

Alton CLC Minutes Summary – 2018

Meeting held: March 19

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The meeting was called to order at 6:45 pm.

The province's [Guide](#) regarding Community Liaison Committees (CLC) suggests an annual review of objectives, mandate and membership. Members of the Alton CLC reviewed and discussed the Alton CLC [Terms of Reference](#). Further discussion of the Terms of Reference will take place at the next meeting.

A [project update](#) was provided to CLC members.

A CLC member asked about the benefits of natural gas storage. An Alton representative explained that storing natural gas during low demand season (typically summer) means in periods of higher demand (such as the winter) the stored gas can be released into the market. The cost of natural gas is passed along to customers, so any savings in the price of the fuel with storage are passed along to the customer.

An Alton representative also explained that because natural gas is cleaner than fuel oil or coal, it will help the Province of Nova Scotia to meet its greenhouse gas emissions targets.

A member of the CLC thought the pluses of natural gas storage should be actively conveyed to the general public. The [general benefits of natural gas storage](#) are listed on the Alton website.

Routine maintenance activity will take place in the lead up to the brining process which is anticipated to begin in 2018. [A new infographic on the Alton website explains the brining process](#) and provides context for the volume of brine expected to be released into the Shubenacadie River estuary.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.