***Stanhope Peninsula Potable Water Research Ad Hoc Committee Report.  Report #2***

The committee meeting of June 29, 2021 focused on an update of the water situation at Lighthouse Point which has been resolved for the time being. Representatives of the province with expertise in water and infrastructure provided an overview of past reviews and the current situation. It was concluded that council is taking the correct steps now to address an imminent peninsula potable water issue.   It was acknowledged that the development of a potable water system for the peninsula could take three to four years and it may be advisable to build the system in phases. A water system engineering consulting firm would need to be engaged to review system options and design a fully-costed system with a detailed timetable. So equipped with this information, Council would decide on a plan forward for consultation and implementation.

It was decided that the committee will develop the Terms of Reference (TOR) to engage an engineering consultant to review potable water system options and funding models as well as update the statistical information presented in the 2009 Engineering Technologies Canada Ltd. ‘Long-Term Water and Wastewater Servicing Study’ (in 2014 the Community compiled updated statistics). The CAO will also contact other PEI communities to learn from their experiences regarding the development of municipal water systems and utilities.

IRAC has agreed to answer questions from the committee in relation to forming and operating a water utility, as they arise.

The CAO and Doug Smith will create regular updates on the Committee’s work and progress. These public releases will serve to inform the community of the issues, scope and potential solutions as they are developed for Council’s consideration. (The foregoing will serve as the Ad Hoc Committee’s second update.)

The CAO will continue to update the information to the Ad Hoc Committee’s shared Google file as it comes in.

Next meeting July 28, 2021 at 3:00 pm.

Respectfully

Gerard Watts, Chair