

**Reay Creek Technical Working Group
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 11, 2016**

Present:	Transport Canada Ministry of Environment District of North Saanich Town of Sidney Town of Sidney Town of Sidney	Eddie Uyeda Lizzy Mos Eymond Toupin Randy Humble Tim Tanton Mike van der Linden
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Regrets:	Victoria Airport Authority Victoria Airport Authority Capital Regional District Transport Canada	James Bogusz Stacey Lee Barri Rudolph Ian Chatwell
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CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 1:30pm – Introductions were made.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

No business arising from the Minutes of the September 4, 2015 meeting. Minutes adopted.

DISCUSSIONS:

SLR Consulting Draft Data Gap Report

The draft report had been circulated to committee members. Some comments on the draft report have been received. It was asked that any additional comments that committee members may have be forwarded to the Town as soon as possible for report finalization.

The report references some additional data that is required with an additional cost of approximately \$24,000 to complete. A discussion on the need for this additional data ensued, and potential sources of funding. Transport Canada stated that they have no funding in their 2016 budget to contribute.

Transport Canada

A discussion ensued with Transport Canada on how the group can encourage TC to have this issue established as a priority for clean-up. Transport Canada explained that the federal government, including Transport Canada, takes a risk-based approach to addressing contaminated sites. This approach involves assessing the risks to human health and the environment of each site and prioritizing the allocation of resources to deal with the highest priority sites. Reay Creek Pond has not yet been classified within the national classification system for contaminated sites, which is a management tool for prioritizing work. As such, funding for Reay Creek has not yet been included in Transport Canada's contaminated sites plans.

Subsequent to the May 11 meeting, Transport Canada indicated that they will be working with other federal expert support departments to classify the site using the national classification system for contaminated sites. This is expected to be complete in July 2016.

When dealing with contaminated sites, Transport Canada considers all remediation and risk management options available in considering the best approach to safe guard human health and the environment.

Ministry of Environment

It was brought forward that an option remains available for the Town to have the pond be determined a contaminated site by the Province. If the source of the contaminants in the pond can be shown to be the airport site, the airport would be required to submit a Notice of Offsite Migration under provincial legislation, upon which the Province would register the site and expect the Airport to take appropriate action. It is then up to the VAA to bring forward other responsible parties (i.e. Transport Canada).

Town of Sidney

The Town of Sidney wishes to keep the momentum on this project moving forward and is concerned that Transport Canada is not able to contribute any financial support at this time to fund the additional data collection to fill the data gaps. The Town Council is also concerned about the lack of Transport Canada resources assigned to deal with this issue. Mayor Price and Gary Holman, MLA have both sent letters to the Minister in this regard (responses from the Minister have not been received to date, but are expected soon). Local residents of the Reay Creek Pond area are planning a rally on June 18 to increase attention to Reay Creek issues.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 2:56pm.