested a status report on the progression of the project.

CONTACT SHEET - WHITES POINT QUARRY

RETAIL BUSINESS

CONTACT: R.E. Robicheau Store, Wally DeVries

DATE: May 2004

ISSUES

1. Q: What is your perception of the proposed development?
It is a large quarry on the Bay of Fundy.
2. Q: What are the potential negative aspects of this development?
We do not know what affect this type of development will have on the fishery, or the eco-tourism industry. (See summary notes, page 16 of Elgin Community/ Business Consultation Report July 2005)
3. Q: What are the potential positive aspects of this development?
No answer.
4. Q: What could the Company (Global Quarry Products - at this time) do to better collaborate with your business?
No answer.
5. Q: What do you see the future for the economy of the Digby Area?
There needs to be a concerted move to sustain our current industries and work to enhance the tourism market.

NOTES

CONTACT SHEET - WHITES POINT QUARRY

RETAIL BUSINESS

CONTACT: Sandy Cove Grocery, Penny & Steve Naugler

DATE: December 17, 2003

ISSUES

1. Q: What is your perception of the proposed development?
A big hole that will benefit only the Americans.
2. Q: What are the potential negative aspects of this development?
My well will be gone and the tourists will not be here. The summer residents will sell and we will be done.
3. Q: What are the potential positive aspects of this development?
None.
4. Q: What could the Company (Global Quarry Products - at that time) do to better collaborate with your business?
Go away.
5. Q: What do you see as the future of the economy of the Digby Area?
The tourism industry is our only potential source of hope.

ISSUES

- 1) The conduct of Nova Stone.

CONTACT SHEET - WHITES POINT QUARRY

RETAIL BUSINESS

CONTACT: Straight from the Hearth, Roger & Dorothy Outhouse

DATE: December 16, 2003

ISSUES

1. Q: What is your perception of the proposed development?
It is a large quarry.
2. Q: What are the potential negative aspects of this development?
I am very concerned about the effects that this development will have on the tourism industry. (See summary notes, page 16 of Elgin Community/Business Consultation Report July 2005)
3. Q: What are the potential positive aspects of this development?
The jobs, if they are local people, would be good.
4. Q: What could the Company (Global Quarry Products - at this time) do to better collaborate with your business?
Not sure.
5. Q: What do you see as the future for the economy of the Digby Area?
I am very concerned about the lack of employment opportunities and the sustainability of the current fisheries.

NOTES

Mr. Outhouse: "I would not like to live in a world where the Bay of Fundy was not healthy. There are currently multiple stressors on the ecosystems of the Bay.

CONTACT SHEET - WHITES POINT QUARRY

RETAIL BUSINESS

CONTACT: Wilson's on the Neck, Randy & Cindy Nesbitt

DATE: December 17, 2003

ISSUES

1. Q: What is your perception of the proposed quarry?
It is a quarry development that will provide needed employment in Digby Neck area.
2. Q: What are the potential negative aspects of this development?
There have been expressions of concern with respect to the lobster industry and the water table.
3. Q: What are the potential positive aspects of this project?
The employment and the potential spin-offs would result in an increase in volume sales for our business.
4. Q: What could the Company (Global Quarry Products - at that time) do to better collaborate with your business?
They could discuss their commitment to hire local people.
5. Q: What do you see as the future for the economy of the Digby Area?
Tourism is not the panacea, and it is difficult to see any future if all we have is the lobster.

NOTES

Mrs. Nesbitt is the Chair of the Community Liaison Committee. There has been almost daily contact since November 2003 to date, June 2005.

Mr. and Mrs. Nesbitt experienced a significant downturn in their business due to a concerted boycott by some community members who intimidated others. Consequently, this experience impacted the willingness of other businesses to discuss the project.

CONTACT SHEET - WHITES POINT QUARRY

CRAFT / GIFT / GALLERIES

CONTACT: Brambles & Roses Gifts, Don Mullen

DATE: December 2003 - April 2004 Social / Community interactions

ISSUES

1. Reputation of the Proponent
2. The "American" factor
3. Ballast water
4. Impact on tourism *
5. Destruction of the quality of life *
6. Destruction of the fishery *

* see summary notes, page 16 of Elgin Community/Business Consultation Report
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NOTES

Mr. Mullen is an Executive Member of the "Stop the Quarry" group.

CONTACT SHEET - WHITES POINT QUARRY

CRAFT / GIFT / GALLERIES

CONTACT: Gallery by the Sea, Tom Goodwin

DATE: December 2003 - July 2004 Casual conversations

ISSUES

1. Impact on whales due to shipping
2. Negative effect of the operation on the fishery, as defined by the sediment from shipping.

NOTES

CONTACT SHEET - WHITES POINT QUARRY

CRAFT / GIFT / GALLERIES

CONTACT: Ice House Gift Shop

DATE:

ISSUES

NOTES

Declined comment.

CONTACT SHEET - WHITES POINT QUARRY

CRAFT / GIFT / GALLERIES

CONTACT: The Olde Lamplighter Gift Shop

DATE:

ISSUES

NOTES

Declined comment.

CONTACT SHEET - WHITES POINT QUARRY

CRAFT / GIFT / GALLERIES

CONTACT: Small Ideas Crafts & Gifts

DATE: December 2003

ISSUES

1. Impact on the fishery
2. Impact on tourism industry
3. Quality of potential employment

* see summary notes, page 16 of Elgin Community/Business Consultation Report
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NOTES

CONTACT SHEET - WHITES POINT QUARRY

CRAFT / GIFT / GALLERIES

CONTACT: Spruce Grove Arts & Crafts, Lewis Walker

DATE: December 2003

ISSUES

1. Impact on the fishery (sediment and habitat loss)
2. Number of jobs and the use of local residents

NOTES

Those conversations took place primarily at another business location.

CONTACT SHEET - WHITES POINT QUARRY

CRAFT / GIFT / GALLERIES

CONTACT: Well House Curios Central Grove, Louise Chisholm

DATE: December 2003

ISSUES

1. What is your perception of the proposed development?
Ms. Chisholm was unaware of the quarry development as it had been reported in the press. She believed that all the leased land was to be used and that the hole was to be filled with American waste. She was unaware of the plan to ship entirely via sea and she thought that there would be significant truck traffic.
2. What are the potential negative aspects of this development?
She was concerned that this development would change the perspective of the traveling public from an eco-tourist destination.
3. What are the potential positives of this development?
She agreed that we do need the employment and it would be nice to have another business to fall back on.
4. What could the Company (Global at that time) do to better collaborate with your business?
She was uncertain of this.
5. What do you see as the future for the economy of the Digby area?
If nothing happens, we will be a Canso.

NOTES

This conversation took place on the Tiverton Ferry Wharf. If she could be assured that there were not going to be negative impacts on the fishery and tourism, then she could see potential for jobs. Using some of the diagrams and the minutes of the CLC, the interviewer was able to change some of the perceptions of the development.

CONTACT SHEET - WHITES POINT QUARRY

ACCOMMODATIONS AND RESTAURANTS

CONTACT: Brier Island Lodge, Ray Tudor

DATE: March 2004 / May 2004

ISSUES

1. Lawsuit against E. Dickinson
2. Tourism effects (perception of traveling public)
3. Conduct of Nova Stone

NOTES

1. A letter was written December 2003, then contacted by phone, and then met in person with Proponents in May 2004.
2. Mr. Tudor is in the process of selling his business.

CONTACT SHEET - WHITES POINT QUARRY

ACCOMMODATIONS AND RESTAURANTS

CONTACT: Dock & Doze, Patsy Titus

DATE: December 2003

ISSUES

1. Tourism impacts - Perception of the public and loss of the whale watch due to environmental effects
2. Job opportunities

NOTES

CONTACT SHEET - WHITES POINT QUARRY

ACCOMMODATIONS AND RESTAURANTS

CONTACT: Direct Descendants Guest House

DATE:

ISSUES

NOTES

No discussion.

CONTACT SHEET - WHITES POINT QUARRY

ACCOMMODATIONS AND RESTAURANTS

CONTACT: Ferry Take-Out Seaside Lunch

DATE: June 2004

ISSUES

1. Environmental impacts (ecosystem effects on Bay of Fundy)

NOTES

Several 'social' discussions. The owners of this business are environmentalists. Although Ms. Chisholm is from the area, her spouse is a native of Austria.

CONTACT SHEET - WHITES POINT QUARRY

ACCOMMODATIONS AND RESTAURANTS

CONTACT: Fisherman's Needle

DATE:

ISSUES

NOTES

Declined to be interviewed.

CONTACT SHEET - WHITES POINT QUARRY

ACCOMMODATIONS AND RESTAURANTS

CONTACT: Freeport House Bed & Breakfast, Andy Moir and Chris Callighan

DATE: December 2003

ISSUES

1. Environmental damage

NOTES

Mr. Moir does not appreciate the value of quarries as an economic development.

These individuals are active in the opposition movement to "Stop the Quarry".

Mrs. Callighan has been contracted to provide services to the Stop the Quarry Group.

Ms. Callighan: "This quarry is the absolute worst thing that could ever happen here".

CONTACT SHEET - WHITES POINT QUARRY

ACCOMMODATIONS AND RESTAURANTS

CONTACT: Graham's Pioneer Retreat, Linda and David Graham

DATE: December 2003 / January 2004

ISSUES

1. Impact on tourism (aesthetics and perception of public)
2. Lobster fishery (sediment, loss of habitat and ballast water)
3. The number of jobs that will actually be created

NOTES

Mr. And Mrs. Graham, have been active participants of the Community Liaison Committee (CLC). Mrs. Graham is also the Chair of the Neck and Islands Tourism Association.

CONTACT SHEET - WHITES POINT QUARRY

ACCOMMODATIONS AND RESTAURANTS

CONTACT: Lavena's Catch

DATE: Casual conversation

ISSUES

1. Impact on tourism (see summary notes, page 16 of Elgin Community/Business Consultation Report July 2005)
2. A Department of Transportation quarry's blasting incident (damage to property)

NOTES

The owner is part of the Freeport Development Association.

CONTACT SHEET - WHITES POINT QUARRY

ACCOMMODATIONS AND RESTAURANTS

CONTACT: Mariner Restaurant, Sandy Cove

DATE: December 2003 / January 2004

ISSUES

1. Impacts as described by opposition on tourism (see summary notes, page 16 of Elgin Community/Business Consultation Report July 2005)
2. Possible employment opportunities

NOTES

Closed September 2004. Will not re-open.

CONTACT SHEET - WHITES POINT QUARRY

ACCOMMODATIONS AND RESTAURANTS

CONTACT: Petite Passage / Whale Watch / Lunch

DATE: December 2003 / January 2004 / July 2004

ISSUES

1. Conduct / involvement of Nova Stone
2. Threat to lobster fishery due to effects on the Bay
3. Threat to the whales from blasting / shipping

NOTES

This business owner, Dianne Theriault, was one of seven businesses who formally declined the invitation to the Tourism Industry Open House February 15, 2005. The current MLA, Harold Theriault Jr., is the spouse of Mrs. Theriault. (See attached letter)

CONTACT SHEET - WHITES POINT QUARRY

ACCOMMODATIONS AND RESTAURANTS

CONTACT: Rambling Rowes, Harold Rowe

DATE: December 2003

ISSUES

Mr. Rowe is a very active opponent to this project. His objections are:

1. The fishery
2. Ballast water
3. Dust
4. Water Table
5. Tourism
6. Blasting
7. Business problems

NOTES

Multiple conversations over a two-year period.

CONTACT SHEET - WHITES POINT QUARRY

ACCOMMODATIONS AND RESTAURANTS

CONTACT: Ruggles Guest House

DATE:

ISSUES

NOTES

Declined to be interviewed.

CONTACT SHEET - WHITES POINT QUARRY

ACCOMMODATIONS AND RESTAURANTS

CONTACT: Seacliff Bed & Breakfast

DATE:

ISSUES

NOTES

Declined to be interviewed.

CONTACT SHEET - WHITES POINT QUARRY

ACCOMMODATIONS AND RESTAURANTS

CONTACT: Sunset Over the Bay

DATE:

ISSUES

NOTES

Declined to be interviewed.

CONTACT SHEET - WHITES POINT QUARRY

ACCOMMODATIONS AND RESTAURANTS

CONTACT: Tiny Tattler, Edwin Ossinger

DATE: December 2004 (Telephone Interview)

ISSUES

1. Dust
2. Blasting
3. Fishery *
4. Tourism *
5. Water quality/quantity for Little River

* see summary notes, page 16 of Elgin Community/Business Consultation Report
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NOTES

1. This business is seasonal and until recently, the only sit-down restaurant.
2. Member of Tiverton and Area Board of Trade.

CONTACT SHEET - WHITES POINT QUARRY

CAMPGROUNDS

CONTACT: Freeport Campground

DATE:

ISSUES

Will not re-open in 2005.

NOTES

Declined to be interviewed.

CONTACT SHEET - WHITES POINT QUARRY

CAMPGROUNDS

CONTACT: Moby Dick

DATE: February 2004

ISSUES

1. Impact on tourism (perception)
2. "Will there really be jobs?"

NOTES

CONTACT SHEET - WHITES POINT QUARRY

CAMPGROUNDS

CONTACT: Whale Cove, Vaughan Tidd

DATE: December 2003 / March 2004

ISSUES

1. Lobster fishery concerns
2. Impact on tourism

* see summary notes, page 16 of Elgin Community/Business Consultation Report
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NOTES

Brother of Roger Tidd who fishes Whites Cove.

CONTACT SHEET - WHITES POINT QUARRY

ADVENTURE TOUR OPERATORS

CONTACT: Basin Charters

DATE: June and July 2004

ISSUES

1. Impact on tourism (perception)
2. Impact on whales

NOTES

This is the only operator who actually needs to steam by the Whites Cove property to get to the whale watch areas.

CONTACT SHEET - WHITES POINT QUARRY

ADVENTURE TOUR OPERATORS

CONTACT: Bay to Bay Adventures

DATE: July 2004

ISSUES

1. Impact on tourism sector
2. Impact on lobster

* see summary notes, page 16 of Elgin Community/Business Consultation Report
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NOTES

GQP and the Proponent have hired this operator on multiple occasions to conduct researches to site. Owner spoke at the Scoping Hearing indicating he was not supportive of the development.

CONTACT SHEET - WHITES POINT QUARRY

ADVENTURE TOUR OPERATORS

CONTACT: Brier Island Whale & Seabird

DATE: December 2003 - Answers February 2005

ISSUES

1. Impact on whales
2. Perception of eco-tourism destruction

* see summary notes, page 16 of Elgin Community/Business Consultation Report
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NOTES

This consultation was difficult. It took several informal “on the ferry” and “in the village” contacts.

CONTACT SHEET - WHITES POINT QUARRY

ADVENTURE TOUR OPERATORS

CONTACT: Cetacean Boat Tours (now Norwood Cruises)

DATE: No formal contact

ISSUES

1. Potential impacts on lobster
2. Potential impacts on whales
3. Potential impacts on tourism

* see summary notes, page 16 of Elgin Community/Business Consultation Report
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NOTES

CONTACT SHEET - WHITES POINT QUARRY

ADVENTURE TOUR OPERATORS

CONTACT: Freeport Whale & Seabird

DATE: December 2003 to February 2005

ISSUES

1. Impact on whales
2. Perception of eco-tourism destruction
3. Lobster fishery (loss of habitat, sediment and ballast)

NOTES

The owner is also involved in lobster fishing.

CONTACT SHEET - WHITES POINT QUARRY

ELECTED OFFICIALS

CONTACT: Mr. Harold Theriault, Jr., MLA - Digby/Annapolis

DATE:

ISSUES

1. Lobster industry
2. Blasting
3. Impacts on Whales
4. Sedimentation
5. Quality of life

NOTES

Mr. Theriault has declined formal contact with the Proponent to discuss these concerns.

Mr. Theriault has openly stated, within the media, his opposition to this proposed development.

CONTACT SHEET - WHITES POINT QUARRY

ELECTED OFFICIALS

CONTACT: Members of Council of the Municipality of Digby
 Warden James Thurber
 Deputy Warden Helen Robinson
 Counsellor Linda Gregory
 Counsellor James MacAlpine
 Counsellor Roberta Journeay (retired October 2004)
 Mrs. Angela Lombard
 Mr. Randall Amero

DATE: November-December, 2003/October 2004

The above Members of Council, two of whom retired in 2004, have been contacted by both the Proponent and Elgin.

Elgin has had individual discussions with each of the pre-2004 Council, and the two Counsellors. Questions have been posed and there has been some limited follow-up.

- Scope of the project
- Status of the project
- Details of reclamation

There was a formal motion passed by Municipal Council in opposition to the quarry development (2003). The motion had one abstention, Mr. MacAlpine; one against, Mrs. Robinson; and two for, Mrs. Gregory and Mrs. Journeay. It was not necessary for the Warden to vote as there was no tie. In October 2004, Council consisting of Mr. Thurber, Mr. MacAlpine, Mrs. Gregory, Mrs. Lombard, and Mr. Amero, have since met formally with the Proponent.

CONTACT SHEET - WHITES POINT QUARRY

POLITICAL STAFF

CONTACT: Mr. Cyril Reddy, Caucus Liaison for the Premier of Nova Scotia

DATE:

ISSUES

1. Reputation of Proponent
2. Longevity of the development

NOTES

There were obvious political implications associated with this initiative, and it was necessary for provincial officials to have a clear and accurate picture.

CONTACT SHEET - WHITES POINT QUARRY

OTHER EMPLOYMENT ON THE ISLANDS/NECK IN 2003

CONTACT: Digby Neck Consolidated School

DATE: June 2004

ISSUES

1. The playground and improvements by Home and School

NOTES

The Principal, Tony Kelley, and his spouse, Anna Maria MacKenzie-Kelly, are actively involved in opposing this development.

CONTACT SHEET - WHITES POINT QUARRY

OTHER EMPLOYMENT ON THE ISLANDS/NECK IN 2003

CONTACT: EMH (Long Island and Brier Island Primary Care Project)

DATE: June 2004

ISSUES

1. Occupational health and safety, re: access for ER personnel to site
2. Potential hazards and resulting injuries

NOTES

The Nurse Practitioner was supportive of increased employment in the area.

CONTACT SHEET - WHITES POINT QUARRY

OTHER EMPLOYMENT ON THE ISLANDS/NECK IN 2003

CONTACT: Islands Consolidated School

DATE: June 2004

ISSUES

1. Fund raising

NOTES

The Physical Education teacher was hopeful that the company was a good corporate citizen, as he was always on the look out for sponsors for events.

CONTACT SHEET - WHITES POINT QUARRY

OTHER EMPLOYMENT ON THE ISLANDS/NECK IN 2003

CONTACT: Westport Village School

DATE:

ISSUES

1. Fund raising

NOTES

This school is administered by Islands Consolidated School (ICS).

CONTACT SHEET - WHITES POINT QUARRY

INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS WHO RESIDE IN THE TARGET AREA

CONTACT: Fr. Daniel Mills

DATE:

ISSUES

1. Impact on the fishery
2. Credibility of one of the initial developers of this project

NOTES

Fr. Mills is a retired Catholic Priest who has taken a great interest in the community in which he retired. He had some very specific questions after he spoke with Elgin Consulting and he was encouraged to come into the Bilcon office and discuss these items with the Project Manager.

CONTACT SHEET - WHITES POINT QUARRY

FIRST NATIONS LIAISON

CONTACT: Bear River First Nations Reserve

DATE: Multiple contacts with Bear River Nations Community Members

ISSUES

A letter was written to Chief Frank Meuse requesting formal consultation. The response was that they did not wish to consult. Following that, informal discussions took place with two Band Counsellors and the Economic Development Officer in April 2004. Further correspondence was unsuccessful in leading to a meeting with the entire Council. The informal gathering of Members from Bear River First Nations and the Proponent was relatively productive. The discussions centered on the potential for economic development for the Reserve / First Nations residents and the project description.

A follow-up information session was held at Bear River First Nations in January 2005. A formal presentation by Elgin Consulting and the Proponent was held with a lively question and answer session with discussions concerning environmental effects, impact on whales, jobs, and qualifier of who the Proponent is.

NOTES

There are two employment applications on file with the Proponent from First Nations persons.

CONTACT SHEET - WHITES POINT QUARRY

CONSULTATION WITH THE BLACK COMMUNITY

CONTACT: Weymouth Falls Community Development Society
Ms. Marlene Cole - Weymouth & Area Counselling Services
Mrs. Gail Jarvis – Candidate for Municipal Council and the Black Women's Health Project

DATE: May 2005 the Proponent met with the Weymouth Falls Community Development Society and subsequent visits to the Bilcon Office in Digby have occurred

ISSUES

The major concern was the length of time it is taking for this project to proceed. This group feels that the employment opportunities far outweigh the risks.

NOTES

Members of the Black Community from Acaciaville/Jordontown, Lequille, and the Weymouth Area have frequented the office to obtain employment applications and to discuss the nature of the project.

CONTACT SHEET - WHITES POINT QUARRY

OTHER FISHING SECTOR (Weir fishermen / Scallop Fishermen)

CONTACT: Full Bay Scallop Association
Vance and Reg Hazelton- Association Executive

DATE:

ISSUES

1. The impact of sediment on the scallops

NOTES

CONTACT SHEET - WHITES POINT QUARRY

OPEN HOUSE December 15th, 2003

ATTENDEES: Councillor Linda Gregory
 Councillor Helen Robinson
 Councillor James MacAlpine
 Rev. Fr. Adrian Potter
 Ms. Maureen Potter
 Mr. Ken Woodman
 Mrs. Harriett Purdy
 Mrs. Janet Purdy
 Mr. James M. Wheelhouse
 Ms. Theresa Byrne
 Mr. David Graham
 Mrs. Linda Graham
 Mr. Brent Newell
 Mrs. Tanya Newell
 Mr. Leroy Morell

ISSUES

1. Sediment in the Bay and the impact on the fishery, as perceived by the Company
2. Jobs and application procedures

NOTES

This was, in effect, an extended Christmas Open House. The atmosphere was informal, with refreshments, and conversations were pleasant.

* see summary notes, page 16 of Elgin Community/Business Consultation Report July 2005

CONTACT SHEET - WHITES POINT QUARRY

OPEN HOUSE December 7th and 8th, 2004

ATTENDEES:

Mr. Mark Dittrick	Mrs. Nora Peach
Mr. Keith Veinott	Mr. Charles Thibodeau
Mr. V.J. Rice	Mr. Will Huntley
Mr. Richard Ellis	Ms. Gennie Wilkins
Mr. Harold Wilkins	Ms. Heather Cookson
Mr. Wayne Webber	Mr. James Wheelhouse
Mr. Sandra Blavdin	Mr. Murray Trask
Ms. Theresa MacKinnon	Fr. Adrian Potter
Mr. Harry Connell	Ms. Donna Tidd
Ms. Faye Haley	Mr. Stephen Hill
Mr. Ken Woodman	Ms. Maureen Potter
Ms. Janet Purdy	

ISSUES

Information requests for newsletters, maps, and the restoration plan.

NOTES

There was a concerted effort to make the atmosphere open and conversational.

* see summary notes, page 16 of Elgin Community/Business Consultation Report
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