

Report to Council – Thursday September 12, 2013

Energy East Pipeline Open House

Deep River Public Library

4 to 8 pm on Wednesday September 11, 2013

Yesterday's Open House hosted by TransCanada Corp was very well organized and informative. There were numerous personnel from different disciplines to answer questions and provide additional explanations concerning the many posters, diagrams and maps in the room. I have brought a number of handouts for council if interested; any remaining can be made available in the office for residents.

Peter, an engineer, spent a great deal of time to explain the process of the pipeline changeover from natural gas to unrefined oil. There is visual and electronic inspection and monitoring of the pipeline for any abnormalities, corrosion etc. When it is necessary, appropriate remediation will happen. In the crude oil pipeline, new shutoff valves will be installed closer than presently used in natural gas. Environmentally sensitive areas will also have additional safety valves.

A group of "Save Canada" environmentalists were present and asked me if I was concerned about the pipeline coming through our community (I am not concerned). They seemed to be uninformed and had very little understanding that the pipeline was already here. I attempted to explain Payments in Lieu of taxes and one young man suggested that we were being bribed by TransCanada Corp. I have invited them to attend tonight's meeting if they wished to discuss this further with council.

I met Karl Buchanan, the Facilities Manager for the Rideau – Eastern Region and he was very interested in our little community and the challenges we face due to our small size. I explained to him that the PILs we receive from the pipeline were very important to Head, Clara and Maria Townships. A new second pumping station in Bissett Creek near Tower Trail that will be part of the Energy East project should bring us additional revenue. Mr. Buchanan described TransCanada's program to provide items such as defibrillators to communities and suggested that we make an application for use in Deux Rivieres and use his name as a contact. I would be happy to follow through with this if agreeable to council.

Councillor Debbi Grills