
Public Summary of Initial Community Liaison Committee Meeting

The initial meeting of the Community Liaison Committee was held on July 15, 2026.

The meeting provided an opportunity to introduce the purpose of the committee, review how it will operate, and begin a regular process for sharing information with local residents about QIMC's natural hydrogen exploration activities in Cumberland County. The committee is intended to support open, two-way communication between QIMC and the community. Its role is to provide a forum for sharing publicly available project information, receiving community questions and concerns, and helping ensure residents have access to clear and timely updates as exploration work continues.

During the meeting, the committee reviewed a draft Terms of Reference, including the committee's purpose, membership, meeting format, and information-sharing process. Members were invited to provide comments before the Terms of Reference are finalized. The committee also discussed the importance of broadening membership to better reflect the communities closest to current and future project activity, including additional local and Indigenous representation.

QIMC provided a high-level update on its exploration activities. Current work remains in the exploration phase, with ongoing monitoring and field activity focused on areas identified through publicly disclosed project information. QIMC noted that, going forward, exploration work is being concentrated in the Bennett Hill area, which will be the primary focus. QIMC also noted that any future development would be subject to applicable provincial rules, regulations, and approvals.

Several community topics were discussed, including water use, groundwater monitoring, site visit opportunities, community communications, and how residents can continue to ask questions between meetings. QIMC clarified that a small amount of water is used during drilling activities, and there would be minimal use of water if the project was to move to the extraction phase. QIMC also indicated that groundwater monitoring information can be shared with the committee in an accessible format.

QIMC also outlined planned next steps, including the distribution of a community information mailer, coordination of small-group site visits where operationally appropriate, continued engagement with local and Indigenous communities, and planning for the next committee meeting.