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## **1.0 Introduction**

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### **1.1 PROJECT OVERVIEW**

Windlectric Inc. (the Proponent or Windlectric) is proposing to develop, construct, and operate the 56 - 75 megawatt (MW) Amherst Island Wind Energy Project (the Project) within Loyalist Township (the Township) in the County of Lennox and Addington (the County) in eastern Ontario, in response to the Government of Ontario's initiative to promote the development of renewable electricity in the province.

The basic components of the proposed Project include up to 36 Siemens wind turbines. The turbine model proposed utilizes the same 36 turbine pad locations that have been subject to the assessment required under the Renewable Energy Approval (REA). The layout includes 24 Siemens SWT-2.3-113 2300 kW and twelve (12) Siemens SWT-2.3-113 2221 kW model wind turbines. The final layout will result in a total installed nameplate capacity of approximately 56 - 75 MW. The number of wind turbines will be dependent upon final selection of the model of the wind turbine most appropriate to the proposed Project.

The proposed Project will also include a 34.5 kilovolt (kV) underground and/or overhead electrical power line collector system, fibre optic data lines from each turbine and/or wireless technology for the communication of data, a transmission line, truck turnaround areas, a submarine cable, an operations and maintenance building, permanent dock, a substation, a switching station, an un-serviced storage shed, one connection point to the existing electrical system, cable vault areas, meteorological tower(s) (met tower(s)), access road(s) to the met tower site(s), and turbine access roads with culvert installations, as required, at associated watercourse crossings.

Temporary components during construction may include staging areas for the turbines, access roads, met tower(s), collector lines and transmission line as well as crane paths, a temporary dock, site office(s), batch plant, central staging areas, and associated watercourse crossings. The electrical power line collector system would transport the electricity generated from each turbine to the substation, along the submarine cable to the mainland and then to a switching station located near to an existing Hydro One Networks Inc. (HONI) 115 kV transmission line.

The Proponent has elected to assess and seek approval for some alternative Project configurations. The REA application process will consider:

- two alternative mainland transmission line routes;
- two alternative switching station locations and corresponding point of common coupling with the HONI line;

- three alternative mainland temporary dock locations along the mainland;
- a submarine cable with three alternative submarine cable routes near the mainland;
- three alternative mainland submarine cable landing locations and corresponding cable vault locations;
- up to three alternative met tower locations; and,
- up to three potential locations for an operations and maintenance building.

Final selection of the sites to be used would be based on the results of consultation activities, detailed design / engineering work, and the conditions experienced during construction.

Windlectric has retained Stantec Consulting Ltd. (Stantec) to prepare a Renewable Energy Approval (REA) application, as required under Ontario Regulation 359/09 - Renewable Energy Approvals under Part V.0.1 of the Act of the Environmental Protection Act (O. Reg. 359/09). According to subsection 6(3) of O. Reg. 359/09, this Project is classified as a Class 4 Wind Facility. This Consultation Report has been prepared in accordance with O. Reg. 359/09, and is one component of the REA application for the Project.

## **1.2 REPORT REQUIREMENTS**

The purpose of this Consultation Report is to provide the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) with information on consultation activities conducted with respect to the Project. The Consultation Report documents how Windlectric consulted with the public, federal and provincial agencies and local municipalities/townships, and engaged with Aboriginal communities. In addition, the Consultation Report documents what changes were made and incorporated into Project planning and design as a result of the consultation activities.

The Consultation Report has been prepared in accordance with Item 2, Table 1 of O. Reg. 359/09 and the MOE's *Technical Guide to Renewable Energy Approvals* (MOE 2012).

O. Reg. 359/09 sets out specific content requirements for the Consultation Report as provided in the MOE's Checklist for Requirements under O. Reg. 359/09, which has been included as a supplement to the REA application for the Project.

The appendices for the Consultation Report are as follows:

- Appendix A: Project Maps
- Appendix B: Project Distribution Lists
- Appendix C: Project Notices
- Appendix D: Release of Draft REA Reports
- Appendix E: Public Correspondence and Consideration by Project Team
- Appendix F: Agency and Municipal Correspondence and Consideration by Project Team



- Appendix G: Aboriginal Community Correspondence and Consideration by Project Team

### **1.3 PROJECT LOCATION AND STUDY AREA**

The proposed Project will be entirely located within Loyalist Township (the Township) in the County of Lennox and Addington (the County) in eastern Ontario.

The Project Location includes lands on Amherst Island, and a corridor stretching between the Island and the mainland where the submarine cable is proposed. The mainland portion of the Project Location stretches from the mainland shoreline, north of the Invista Transformer Station and is generally bounded by i) County Road 4 to the West; ii) the Canadian National Railway line to the North; and iii) approximately 500 m East of Jim Snow Drive to the East.

In accordance with O. Reg. 359/09, the Project Location includes all land and buildings/structures associated with the Project and any air space in which the Project will occupy. This includes structures such as turbines, access roads and collector lines as well as any temporary work areas (the 'constructible area' for the Project) which are required to be utilized during the construction of the Project. The entire constructible area may not be used at each Project Location. The constructible areas have been reduced in size in areas where constraints exist (e.g. natural features) and construction will be limited to the smaller area.

The boundary of the Project Location is used for defining setback and site investigation distances according to O. Reg. 359/09.

Although O. Reg. 359/09 considers the REA process in terms of the Project Location, the siting process for wind farm projects is an iterative process, and therefore final location of Project components is not available at Project outset. Consequently, a Project Study Area is developed to examine the general area within which the Wind Project components may be sited; information gathered within this larger area feeds into the siting exercise.

Project siting has been refined over the course of the REA process, resulting in the final Project Location. However, the extended Project Study Area continued to be used for assessed landowner and public notification throughout the REA process, as discussed in Section 4.2.

Maps of the Project Study Area can be found in **Appendix A**.

## **2.0 Consultation Process**

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Consultation is a requirement of the REA process under O. Reg. 359/09. Consultation helps to ensure that concerns regarding the Project are identified early and addressed, where possible, in a transparent manner. Consultation is also used to identify potentially interested parties and the nature of their interest, inform these parties of the Project, and incorporate their concerns or interests into the planning and design process, to the extent possible and as appropriate. In addition, it allows for the development of relationships between Windlectric and interested parties, and establishes opportunities for invaluable feedback to the Project Team. The consultation process is designed to assist in the identification of potential environmental and socio-economic issues to ensure they are given appropriate consideration in Project planning, design, construction, operation and decommissioning.

Consultation for the Project included the mandatory requirements for consultation set out in O. Reg. 359/09. Consultation is also an integral part of Windlectric's project planning process. Consultation plays a critical role in allowing Windlectric to learn about, understand and address the priorities and concerns identified by interested parties throughout the life of a project.

The objectives of the consultation process for the Project are as follows:

- Share information about the Project to inform stakeholders about the Project and obtain relevant approvals from required agencies;
- Ensure that relevant, accurate, and consistent information about the Project is provided to local Aboriginal communities, community members, members of the public, agencies and municipalities/townships, as early as possible;
- Obtain/identify relevant information and local knowledge of local communities, municipalities/townships, and Aboriginal communities;
- Identify potential issues and areas of concern that may arise from the Project;
- Address concerns by providing additional information, clarifying misconceptions, considering altering Project design, or making commitments, where appropriate in response to input and comments from the public, Aboriginal communities, municipalities/townships, and agencies;
- Promote effective, proactive and reasonable responsive communications with the public, Aboriginal communities, municipalities/townships and agencies;
- Resolve issues where possible, in a transparent manner;
- Track and document communications between the Project Team and interested parties and ensure the information is incorporated into Project planning, to the extent possible and as appropriate; and

- Demonstrate that Windlectric is committed to considering input and concerns from the public of the communities within which it works.

Consultation for the Project began early in the planning process and will continue throughout the design, development, construction, operation and decommissioning of the Project.

## **2.1 PROJECT HISTORY AND PREVIOUS CONSULTATION ACTIVITIES**

In 2008, Windlectric proposed the development of the Amherst Island Wind Energy Project on Amherst Island following the “Guide to Environmental Assessment Requirements for Electricity Projects” (March 2001) and Ontario Regulation 116/01. Consultation activities commenced with agencies, Aboriginal communities, Township staff and the general public.

This Consultation Report provides information on consultation activities undertaken during the Project’s REA process and does not reference consultation activities undertaken prior to initiating the project under O. Reg 359.09.

Algonquin Power (representing Windlectric Inc.) was the public face of the Project. Windlectric Inc. is a subsidiary of Algonquin Power Co. Therefore through the Consultation Report and in the various consultation materials you will see reference to either Algonquin Power, or Windlectric, or proponent.

### **3.0 Overview of Communication Tools**

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The following sections provide an overview of the tools used to communicate with the public, Aboriginal communities, agencies and municipalities/townships and how these tools were used over the course of consultation for the Project.

#### **3.1 COMMUNICATION TOOLS USED FOR CONSULTATION**

The intent of the consultation process is to provide the community with an overview of the Project scope and apply community responses in all facets of the Project's design and development as early and transparently as possible. Therefore, Windlectric used various communication tools for disseminating Project information, and for ongoing collection of information from interested parties, including but not limited to, the public, Aboriginal communities, agencies and municipalities/townships.

The communication tools used for the Project include:

- Project notices published in local newspapers;
- Direct mailings to assessed landowners in the general vicinity of the Project Study Area;
- Unaddressed mail inserts to residents of the island;
- Public Meetings;
- Public Meeting comment and questionnaire forms, and prepaid envelopes, copies of all information panels available as handouts if requested, and handouts on Project or industry information;
- A Project website ([www.amherstislandwindproject.com](http://www.amherstislandwindproject.com));
- A Project contact e-mail address ([windlectric@amherstislandwindproject.com](mailto:windlectric@amherstislandwindproject.com));
- A Project phone number (1-855-466-8068);
- Mailing addresses and telephone numbers for both Windlectric and Stantec;
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document – addresses key community issues. Was started in July 2011 and is ongoing. FAQ is posted to project website and sent to stakeholders as appropriate depending on their inquiry;
- Meetings, e-mails and phone conversations with agencies (Provincial and Federal), local municipal staff (Township and County), community organizations/associations (e.x.: Kingston Field Naturalists, Heritage Committee and its members); and Aboriginal communities;
- Participation at a community town hall meeting held by municipal staff;

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- One-on-one meetings, e-mails and phone conversations with participating landowners and potentially affected landowners; and
- The development of the Amherst Island Wind Energy Project Liaison Committee (PLC).

Contact information for Project representatives was included on Project communications provided to the public. A Project website, e-mail, and telephone number will continue to remain active throughout the life of the Project.

### **3.2 STAKEHOLDER USE OF COMMUNICATION TOOLS**

Based on consultation activities between publication of the Notice to Engage in a Renewable Energy Project (September 13, 2011) to the close of the public comment period (March 15, 2013) for consideration in the REA Consultation Report, public use of communication tools for the Project has been as follows:

- E-mails and telephone calls to Project Team: 349
- Written letters to Project Team: 151
- Public Meeting comment forms: 74
- Public Meetings: 4 (2 on the Island, 2 on the mainland)
- Project Liaison Committee Meetings: 6 (including 2 conference call meetings)
- Presentations to Township Council: 2
- Meetings with Municipal Staff: 7
- Municipal Community Town Hall Meeting participation: 1
- Heritage Committee Meeting: 1

Windlectric responded to questions received during the consultation process for the Project through four Public Meetings, telephone calls, e-mails and letters. Consultation activities were designed so that interested parties had an opportunity to provide comments and questions regarding the Project and these communications were tracked through comment and response tables which are included in this report.

All communications were documented and recorded in summary tables with contact information, date, and nature of the communication (**Appendix E, F, G**). For the purposes of this Consultation Report, all personal information (i.e. names, contact information) have been removed, as per the federal *Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act* (PIPEDA). All original communications materials (contact records, letters, emails, questionnaires from open houses, meeting minutes, etc.) have been filed electronically by Windlectric and Stantec, and are available at the MOE's request.

## **4.0 Notices of Project and Meetings**

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### **4.1 PRE-DISCLOSURE**

Pre-disclosure includes advance notification of the Project prior to the issuance of the Notice of Proposal to Engage in a Renewable Energy Project. Pre-disclosure activities included submission of the draft Project Description Report (PDR) to the MOE on May 10, 2011 to obtain the Aboriginal Communities List issued under s.14 of O. Reg. 359/09 (Section 4.2.4). The draft PDR was also submitted, at the same time, to the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR), Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority (CRCA), Kingston Field Naturalists (KFN), Loyalist Township, and County of Lennox & Addington. Data requests were made on August 17, 2011 to the CRCA, Natural Heritage Canada, Environmental Canada, Fisheries and Oceans Canada regarding natural heritage.

### **4.2 PROJECT DISTRIBUTION LIST**

The Project distribution list was developed in the early stages of the Project, and updated as required to identify key contacts that may have a potential interest in the Project. The Project distribution list includes provincial and federal agencies, municipalities/townships, Aboriginal communities, local interest groups and NGOs, assessed landowners in the general vicinity of the Project Study Area, and other interested stakeholders that had requested to be placed on the list throughout the REA process. Agency, Municipal, and Aboriginal community distribution lists are provided in **Appendix B**. Project Notices were published in local newspapers and mailed or e-mailed to the Project distribution list.

The Project distribution list was updated throughout the REA process, primarily as a result of attendance at Public Meetings, where an attendee could indicate their desire to be included on the Project distribution list when signing into the Public Meeting, and also when completing the contact information section in the Public Meeting questionnaire.

In addition, Project distribution lists were based on correspondence via letters, e-mail, telephone calls and personal interactions. At an individual's request, a name was either added to or removed from the Project distribution list. Changes to the list for agencies, municipalities and Aboriginal communities were generally made by Windlectric at the direction of these groups. Exceptions were the updates as the result of information received from Canada Post from previous mailings.

#### **4.2.1 Assessed Landowners and Local Community**

Notice was provided to all assessed landowners within 550m of the Project Study Area. O. Reg. 359/09 requires that landowners within 550m of the Project Location be contacted, in addition to assessed owners of land abutting a parcel of land on which the Project Location is situated. As the Project had not defined the location of the project components at the initiation

of the REA process assessed landowners were identified for a broader area than required by O.Reg 359/09. The assessed landowners for this larger area were included on the Project distribution list for the length of the Project to ensure that potentially interested parties received information about the Project.

#### **4.2.2 Federal and Provincial Agencies**

Agencies that are required contacts as per O. Reg. 359/09 were included on the Project distribution list. In addition, agencies that typically and historically have had an interest in environmental assessment and wind projects based on Stantec's experience were added to the Project distribution list. These include agencies that may issue permits or approvals, as well as agencies that may have an interest in commenting on the Project.

#### **4.2.3 Municipalities**

The Project is located entirely within the Loyalist Township in the County of Lennox and Addington. The Clerks for the County of Lennox and Addington, as well as the Loyalist Township were included on the Project distribution list, as required by O. Reg. 359/09. In addition, staff identified that would be contacted for background information, were also included on the Project distribution list.

#### **4.2.4 Aboriginal Communities**

On May 10, 2011, the draft Project Description Report was sent to the Director of the MOE in order to obtain the Aboriginal Communities List as per s.14 of O. Reg. 359/09. The list was received from the MOE on July 22, 2011.

Prior to receiving the Aboriginal Communities list for the Project from the MOE, Stantec developed a contact list of Aboriginal communities, based on best professional judgement, which included a focus on communities within 100 km of the Project Study Area. The Project distribution list was then updated to reflect the information provided by the MOE on July 22, 2011. See Section 8 for a detailed description of the activities undertaken as part of the Aboriginal consultation.

Aboriginal communities identified by the MOE included:

- Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation
- Curve Lake First Nation – Mississaugas of Mud Lake Curve Lake
- Hiawatha First Nation – Mississaugas of Rice Lake
- Alderville First Nation – Mississaugas of Aderville
- Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation
- Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte – Tyendinaga Mohawks Territory

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In correspondence received by the MOE from Curve Lake First Nation (which the MOE subsequently provided to the proponent) they requested that information also be sent to Williams Treaty First Nations Claims Coordinator. The Project Team updated the Project distribution list to include the Williams Treaty First Nations Claims Coordinator.

**4.2.5 Liaison Committee**

During the early summer of 2011, Windlectric formed a Project Liaison Committee (PLC) consisting of four public individuals from Amherst Island, for the Project. Windlectric directly invited public individuals to join the committee. Individuals who were both supportive and opposed to the Project were approached. This committee was formed in order to receive public input on the Project, as well as provide members of the committee with accurate information as to what Windlectric was undertaking.

**4.2.6 Other interested Stakeholders**

In addition, interest groups including community organizations/associations, as well as nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), were also added to the Project distribution list and provided with information about the Project. Key interest groups and NGOs were consulted for information, such as natural habitat features and key issues in the community.

The secretary of every company operating an oil or natural gas pipeline located within 200 m of the Project Location were included on the Project distribution list, as required by O. Reg. 359/09.

The interest group and NGO distribution list is provided in **Appendix B**.

**4.3 PROJECT NOTICES**

Project Notices were published in local newspapers and mailed, e-mailed or couriered to the Project distribution list. Notices were also posted on the Project website.

In addition, the Proponent requested publication of the Notice in the newspaper or newsletters of each of the Aboriginal communities on the MOE Director's Aboriginal Communities List, where available and possible.

**4.3.1 Notice of Proposal to Engage in a Renewable Energy Project**

The Notice of Proposal to Engage in a Renewable Energy Project was published in two local newspapers on September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011 and September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011 (*Kingston Whig Standard*) and September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011 and September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011 (*Napanee Guide*). Newspaper publication of the Notice is summarized in Section 4.5.



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The Notice was also directly mailed or e-mailed where preferred, on September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011 to the Project distribution list, including relevant provincial and federal agencies, municipalities, Aboriginal communities and assessed landowners in the general vicinity of the Project Study Area.

The Notice, as well as the Draft Project Description Report (dated May 2011), was posted on the Project website on September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

A copy of the Notice can be found in **Appendix C**.

**4.3.2 Notice of Public Meeting**

The Notice of Public Meeting was published in two local newspapers on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, and November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011 (Kingston Whig Standard) and on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011 and November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011 (Napanee Guide). Newspaper publication of the Notice is summarized in Section 4.5. The Notice was published in local newspapers more than thirty (30) days prior to the Open House dates of December 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

The Notice was also directly mailed or e-mailed where preferred, on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 to the Project distribution list, including relevant provincial and federal agencies, municipalities, Aboriginal communities and assessed landowners in the general vicinity of the Project Study Area.

The Notice, as well as a revised Draft Project Description Report (dated November 2011), was posted on the Project website on November 3, 2011.

A copy of the Notice can be found in **Appendix C**.

**4.3.2.1 Reason for Revising the Project Description Report**

In the summer of 2011 the turbine manufacturer and model proposed for the Project changed from Vestas V100 1.8 MW to Siemens SWT 2.3-113 2.3 MW. The Project Description Report was updated to remove references to the Vestas turbine and include information regarding the Siemens turbines.

**4.3.3 Notice of Draft Site Plan**

The Notice of Draft Site Plan was published in two local newspapers on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012 (Kingston Whig Standard) and on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012 (Napanee Guide). Newspaper publication of the Notice is summarized in Section 4.5.

The Notice was also directly mailed or e-mailed where preferred, on February 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012 to the Project distribution list, including relevant provincial and federal agencies, municipalities, Aboriginal communities and assessed landowners in the general vicinity of the Project Study Area.

The Notice, as well as a Draft Site Plan Report (dated February 2012), was posted on the Project website on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012.

A copy of the Notice can be found in **Appendix C**.

#### **4.3.4 Notice of Revised Draft Site plan and Revised Study Area**

The Notice of Revised Draft Site Plan and Revised Study Area was published in two local newspapers on August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012 (Kingston Whig Standard) and on August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012 (Napanee Guide). Newspaper publication of the Notice is summarized in Section 4.5.

The Notice was also directly mailed or e-mailed where preferred, on August 22<sup>nd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012 to the Project distribution list, including relevant provincial and federal agencies, municipalities, Aboriginal communities and assessed landowners in the general vicinity of the Project Study Area.

The Notice, as well as a revised Draft Site Plan Report (dated August 2012) and revised Draft Project Description Report (dated August 2012), was posted on the Project website on August 23, 2012.

A copy of the Notice can be found in **Appendix C**.

##### **4.3.4.1 Reason for Revising the Draft Site Plan**

After the initial public open houses, the proponent conducted another review of the preliminary layout, in relation to all comments received from the public at the meetings, and all environmental concerns, to determine if any modifications could be accommodated. During the month of January 2012 the consultants worked with the developer to complete a Draft Site Plan that was reasonable based on all constraints. On February 2, 2012 the Project's Notice of Project Draft Site Plan was filed with the Ministry of the Environment (MoE) and publicly posted on the Project website.

The evening before crystallization of the Draft Site Plan, the proponent was made aware that an island resident had received a Loyalist Township building permit approval for a cabin-type structure which was to be located in close proximity to one of the proposed turbine locations. The landowner requested that the two turbines proposed to be located adjacent to his property be re-located. The proponent had to assess this situation in relation to the proposed turbine locations and other project components.

In addition, further engineering assessments were undertaken, during the late winter and early spring 2012, to consider relocating two turbines with respect to additional comments from the public and adopting a more conservative approach for measurement of the distance of a turbine to a property line.

Algonquin Power (representing Windlectric Inc.) regularly communicated with MoE representatives on the above referenced item of interest, through face-to-face meetings and in writing, and the agency accepted the information and approved the publication of a revised Draft Site Plan for the Project.

#### **4.3.4.2 Reason for Revising the Project Description Report**

Windlectric was considering different turbine manufacturers and models for the proposed Project. As a result, the description of the basic project components and information regarding the turbines was changed to say that the number of wind turbine generators would be depending on the turbine manufacturer and model selected. At the time the Project was still contemplating the use of the Siemens SWT 2.3-113 2.3 MW.

The revised PDR changed all references to the transformer station to a switching station. It also identified that there could be more than one meteorological tower and corresponding access road.

In the summer of 2012 Windlectric had been refining the Project Location and completing various technical and environmental studies in preparation for finalizing the project layout, including identification of the mainland project components. Through these studies, the Project Study Area was amended as follows: A small area on the mainland was added to accommodate the potential location of project components on the mainland adjacent to the east side of the original Project Study Area. The revised Project Study Area was described and a map was included in the PDR.

#### **4.3.5 Notice of Final Public meeting**

The Notice of Final Public Meeting included information about the final Public Meeting and the location where the Draft REA Reports and proposed turbine layout were available for public review and comment.

The Notice was published in two local newspapers on December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 and January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013 (*Kingston Whig Standard*) and January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013 and January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013 (*Napanee Guide*) to meet the 60-day notification requirement as per O. Reg. 359/09.

The Notice was also directly mailed or e-mailed where preferred, on December 21st, 2012 to the Project distribution list, including relevant provincial and federal agencies, municipalities, Aboriginal communities and assessed landowners in the general vicinity of the Project Study Area, and other interested stakeholders that had requested to be placed on the list throughout the REA process.

The Notice was posted on the Project website on December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

A copy of the Notice can be found in **Appendix C**.

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**4.4 ADDITIONAL NOTICES**

At the beginning of November 2011 a Notice of Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment field work was placed in all island residents' mail boxes. The Notice advised that field work for a Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment was anticipated to take place between November 3 and December 2, 2011, and that during that time residents could expect to see field staff staking boundaries for proposed locations of project components, landowners plowing parts of their property, and field staff walking and digging within the staked areas. The Notice communicated that construction of the project was not occurring at that time.

In April 2012 a Notice of Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment field work was placed in all island resident's mail boxes. The Notice was similar to the one provided in November 2011. It advised that field work for a Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment was anticipated to take place for the remainder of April 2012 and that the field work will be similar to that which was conducted during the Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment completed in the fall of 2011. The Notice also advised that during that time residents could expect to see field staff staking boundaries for proposed locations of project components, landowners plowing parts of their property, and field staff walking and digging within the staked areas. The Notice communicated that construction of the project was not occurring at that time.

A copy of the Notices can be found in **Appendix C**.

**4.5 SUMMARY OF NEWSPAPER PUBLICATION OF NOTICES**

The newspaper publication requirements under O. Reg. 359/09 were met for every Project Notice, as summarized below.

<b>Newspaper</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Notice of Proposal to Engage in a Project</b>	<b>Notice of Public Meeting</b>	<b>Notice of Draft Site Plan</b>	<b>Notice of Revised Draft Site Plan and Revised Study Area</b>	<b>Notice of Final Public Meeting</b>
<i>Kingston Whig Standard</i>	Published daily except Sunday	September 15 and 22, 2011	November 3 and 5, 2011	February 2, 2012	August 23, 2012	December 27, 2012. January 3 and 10, 2013
<i>Napanee Guide</i>	Published weekly on Thursdays	September 15 and 22, 2011	November 3 and 10, 2011	February 2, 2012	August 23, 2012	January 10 and 17, 2013

## **5.0 Public Consultation**

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### **5.1 OVERVIEW**

An extensive public consultation program was undertaken for the Project, including development and maintenance of a Project distribution list which was used to distribute the required notices, newspaper advertisements, formation of a LC, four Public Meetings, participation in a Loyalist Township town hall meeting, and provision of feedback to those members of the public who had questions, issues, or concerns or positive feedback about the Project. The public consultation activities are described below.

### **5.2 PUBLIC LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Six PLC meetings have been held to date over the course of the Project. Four of the meetings were held at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church on Amherst Island, while two meetings were held via conference call. Meetings times were determined in consultation with the PLC members. Minutes were taken at each meeting and circulated to the PLC members prior to finalizing them. Final minutes were posted to the Project website.

A Terms of Reference was established by Windlectric for the PLC. A copy of the Terms of Reference is provided in **Appendix E**.

A summary of the PLC meetings is provided below. A copy of the PLC meeting agendas, presentation slides and minutes are provided in **Appendix E**.

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**Table 5.1: Public Liaison Committee Meetings (PLC) – Key Information**

<b>PLC</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Information Presented/Discussed</b>
PLC #1	July 20, 2011	5:30-7:40 PM	St. Paul's Presbyterian Church	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome and introductions</li> <li>• Confirm agenda</li> <li>• Review of Terms of Reference and the Liaison Committee</li> <li>• Review of Project Details</li> <li>• Review of Key Issues and Priorities for Future Discussion</li> <li>• Next Meeting Date</li> </ul>
PLC #2	October 5, 2011	5:00-5:45 PM	Via Conference Call	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome and introductions</li> <li>• Confirm agenda</li> <li>• Review of Action Items and PLC meeting #1</li> <li>• Current Status of Project</li> <li>• Next Steps</li> <li>• Review of Priorities and Concerns</li> <li>• Other Items</li> <li>• Next Meeting Date</li> </ul>
PLC #3	November 16, 2011	5:00-7:45 PM	St. Paul's Presbyterian Church	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confirm agenda</li> <li>• Review of Action Items from PLC meeting #2</li> <li>• Current Status of Project</li> <li>• Discuss Upcoming Open House</li> <li>• Review of Priorities and Concerns</li> <li>• Next Meeting Date</li> </ul>
PLC #4	February 15, 2012	5:00-6:50 PM	St. Paul's Presbyterian Church	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confirm agenda</li> <li>• Review of Action Items for PLC Meeting #3</li> <li>• Discuss Outcomes of the Public Open House</li> <li>• Current Status of Project</li> <li>• Presentation and Discussion: Wolfe Island Wind Project</li> <li>• Review of Other Priorities and Concerns</li> <li>• Next Meeting Date</li> </ul>
PLC #5	September 12, 2012	4:30-7:30 PM	St. Paul's Presbyterian Church	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confirm agenda</li> <li>• Review of Action Items of PLC #4</li> <li>• Provide Project Status Update</li> <li>• Discuss Next Steps</li> <li>• Next Meeting Date</li> </ul>
PLC #6	December 13, 2012	5:00-5:45 PM	Via Conference Call	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confirm Agenda</li> <li>• Introduction of Alex Tsopelas (Project Manager for the project)</li> <li>• Provide Project Status Update</li> <li>• Next Meeting Date</li> </ul>

### **5.3 PUBLIC MEETINGS**

The first set of Public Meetings was held at the Amherst Island Public School (on Amherst Island) and St. John's Memorial Hall (on the mainland) on separate days. The second set of Public Meetings was held at the Amherst Island Public School (on Amherst Island) and St. John's Memorial Hall (on the mainland), also on separate days. The venues were selected due to their location to the Project area, accessibility, and/or size to accommodate any member of the community who wished to attend. The meetings were held in the evening to allow the largest number of people to attend at their convenience. Representatives from Windlectric, Stantec, HATCH, and Instrinsic were in attendance at all Public Meetings.

The Public Meetings were held in a drop-in style open house format where information about the Project was provided on large display boards around the room as well as through the placement of other project related material (drawings, project handouts, and industry information) in a convenient location in the room for the general public to review. Members of the Project Team were available for discussion, to answer questions, and seek attendees' feedback regarding the Project. Questionnaire forms were made available at each Public Meeting and participants were encouraged to complete and submit them either at the Public Meeting or at a later date using a pre-addressed, stamped envelope.

The questionnaire forms asked participants to document their questions, comments, ideas, issues or concerns regarding the Project, and gave participants the opportunity to describe their interest in the Project, their opinion about various aspects of the Public Meeting and whether they wanted to be included on the Project distribution list.

The information gathered by the Project Team through discussions with attendees and feedback forms is provided for each Public Meeting in **Appendix E**. Feedback gathered at these sessions was considered by the Project Team during preparation of the REA Reports and during Project planning and siting, to the extent possible and as appropriate.

#### **5.3.1 Public Meeting #1 – December 6, 2011 and December 7, 2011, 5:00-8:00pm**

The first set of Public Meetings was held at the Amherst Island Public School (on the island) on December 6, 2011 and St. John's Memorial Hall (on the mainland) on December 7, 2011.

The purpose of Public Meeting #1 was to introduce the Project and Project Team to the community, with the intention of providing information as early in the process as possible (Table 5.2). Public Meeting #1 provided the opportunity for community members to learn about the Project and the REA process, to ask questions of the Project Team, and to provide input into the Project. This allowed the Project team to consider comments, issues and concerns early in the Project lifecycle, to the extent possible and as appropriate.

It should be noted that at this initial public open house the preliminary project layout was presented to the general public. This activity was proactive and generally not the usual path

chosen by renewable energy developers. Usually the project layout is brought to the public at the final public open house. The preliminary project layout was provided because many public stakeholders were asking the Project Team to make the layout available for public review.

Display boards provided background information on Windlectric, an overview of the Project, information on the REA process, preliminary results from environmental studies, a preliminary project layout and relevant academic and industry studies on the wind industry.

**Table 5.2: Public Meeting #1: Key Information**

<b>Township</b>	Loyalist Township, County of Lennox and Addington	
<b>Date</b>	December 6, 2011 (island) and December 7, 2011 (mainland)	
<b>Locations</b>	Amherst Island Public School 5955 Front Road Stella, Ontario K0H 2S0	St. Johns Memorial Hall 216 Church Street (County Road 7) Bath, Ontario K0H 1G0
<b>Attendees</b>	Approximately approx. 225 attendees (Dec 6 <sup>th</sup> ) (of which approx. 125 signed in) & approx. 175 attendees (Dec 7 <sup>th</sup> ) (of which approx. 67 signed in)	
<b>Feedback Forms Received</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dec 6th – 34 questionnaires or comments forms filled out, 64 letters received</li> <li>• Dec 7th – 14 questionnaires or comment forms filled out, 5 letters received</li> <li>• After meetings: 22 questionnaires received</li> </ul>	
<b>Information Presented and Made Available</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Display boards</li> <li>• Paper copies of display boards</li> <li>• Staff members from Algonquin Power, Stantec, HATCH and Intrinsik with relevant experience to answer questions to on project topics</li> <li>• Draft Project Description Report</li> <li>• Preliminary Project layout maps</li> <li>• Project sign in sheets</li> <li>• Project Contact Information and website</li> <li>• Academic and industry studies, and Project fact sheets</li> </ul>	

Information presented and made available at the open house is provided in **Appendix E**. Information captured from the public meeting was used by the Project team during Project planning and siting (as appropriate) and within the REA Reports. Comments received from the meeting along with the related responses are provided in **Appendix E**.

**5.3.2 Final Public Meeting – March 5, 2013 and March 6, 2013, 5:00-8:00pm**

The final set of Public Meetings was held at the Amherst Island Public School (on the island) on March 5, 2013 and St. John’s Memorial Hall (on the mainland) on March 6, 2013.

The purpose of the Final Public Meeting was to provide an update on the Project to community members, including the revised project layout, the results of the REA studies and the Draft REA Reports, and gather feedback (Table 5.3).

Display boards provided background information on Windlectric, an overview of the Project, information on the REA process, results of the REA environmental studies and Draft REA



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Reports, changes to the reports since the release of the Draft REA Reports, project schedule, relevant academic and industry studies, and an overview of how Windlectric is helping to build the local economy and support the community.

**Table 5.3: Final Public Meeting: Key Information**

<b>Township</b>	Loyalist Township, County of Lennox and Addington	
<b>Date</b>	March 5, 2013 (island) and March 6, 2013 (mainland)	
<b>Locations</b>	Amherst Island Public School 5955 Front Road Stella, Ontario K0H 2S0	St. Johns Memorial Hall 216 Church Street (County Road 7) Bath, Ontario K0H 1G0
<b>Attendees</b>	Approximately approx. 160 attendees (Dec 6 <sup>th</sup> ) (of which approx. 41 signed in) & approx. 52 attendees (Dec 7 <sup>th</sup> ) (of which approx. 28 signed in)	
<b>Feedback Forms Received</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• March 5th – 16 questionnaires and comment forms filled out, 23 letters received</li> <li>• March 6th – 10 questionnaires and comment forms filled out, one notice received.</li> <li>• Between March 7th – March 15th – approx. 17 questionnaires received, one letter</li> </ul>	
<b>Information Presented and Made Available</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Display boards</li> <li>• Draft REA Reports</li> <li>• Project maps</li> <li>• Conceptual drawings presented to the Ministry of Transportation</li> <li>• Visual simulations</li> <li>• Shadow Flicker Report</li> <li>• Project Contact Information and website</li> <li>• Academic and industry studies, and Project fact sheets</li> </ul>	

Information presented and made available at the open house is provided in **Appendix E**. Information captured from the second public meeting was considered by the Project team when finalizing the Project site plan and REA Reports, as appropriate. All attendees were encouraged to complete a questionnaire providing their comments to the Project Team at the meeting, or to return the questionnaire by March 15, 2013, the last day for incorporation of comments prior to submission of the REA documentation to the MOE. Comments received from the public meeting along with the related responses are provided in **Appendix E**.

**5.4 ADDITIONAL PUBLIC CONSULTATION ACTIVITIES**

**5.4.1 Presentation to Township Council**

**5.4.2 Municipal Community Town Hall Meeting**

Loyalist Township coordinated a public town hall meeting on January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2013 (specific to road issues) and invited Algonquin Power to undertake the following:

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(a) set up message boards on proposed infrastructure work (preliminary conceptual design) as well as topics about proposed traffic, communication, emergency protocol planning,

(b) present to the public on infrastructure design and planning, and

(c) participate in a town hall question and answer session with respect to project infrastructure design and planning.

The Project team (Algonquin Power, the consulting engineer (representatives from Hatch Engineering), and well known qualified and competent general constructor (Mortenson Canada) were in attendance to answer questions.

Please see in **Appendix E** for copies of the message boards and presentation made by Algonquin Power at the town hall meeting.

A moderator was hired to manage the town hall question and answer session. The duration of the town hall meeting was from 5:30 pm to approximately 9:30 pm. The Township handed out questionnaires for the public to use to submit their questions. The Township provided Algonquin Power with a copy of the questions for information purposes and responses were not requested (see **Appendix E**). It should be noted that even though the town hall meeting mandate was to provide the public with information and answer questions about how the project will affect the island public infrastructure concerns, there were some questions brought forward pertaining to regulatory permitting items of interests.

## **5.5 RELEASE OF DRAFT REA REPORTS**

The draft Project Description Report (dated May 2011) was posted on the Project website and made available for public review at the County of Lennox & Addington (97 Thomas Street East, Napanee, ON) and The Corporation of the Township of Loyalist (263 Main Street, Odessa, ON) at the time of the Notice to Engage in a Renewable Energy Project was published.

A revised draft Project Description Report (dated November 2011) was posted on the Project website, at least 30 days prior to the first Public Meeting, in accordance with O. Reg. 359/09. It was also made available at the County of Lennox & Addington (97 Thomas Street East, Napanee, ON) and The Corporation of the Township of Loyalist (263 Main Street, Odessa, ON) for public review.

Although not a requirement under O. Reg. 359/09 a Draft Site Plan Report was prepared for the project. The draft Site Plan Report (dated February 2012) was posted on the Project website and made available for public review at the County of Lennox & Addington (97 Thomas Street East, Napanee, ON) and The Corporation of the Township of Loyalist (263 Main Street, Odessa, ON) at the time of the Notice of Draft Site Plan was published. A revised Site Plan Report (dated August 2012) was posted on the Project website and made available for public review at the County of Lennox & Addington (97 Thomas Street East, Napanee, ON) and The Corporation

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of the Township of Loyalist (263 Main Street, Odessa, ON) at the time of the Notice of Revised Draft Site Plan and Revised Study Area was published.

The following Draft REA Reports were made available on the Project website, at the County of Lennox & Addington (97 Thomas Street East, Napanee, ON) and The Corporation of the Township of Loyalist (263 Main Street, Odessa, ON), for public review and comment at least 60 days before the Final Public Meeting in accordance with O. Reg. 359/09 between December 27, 2012 and March 5, 2013:

- Project Description Report;
- Construction Plan Report;
- Design and Operations Report;
- Decommissioning Plan Report;
- Wind Turbine Specifications Report;
- Natural Heritage Assessment and Environmental Impact Study;
- Water Assessment Report;
- Stage 1 and 2 Archaeological Assessment;
- Heritage Assessment Report; and,
- Project Summary Report

A copy of the distribution list, public review location cover letters and Aboriginal Community cover letters used for release of the draft REA reports are provided in **Appendix D**.

A Project Summary Report was prepared in accordance with O. Reg. 359/09 for Aboriginal communities and was submitted to the Aboriginal communities at the same time as the draft REA reports.

In January 2013 an administrative change was made to the draft Underwater Archaeological Assessment report. The MOE was consulted and they agreed to the following approach: recipients of hard copies of the report (i.e. All Aboriginal Communities on the Project distribution list, Loyalist Township and the County of Lennox & Addington) were notified, a Project Team representative travelled to their office(s) to fix the administrative error. In addition, the draft Underwater Archaeology Assessment Report listed on the Project website was amended accordingly.

The draft Property Line Setback Assessment (PLSA) Report was posted on the Project website on February 6, 2013 and made available for public review at the County of Lennox & Addington (97 Thomas Street East, Napanee, ON) and The Corporation of the Township of Loyalist (263 Main Street, Odessa, ON). The MOE was contacted about the need for a PLSA Report and a letter describing the situation, with an action plan, to notify the public, the County of Lennox and

Addington, Loyalist Township and Aboriginal Communities was submitted to the agency. The MOE formally responded in writing that the developers proposed (develop a PLSA Report and the plan for notifications) approach was reasonable. A conference call was held with the Township prior to submission of the document in order to keep them updated.

The commencement of the public review period was at least 60 days prior to the Final Public Meeting, in accordance with s.16 of O. Reg. 359/09. The draft REA Reports will remain on the Project website. Once the MOE deems the REA application complete, final copies of the REA Reports will be posted on the Project website.

Hard copies of the draft REA Reports and summary reports were also provided to Aboriginal communities for review and comment, with a written request that the information be made available to the communities, as appropriate.

## **5.6 CONSIDERATION OF PUBLIC COMMENTS**

### **5.6.1 Public**

Information provided by the public assisted Windlectric in gaining invaluable input into the design and planning of the Project. Comments were reviewed by the Project Team and considered during Project siting and planning, and during preparation of the REA Reports.

A summary of the key public comments and how comments were considered by the Project Team is provided in Table 5.4: including whether:

- the Project or study design was altered in response to comments received;
- the REA Reports were amended based on comments received; and/or
- additional information was provided.

A detailed summary of each comment received from the public, and each response from the Project Team from the start of the REA process in September 2011 to March 15, 2013 is provided in **Appendix E**.

**Table 5.4: Summary of Key and Frequent Comments from Public and Consideration by Project Team**

Key and Frequent Comments	Project Response	How Comments Were Considered by Project Team
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project Overall</li> <li>• Project Schedule</li> <li>• Basic Components</li> </ul>	<p>The Amherst Island Wind Energy Project is located on Amherst island, ON (Loyalist Township in the County of Lennox and Addington)). Windlectric Inc. (subsidiary of Algonquin Power Co.) is the owner of the project and responsible for all aspects of construction and operation.</p> <p>The development of this project is in response to the Government of Ontario's initiative to promote the development of renewable electricity in the province.</p> <p>Windlectric Inc. Initiated the REA process in May 2011 and followed the Ministry of Environment regulations with respect to complying with the REA requirements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The first public open houses were held December 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> 2011.</li> <li>• Draft REA reports to the Township and Public in Dec 2012</li> <li>• Final public open houses March 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> 2013</li> <li>• The anticipated REA application submission is April 2013</li> <li>• Anticipated REA approval December 2013</li> <li>• Commencement of construction anticipated Q3 2014</li> <li>• Anticipated commercial operation date approximately Q3 2013</li> </ul> <p>Basic project components of the project include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up to 24 Siemens SWT-2.3-113 2300 kW and 12 Siemens SWT-2.3-113 2221 kW model wind turbine generators (total installed nameplate capacity of approximately 56 - 75 MW);</li> <li>• A 34.5 kilovolt (kV) electrical power line collector system (will be buried where possible);</li> <li>• Fibre optic data lines from each turbine and/or wireless technology for the communication of data;</li> <li>• A transmission line;</li> <li>• Truck turnaround areas;</li> <li>• A submarine cable;</li> <li>• An operations and maintenance building;</li> <li>• A permanent dock;</li> <li>• A substation (on the island);</li> <li>• A switching station (on the mainland);</li> </ul>	<p>Provided responses to relevant public comments by email/mail.</p> <p>Information provided on Project website.</p> <p>Frequently Asked Questions document created, updating regularly, and posted to the Project website.</p>

**Table 5.4: Summary of Key and Frequent Comments from Public and Consideration by Project Team**

Key and Frequent Comments	Project Response	How Comments Were Considered by Project Team
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An un-serviced storage shed;</li> <li>• One connection point to the existing electrical system;</li> <li>• Cable vault areas;</li> <li>• Meteorological tower(s) (met tower);</li> <li>• Access road(s) to the met tower site(s); and,</li> <li>• Access roads to turbine components and infrastructure.</li> </ul> <p>Temporary components during construction may include staging areas for the turbines, access roads, met tower(s), collector lines and transmission line as well as crane paths, a temporary dock, site office(s), batch plant, central staging areas, and associated watercourse crossings. The electrical power line collector system would transport the electricity generated from each turbine to the substation, along the submarine cable to the mainland and then to a switching station located near to an existing Hydro One Networks Inc. (HONI) 115 kV transmission line.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Electrical Interconnection</li> </ul>	<p>The plan is to place the electrical power line collector system, on the island, underground where physically possible (considering all technical and regulatory constraints). The location of the electrical collection system will be finalized during the siting process. Windlectric Inc. has committed to Loyalist Township to work to place the collector line underground as much as practical.</p> <p>The Project will also require the installation of an electrical submarine cable from the island to the mainland. The final preferred landing location of the submarine cable on the mainland has not been completed. Work on this segment of the Project is ongoing and further details will be provided during the permitting phase of the project.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provided responses to relevant public comments by email/mail.</li> <li>• Information provided on Project website.</li> <li>• Frequently Asked Questions document created, updating regularly, and posted to the Project website.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adequacy of Wind Supply on the Island</li> </ul>	<p>Windlectric Inc. has undertaken the appropriate due diligence with respect to determining that the wind resources are sufficient for the construction of the proposal wind project. In addition, the internal business analysis has also determined that the land that is under signed agreement the will be sufficient for the development of the Project.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provided responses to relevant public comments by email/mail.</li> <li>• Information provided on Project website.</li> <li>• Frequently Asked Questions document created, updating regularly, and posted to the Project website.</li> </ul>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Setbacks</li> </ul>	<p>A key component of the REA process is the establishment of common setbacks for all renewable energy facilities in the Province. Where Project related infrastructure will be located within the setback distances, additional analysis (ie. Environmental Impact Study) will be provided in the REA application and summarized in the final Project Description Report. Key setbacks which will be applied throughout the design of the Project are listed on the project website at the following link:</p> <p><a href="http://www.amherstislandwindproject.com/renewable-energy-approval-process-setbacks.pdf">http://www.amherstislandwindproject.com/renewable-energy-approval-process-setbacks.pdf</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A copy of the setbacks required under O.Reg. 359/09 were posted to the project website.</li> <li>• Frequently Asked Questions document created, updating regularly, and posted to the Project website.</li> <li>• Technical experts were on hand at all public open houses to discuss setback requirements.</li> <li>• Information about setbacks was provided at all public open houses.</li> <li>• Provided responses to relevant public comments by email/mail.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health Concerns</li> <li>• Hazards of Sound</li> <li>• Shadow Flicker</li> <li>• Stray Voltage</li> </ul>	<p>Health and medical agencies agree that when sited properly, wind turbines are not causally related to adverse effects. This information was discussed with many stakeholders during the meetings by the subject matter experts from Intrinsic Consulting. Note: the proposed Amherst Island wind project will adhere to the provincial regulations for setbacks related to non-participating residents.</p> <p>Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health (May 2010) conducted a review of the scientific literature related to wind turbines and public health. The review concluded that: <i>"while some people living near wind turbines report symptoms such as dizziness, headaches, and sleep disturbance, the scientific evidence available to date does not demonstrate a direct causal link between wind turbine noise and adverse health effects. The sound level from wind turbines at common residential setbacks is not sufficient to cause hearing impairment or other direct health effects, although some people may find it annoying."</i></p> <p>Scientific evidence suggests that shadow flicker from wind turbines does not pose a risk of photo-induced seizures; modern wind turbines simply don't rotate at a speed that has been linked to this condition (generally less than 20 rpm vs. over 60 rpm).</p> <p>Stray voltage is an extraneous voltage that is related to the transmission of electricity, not the production of electricity. Stray voltage appears on grounded surfaces in buildings, barns and other structures. Stray voltage is a direct result of</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Windlectric retained an environmental health expert to assist in assessing the science relating to this topic, and to help keep the Project Team informed of new information. This expert also provided information in response to health questions and comments related to wind energy and the Project.</li> <li>• Third party health experts and recent health literature were available at all public open houses.</li> <li>• Recent health literature was posted to the project website.</li> <li>• Frequently Asked Questions document created, updating regularly, and posted to the Project website.</li> <li>• Provided responses to relevant public comments by email/mail.</li> <li>• Windlectric provided a shadow flicker report at the final public open house and</li> </ul>



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	<p>poor grounding practices, improper or inadequate wiring or the breakdown of insulation in old wires or electrical loads. Information about stray voltage can be found here:  <a href="http://www.hydroone.com/MyBusiness/MyFarm/Pages/StrayVoltage.aspx">http://www.hydroone.com/MyBusiness/MyFarm/Pages/StrayVoltage.aspx</a>.</p> <p>The Project's electrical collection system would avoid these causes of stray voltage by incorporating all new construction in accordance with standard utility practice and meeting the required stringent design and inspection requirements of the Electrical Safety Authority.</p>	<p>on the project website.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Noise Impact Assessment Methodology</li> </ul>	<p>The following is a general overview of the noise impact assessment methodology. For a complete and full understanding of the process required to conduct a Noise Impact Assessment please refer to O. Reg. 359/09 and "Noise Guidelines for Wind Farms (October 2008)".</p> <p>As per MOE guidelines, a predictive analysis of the wind farm noise from the sources (turbine and substation transformer) to a noise sensitive receptor is carried out using ISO (International Organization for Standardization) ISO 9613 (Part 1 and 2) "Attenuation of sound during propagation outdoors".</p> <p>For the purpose of the assessment, wind direction will be assumed to be from every single wind turbine to every single receptor (down wind conditions). The compliance will be demonstrated during a predictable worst case hour in which all wind turbines produces at maximum sound power level and that is propagating towards every single receptor under a downwind /moderate temperature inversion conditions.</p> <p>As per MOE/ O. Reg. 359/09 requirements, all turbines will meet the minimum setback of 550 meters from any non-participating receptors. As per MOE requirements, turbine locations will be selected such that all non-participating receptors comply with the 40.0 dBA performance limit established by MOE during a predictable worst case scenario.</p> <p>The sound propagation from a source to a receiver depends on several factors that include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>location of the wind turbines and its sound radiation (sound power level), its height</li> <li>relative location of the receiver (i.e. receptor) (e.g. a house)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Third party health experts were available at all public open houses.</li> <li>Frequently Asked Questions document created, updating regularly, and posted to the Project website.</li> <li>Provided responses to relevant public comments by email/mail.</li> <li>A third party consultant has undertaken a noise impact study, as required under the regulation, included as part of the REA application. The noise impact assessment was made available for public review as required under O. Reg. 352/09.</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>other factors such as ground reflection/absorption of sound, atmospheric absorption of sound, any obstacles that could block the sound, etc.</li> </ul> <p>Location of the wind turbine will be based on the wind resources and meeting all constrains including the distance setback from dwellings (550 m) and other environmental constraints (distance from water bodies and streams, wooded areas, roads, etc.) to identify potential areas available for development. The height and the emitted sound levels will be based on the manufacturer data, and adjusted to reflect the wind speed change conditions at the project site (wind shear). Then, the wind turbines are located so that the sound levels at the receptors agree with the performance limit defined by MOE (40 dBA for rural areas, night time).</p> <p>For the assessment purposes, the locations of receptors were defined following MOE guidelines. Two types of receptors are considered: existing (dwellings – houses, schools, hospitals, places of worship, campsites, etc.) and vacant lots (areas zoned to be residential, but currently without dwellings). The location of the existing receptors is defined based on a combination of mapping, GPS surveys, satellite and aerial high-resolution imagery. Following MOE guidelines, the vacant lots are to be placed according to the existing building pattern of the area, in terms of distance to the road and location within the parcel. The areas zoned to be industrial (or non-residential in general) do not have receptors associated with them. Inaccessible vacant lots (vacant lots with no direct access though roads or streams) do not require a receptor</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Visual Impacts</li> </ul>	<p>The Project Team recognizes there are different views and perspectives on wind turbines. The Project Team has received comments about the visual nature of the turbines and auxiliary facilities proposed for the Project.</p> <p>The Project Team is interested in reducing visual impacts from the Project by burying collector lines and the transmission line where possible.</p> <p>Although the positive or negative visual impact of the project is a subjective consideration that does not form part of REA process, Windlectric has completed a Visual Impact Assessment which created photo simulations of what the wind farm project may look like during operations. The photo simulations were provided during the final open house for the Project and are available on the Project website within the Draft Heritage Assessment Report.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The REA reports identify that where possible, underground collector lines will be incorporated into the design of the access roads to reduce the area required for construction and minimize the potential construction impacts and where possible the transmission line will be installed underground. Note that the location of the collector lines and transmission line is done in consultation with required agencies (i.e. the Township and/or Ministry of Transportation).</li> <li>Windlectric is considering landscaping options at the Project auxiliary facilities,</li> </ul>

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		<p>while still ensuring that the site visibility and building security are maintained.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A third party visual impact assessment expert was available at the final public open houses.</li> <li>• A mapbook showing the results of the visual impact assessment was provided at the final public open houses.</li> <li>• Frequently Asked Questions document created, updating regularly, and posted to the Project website.</li> <li>• Provided responses to relevant public comments by email/mail.</li> <li>• A visual impact assessment was completed and included in the Protected Properties Assessment report and the Heritage Assessment report which were submitted as part of the REA application.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Property Values</li> </ul>	<p>Windelectric acknowledges public comments and concerns related to potential property value impacts. Based upon the published reports reviewed to date based on data from other areas with established wind plants, there is little evidence of a material negative effect on property value as a result of the presence of a wind project.</p> <p>A recent decision in 2012 by the Ontario Assessment Review Board ruled that there is no evidence that the presence of a wind farm affected the value of a waterfront property on Wolfe Island located in the Township of Frontenac Islands on Lake Ontario. As a result of their review and subsequent findings, the Board concluded that there was nothing to indicate that the value of the property had been negatively affected by the creation or operation of the wind farm and confirmed the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation's (MPAC) assessment of the property. To date, MPAC's analysis of sales has not indicated that the presence of wind turbines that are either abutting or in proximity to a property has either a positive or negative impact on its value.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recent literature pertaining to property values and wind farms was available at all public open houses.</li> <li>• Recent literature pertaining to property values and wind farms was posted to the project website.</li> <li>• Frequently Asked Questions document created, updating regularly, and posted to the Project website.</li> <li>• Provided responses to relevant public comments by email/mail.</li> </ul>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Benefits</li> <li>• Taxes</li> </ul>	<p>Windlectric has voluntarily submitted a draft commitment agreement to the Township to contribute monies on an annual basis to provide a continuous, reliable source of income for the Township.</p> <p>The original draft agreement contribution to the fund will be based on a proposed fixed rate multiplied by the total size of the project.</p> <p>Township and Windlectric are currently negotiating the draft agreement</p> <p>The original draft agreement proposed that the Township would receive an estimated \$7.5 million from the Community Benefit Fund over the lifespan of the project which could be allocated to new roads, repairs to old buildings or schools, upgrading community centres, refurbishing parking lots, building new parks or restoring the old ones. Windlectric proposes a portion of the Fund be allocated to Amherst Island specifically.</p> <p>Indemnity Agreement signed with Township to reimburse their cost for hiring a third party consultant to review the Project REA documents.</p> <p>Windlectric is working with the Municipality on a draft Road User Agreement that will ensure the repair (if required) and maintenance of roads utilized by Windlectric on Amherst Island.</p> <p>Local businesses will be supported through goods and services procured by construction contractor workers (restaurants, accommodation, local hardware stores etc.).</p> <p>Windlectric and its contractors will employ maintenance staff in eastern Ontario.</p> <p>Locally-provided trades could include heavy equipment operators, truck drivers, pipefitters, electricians, ironworkers, millwrights and carpenters.</p> <p>Landowners with Project infrastructure on their property will receive lease payments from Windlectric (turbines, substations, access roads, etc.).</p> <p>Farm operations can continue adjacent to Project infrastructure.</p> <p>Following decommissioning, agricultural areas will be restored, and normal farming practices can resume.</p> <p>Subject to landowner approval and private property restrictions, hunting and other</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Windlectric has voluntarily submitted a Community Benefits Agreement to the Township. The original draft proposed payment of an estimated \$7.5 million to the Township over the lifespan of the Project. Windlectric proposes a portion of the Fund be allocated to Amherst Island specifically.</li> <li>• An Indemnity Agreement was signed with the Township to reimburse their cost for hiring a third party consultant to review the Project REA documents.</li> <li>• Windlectric working with the Township on a Road User Agreement.</li> <li>• A summary of community tax benefits posted to the project website.</li> <li>• Frequently Asked Questions document created, updating regularly, and posted to the Project website.</li> <li>• An overview of community benefits was provided at all public open houses.</li> <li>• Provided responses to relevant public comments by email/mail.</li> </ul>

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	<p>recreational uses can continue adjacent to Project infrastructure.</p> <p>Tax payments to the municipality of approximately \$100,000 to \$150,000 annually in new tax revenues to Loyalist Township.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Traffic Impacts</li> <li>• Impacts to Roads</li> <li>• Traffic Management and Safety</li> </ul>	<p>Available details regarding the potential transportation routes to the site are provided in the draft REA reports. Discussions will take place with county and township staff related to the development of a Traffic Management Plan to address aspects such as the identification of the transportation route(s), road upgrades/repairs, and traffic planning issues. Preliminary, design and planning work completed to date was presented on January 29<sup>th</sup> at the Loyalist Township town hall road infrastructure meeting, and is available on the Project website.</p> <p>Any damages/repairs to local roads as a result of Project construction including the transportation of Project components will be the responsibility of Windlectric. Windlectric will also develop a Traffic Management Plan with the County and Township to specifically address local concerns related to the transport of Project components and impacts to County and Township roads/traffic.</p> <p>A Traffic Management Plan (with Public Safety considered) will be developed which will identify and deal with specific traffic planning issues including the management of traffic and the delivery of materials.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Frequently Asked Questions document created, updating regularly, and posted to the Project website.</li> <li>• Algonquin Power staff members were on hand at all public open houses to discuss traffic activities, the traffic management plan, and safety. In addition, a third party construction expert was available at the final public open houses to discuss construction activities including traffic.</li> <li>• Information about traffic management was provided at the final public open houses.</li> <li>• Participated in a Municipal Town Hall meeting to discuss the road user agreement.</li> <li>• Provided responses to relevant public comments by email/mail.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heritage Resources</li> <li>• Stone Fences</li> </ul>	<p>Specific sections of the O. Reg. 359/09 pertain to Heritage Resources, specifically heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes. In order to meet the conditions of the regulation, a Heritage Assessment of the location of the Project will be conducted. The Heritage Assessment Report that is required as part of the Renewable Energy Approval application package is available for public review on the Project website.</p> <p>The project layout has been designed to avoid the stone fences wherever possible. At this time it is anticipated that, in order to minimize potential effects to the stone fences, a pre-construction survey will be undertaken to determine the stability of the walls prior to any below-grade construction in their vicinity. Construction activities in those areas will be monitored to determine that vibration levels that may damage the walls are not exceeded.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Frequently Asked Questions document created, updating regularly, and posted to the Project website.</li> <li>• Met with the Heritage Committee to discuss the Heritage Assessment report.</li> <li>• A third party heritage planner drove the island with local residents on March 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> to identify heritage resources.</li> <li>• A third party heritage planner was available at the final public open houses.</li> <li>• A mapbook showing the results of the</li> </ul>

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	<p>A confirmation letter for the draft Heritage Assessment report has been received from the Ministry of Tourism and Culture and Sport.</p>	<p>visual impact assessment was provided at the final public open houses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provided responses to relevant public comments by email/mail.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stage 1 and 2 Archaeological Assessment methodology</li> </ul>	<p>The Project is subject to the Environmental Protection Act of Ontario (Act) Part V.0.1 and Ontario Regulation 359/09. Sections s.22 (1), (2), and (3) of Ontario Regulation 359/09, Renewable Energy Approvals (REA) under Part V.0.1 of the Act pertain to Archaeological Resources. The Stage 1 and Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment, which are available on the Project website, were conducted in accordance with these sections of Ontario Regulation 359/09 and the Ministry of Tourism and Culture's 2011 Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists.</p> <p>The Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment entails a desk top assessment of potential archaeological resources that are located within the Project Study Area. The Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment is a pedestrian survey of lands ploughed in the locations where project components are proposed to be located (e.g. turbines, access roads etc.). The land is ploughed to Ministry of Tourism and Culture and Sport specifications. The locations of all artifacts are documented and located using GPS coordinates.</p> <p>The Stage 1 and 2 Archaeology Assessment was directed by a professional archaeologist licensed with the Ministry of Tourism and Culture and who holds a professional archaeologist consulting license (the licensed archaeologist for this project is employed by Stantec Consulting Ltd.). Any artifacts (for example; pottery shards, buttons, plates, etc) removed from the field are catalogued by the archaeologist and stored. The disposition of the artifacts subsequent to their removal from the field is at the discretion of the archaeologist and Ministry of Tourism and Culture and Sport.</p> <p>Confirmation letters for both reports have been received from the Ministry of Tourism and Culture and Sport.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Frequently Asked Questions document created, updating regularly, and posted to the Project website.</li> <li>• A notice of Stage 2 archaeological assessment was provided to residents of the island to notify them that field work was taking place on the island.</li> <li>• A third party heritage planner was available at the final public open houses.</li> <li>• A mapbook showing the results of the visual impact assessment was provided at the final public open houses.</li> <li>• Provided responses to relevant public comments by email/mail.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construction Activities</li> <li>• Batch Plant</li> </ul>	<p>Algonquin Power will consider modifying the location of the batch plant within the laydown area. They may also consider installing a noise abatement wall between the batch plant and the school and will also install fencing around the laydown area and batch plant to prevent access by the public. Tree lines may also be planted on the east and north sides of the laydown area and batch plant to obstruct the view</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Frequently Asked Questions document created, updating regularly, and posted to the Project website.</li> <li>• Algonquin Power staff members were on</li> </ul>

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	<p>and aid in abating noise and dust. Operational limitations may also be imposed to restrict some activities during cultural or public events.</p> <p>Construction will be completed in accordance with applicable local by-laws.</p> <p>Prudent industry practices will be employed to reduce dust levels at construction areas.</p>	<p>hand at all public open houses to discuss construction activities. In addition, a third party construction expert was available at the final public open houses to discuss construction activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information about construction was provided at the final public open houses.</li> <li>• Provided responses to relevant public comments by email/mail.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operations</li> <li>• Extreme Weather</li> <li>• Monitoring</li> </ul>	<p>The owner of the Project will be responsible for all operations activities throughout the useful life of the Project expected to be at least 20 years after which the Project may be repowered or decommissioned. Although Windlectric currently intends to own and operate the Project for the entire life the Project could be sold or transferred to another owner who would then be required to operate the Project in accordance with applicable regulations and the REA.</p> <p>Project components will be designed to withstand the effects from extreme weather events including high winds. Considering the design features of the turbine which act to reduce or eliminate the potential for damage from extreme events, no adverse net effects from extreme weather events are anticipated during operation of the Project.</p> <p>Project staff from Windlectric and maintenance contractors will be on site during normal business hours and will be on call 24/7 to address any issues or emergencies which may arise during operation. The Wind turbines are highly instrumented and are monitored 24/7 by local and remote staff.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Frequently Asked Questions document created, updating regularly, and posted to the Project website.</li> <li>• Algonquin Power staff members were on hand at all public open houses to discuss operation activities.</li> <li>• Technical experts with experience monitoring operating wind farms were on hand at all public open houses to discuss monitoring activities.</li> <li>• Provided responses to relevant public comments by email/mail.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complaint Response Protocol</li> </ul>	<p>Windlectric Inc. will continue its pre-construction contact with Project stakeholders during construction and operations as long as this seems an effective two-way channel for communication. Windlectric and/or the Construction Contractor and/or the Operations Contractor will develop and implement a Complaint Response Protocol for the construction and operation phase to address any reasonable concern from the public. Any issues brought forward will be assessed and addressed on a case by case basis. All reasonable commercial efforts would be made to take appropriate action as a result of concerns as soon as practicable.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Frequently Asked Questions document created, updating regularly, and posted to the Project website.</li> <li>• Algonquin Power staff members were on hand at all public open houses to discuss the complaint response protocol and how they plan to handle inquiries during the life of the Project.</li> <li>• Provided responses to relevant public</li> </ul>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community opposition</li> </ul>	<p>Windlectric acknowledges that not everyone in the community is supportive of the Project.</p>	<p>comments by email/mail.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provided the public with details on the REA application process including instruction on the EBR posting and options to appeal the decision through the ERT.</li> <li>Algonquin Power staff members were on hand at all public open houses to discuss concerns.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Decommissioning the Project</li> </ul>	<p>At the end of the project's life expected to be at least 20 years, Windlectric will repower or decommission the project. Windlectric is responsible for the decommissioning of the project including the cost of component removal. Windlectric has committed to returning the site to a safe and clean condition after decommissioning of the Project in accordance with requirements to be determined prior to decommissioning. A site restoration plan would be developed based on the standards and best practices at the time of decommissioning.</p> <p>Decommissioning would include the dismantling and removal of facility components including foundations to a depth of 1m below grade, and restoring the land. Components would be recycled or reused wherever possible.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Frequently Asked Questions document created, updating regularly, and posted to the Project website.</li> <li>Algonquin Power staff members were on hand at all public open houses to discuss decommissioning activities.</li> <li>Provided responses to relevant public comments by email/mail.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Natural Heritage</li> <li>Impacts to Birds, Bats, Owls</li> <li>Building within an Important Bird Area</li> <li>How the Owl Woods was considered</li> <li>Species at Risk</li> </ul>	<p>Scientific studies indicate that few waterfowl fatalities occur as a result of contact with wind turbines, relative to the numbers of waterfowl present, due to avoidance behaviours. Waterfowl often fly at blade height, however, waterfowl are known to increase their flight height to avoid collisions with turbines. It is anticipated that waterfowl would avoid and adapt to the presence of wind turbines. Collision and direct mortality of migratory waterfowl is not expected to be a significant issue for a wind plant on Amherst Island.</p> <p>The Amherst Island Important Bird Areas (IBA) encompasses the entire island and adjacent off-shore areas. It has been identified as an IBA for the high numbers of Brant recorded in off-shore waters surrounding the island during their fall migration. While IBAs do not have any legal protection under provincial government, the functions for which they are identified are assessed and considered within the NHA. The process will involve field studies to assess the bird communities and their habitats, identification of significant wildlife habitat, assessment of potential</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Frequently Asked Questions document created, updating regularly, and posted to the Project website.</li> <li>Third party natural heritage experts were available at all public open houses.</li> <li>A map of the natural heritage features in the Project Study Area was displayed at all public open houses.</li> <li>Information about IBAs was provided at the final public open houses.</li> <li>Provided responses to relevant public comments by email/mail.</li> </ul>



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	<p>impacts and avoidance and mitigation measures, where required.</p> <p>The Owl Woods, located in the eastern portion of the island, is a well-known area where wintering owls roost. The presence of this woodland, and the function it provides as a roost area, has been considered through the NHA process. The potential for other woodlands on the island to provide a similar function has also been studied. In developing the preliminary layout, the significance of the Owl Woods was considered. The closest turbine (from blade tip) was established 100m from the Owl Woods and 500m from the pine plantation within the woods where the majority of owls can be found.</p> <p>The Project has considered species at risk habitat during the siting process. To reduce potential impacts to species at risk turbines and other project components have been sited outside of habitats that support these species, wherever possible. The MNR will be consulted as to ensure the project is compliant with the Endangered Species Act (ESA). Where required, a permit application under the ESA will be submitted, which will address any habitat loss and/or any risk of fatalities. The permit under the ESA would only be issued if it has been demonstrated that compensation measures have been put in place that will achieve an overall benefit for each species.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How waterbodies were considered</li> <li>• Impacts to groundwater and well</li> </ul>	<p>If water bodies were identified within 120 m of the Project Location, an aquatic habitat assessment was completed and a Draft Water Body Report was prepared. The Draft Water Body Report identifies and assesses any adverse environmental effects of the Project on a water body and on land within 30 m of the water body, identifies mitigation measures in respect of any adverse environmental effects, and describes the monitoring plan to address any environmental effects. The Conservation Authority will be consulted for any permits required with respect to work required in or near water bodies.</p> <p>There should be no impact (on drinking water / to groundwater) as a result of the project. Before excavation commences, a geotechnical study is completed at all potential sites for ground water depth as well as to determine necessary parameters required for foundation design. If water is encountered at any time, good construction practices will be used such as minimizing the length of time that the excavation is open and monitoring seepage during excavation. Should pumping be required to dewater excavated areas, water will be directed to the closest drain or spread across the construction area and appropriate energy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Frequently Asked Questions document created, updating regularly, and posted to the Project website.</li> <li>• Third party consultant staff were on hand at all public open houses to discuss water bodies.</li> <li>• A map of the waterbodies in the Project Study Area was displayed at all public open houses.</li> <li>• Provided responses to relevant public comments by email/mail.</li> </ul>



**Table 5.4: Summary of Key and Frequent Comments from Public and Consideration by Project Team**

Key and Frequent Comments	Project Response	How Comments Were Considered by Project Team
	dissipation techniques will be used to reduce the potential for erosion and sourcing.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Turbine lighting</li> </ul>	Transport Canada will provide recommendations as to lighting requirements for the turbine towers and Windlectric Inc. will examine all options in order to satisfy Transport Canada. Windlectric is aware of and will consider installation of a radar activated lighting system.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Frequently Asked Questions document created, updating regularly, and posted to the Project website.</li> <li>Algonquin Power staff members were on hand at all public open houses to discuss turbine lighting.</li> <li>Provided responses to relevant public comments by email/mail.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How Project Liaison Committee was established</li> </ul>	The Liaison Committee includes four local community representatives and a Lead Facilitator (Owner’s management representative). Members of the Liaison Committee were solicited by direct invitation to community stakeholders and were appointed by the project proponent. Local community representatives were selected based on their ability and willingness to bring a variety of perspectives from/to the local community. Note that membership on the Liaison Committee does not constitute support, endorsement, or opposition of the Amherst Island Wind Energy Project.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Frequently Asked Questions document created, updating regularly, and posted to the Project website.</li> <li>Algonquin Power staff members and a third party public consultation lead were on hand at all public open houses to discuss the Public Liaison Committee.</li> <li>Members of the Public Liaison Committee were voluntarily in attendance at the public open houses.</li> <li>Provided responses to relevant public comments by email/mail.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Emergency Response Planning</li> </ul>	During pre-construction and pre-operational mobilization Windlectric, the Construction Contractor and/or the Operation and Maintenance Contractor would finalize an Emergency Response Plan for the construction and operational activities in collaboration with the County and Township’s Emergency Services Department. The detailed Emergency Response Plans may include protecting the public from equipment and construction areas by posting warning signs, use of personal protective equipment, accident reporting, equipment operation, and confined space entry. Discussions with local emergency services personnel will take place prior to construction and operations to address concerns of local emergency services personnel. If required, Windlectric would participate in a training session for these workers. The development of and proper execution of the Emergency Response Plans would help ensure public safety is maintained	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Frequently Asked Questions document created, updating regularly, and posted to the Project website.</li> <li>Algonquin Power staff members were on hand at all public open houses to discuss Emergency Response Planning.</li> <li>Information about the Emergency Response Plan was provided at the final public open houses.</li> <li>Provided responses to relevant public comments by email/mail.</li> </ul>

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Key and Frequent Comments	Project Response	How Comments Were Considered by Project Team
	throughout the operation of the facility.  Windlectric Inc is corresponding with Ornge to ensure there are no potential effects to the safe use of the emergency helicopter pad on the island.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Landowner Lease Agreements and if gag orders are in place</li> </ul>	There is no gag order in place within the landowner lease agreement.  Windlectric Inc. does not publicly release details of contracts. A copy of the landowner lease agreement will not be made publicly available.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Frequently Asked Questions document created, updating regularly, and posted to the Project website.</li> <li>Algonquin Power staff members were on hand at all public open houses to discuss the lease agreements.</li> <li>Provided responses to relevant public comments by email/mail.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interference with TV or internet signals</li> </ul>	It has been our experience that wireless internet services will not be affected by wind turbine operation. We will review potential incidents of telecommunication (including internet) interference and/or electrical related concerns on a case by case basis. Windlectric will undertake a telecommunications impact assessment to determine the effect if any wind turbines will have on local telecommunications assets. The criteria for this assessment have been developed through consultation of the wind development industry and the Radio Advisory Board of Canada. In the unlikely event that signal disruption is experienced, mitigation measures are available to alleviate the impact. This may include replacing the receiving antenna with one that has a better discrimination to the unwanted signals, relocating either the transmitter or receiver, or switching to an alternate means of receiving the information (satellite or other means).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Frequently Asked Questions document created, updating regularly, and posted to the Project website.</li> <li>Provided responses to relevant public comments by email/mail.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is the project economically viable</li> </ul>	Windlectric Inc. received a contract from the Ontario Power Authority to supply renewable energy to the Province under the Feed-in-Tariff (FIT) program. The power purchase rate that the program provides is for 13.5 cents/kWh. Windlectric believes the economics of the Project make it viable.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Frequently Asked Questions document created, updating regularly, and posted to the Project website.</li> <li>Algonquin Power staff members were on hand at all public open houses to discuss the economics of the Project.</li> <li>Provided responses to relevant public comments by email/mail.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Compatibility</li> </ul>	The amount of land area that a wind turbine occupies (turbine pad with access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Frequently Asked Questions document</li> </ul>

**Table 5.4: Summary of Key and Frequent Comments from Public and Consideration by Project Team**

Key and Frequent Comments	Project Response	How Comments Were Considered by Project Team
<p>with Land Use</p>	<p>road) is small compared to the overall acreage that a participating landowner has optioned to lease for a project. The landowner can still use the remaining property for farming or other purposes. The placement of wind turbines adjacent to non-participating property does not prohibit the use (building of homes, barns or other structures) of the land. The only consideration that the adjacent landowner must be aware of is that if the turbine locations have been crystallized (finalized by the developer) and a neighbouring property owner (participating or non-participating) decides to build a home closer than 550 m from the turbine location then the developer does not have to consider this structure as a noise receptor in the project noise modeling assessment (as per the Ministry of Environment regulations).</p>	<p>created, updating regularly, and posted to the Project website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provided responses to relevant public comments by email/mail.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Effective Consultation</li> </ul>	<p>There are a number of ways to conduct a Public Open House. Algonquin Power chose to have information panels and staff members available throughout the venue to answer questions on a one-on-one basis or in small discussion groups. This format gave Algonquin Power a chance to meet many members of the community and address some of their personal concerns and questions. Staff members were able to speak to a diverse number of topics, to meet different interests. There were subject experts on topics including environmental assessment, the Renewable Energy Approval process, engineering, natural heritage, public health, noise assessment, archaeology, heritage resources, visual impact assessment, shadow flicker assessment, and community benefits.</p> <p>Extra staff were on hand at both open houses to assist participants with completing questionnaires and providing their comments, signing in, and contacting Algonquin Power in other formats if they preferred (i.e. phone, fax, e-mail, letter).</p> <p>In the event that an individual was not able to ask their question, questionnaires with a comments section were provided upon entrance to the venue and available throughout the venue. In addition, staff wrote down individual comments, as appropriate, on comment forms.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Project website was updated regularly with Project information and industry information.</li> <li>• Frequently Asked Questions document created, updating regularly, and posted to the Project website.</li> <li>• All Project Team members were provided with consistent information prior to open houses regarding stakeholder comment questions and concerns. All Project Team members were instructed to direct questions to those Team members directly responsible to the particular subject material, to ensure consistency and quality of responses.</li> </ul>

### **5.6.2 Public Liaison Committee**

The members of the PLC were encouraged to disseminate Project information discussed during the PLC meetings to the general public, if they felt comfortable. However, as mentioned the Project does have a website and project information was posted so the general public could review and comment at any time. Meeting agendas, presentation and minutes were provided on the Project website and are available in **Appendix E**. The meeting minutes include a summary of the discussions held during each meeting including, at times, a review of priorities and concerns raised in the community or by the PLC members.

### **5.6.3 Interest Groups and Community Associations**

Windlectric also communicated with various groups and organizations who were identified as possibly having an interest in the Project. This included groups that had an interest in the Project, and those contacted by the Project Team as potentially having information that could be considered in the various Project studies.

The following local interest groups were included on the Project distribution list and were therefore provided all Project Notices:

- Algonquin & Lakeshore Catholic District School Board
- CanWEA
- City of Kingston
- CN Rail
- Jefferson County, New York
- Kingston Field Naturalists
- Limestone District School Board
- New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
- Ontario Nature
- Ontario Woodlot Association
- St. Lawrence Parks Commission
- St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation
- Technical Standards and Safety Authority
- Village of Cape Vincent, New York

A summary of the interest groups and community associations' comments and how comments were considered by the Project Team is provided in Table 5.4:. Details regarding the key interest group and NGO comments, and how the Project Team considered each comment, are provided in **Appendix F**.

**Table 5.5: Summary of Key and Frequent Comments from Interest Groups and Non-Government Organizations**

Group	Comment	How Comments Were Considered by Project Team
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Limestone District School Board</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would like a map of the turbine location proposed near the school with a 550 meter buffer marked around it. Received information from a concerned citizen.</li> <li>Written request on recommendation of the school board that the project relocate tower S06 to 550 meters from the school property line as opposed to 550 meters from the centre of the school building.</li> <li>Request for Transportation Plan information.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thanked them for their email regarding the proximity of the turbine S06 to the school. Stated that the setback distance from an institutional noise receptor such as an education facility is measure from the centre of the building, and that this distance is greater than 550 meters for this project. Provided a hyperlink to the draft site plan for the project, which provides turbine coordinates for the project. Provided project contact information.</li> <li>Provided a web link to the project website that contains information presented at a recent Township town hall meeting where the proponent was asked to present on proposed road infrastructure information.</li> <li>Emailed them the draft Transportation Plan.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>City of Kingston</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provided new contact information for the Director of Planning &amp; Development for the City of Kingston.</li> <li>Request for Kingston Airport Manager to be added to the Project distribution list.</li> <li>Request for Kingston Norman Rogers Airport Manger to be added to the Project distribution list.</li> <li>Stated that Amherst Island is not in any of the areas which fall under the Kingston Airport Zoning Regulations. However, the proponent should contact NavCanada with respect to impacts on airways and aviation radar as well as navigational installations in the area. The NavCanada contact would be <a href="mailto:landuse@navcanada.ca">landuse@navcanada.ca</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Distribution list was updated accordingly.</li> </ul>

**Table 5.5: Summary of Key and Frequent Comments from Interest Groups and Non-Government Organizations**

Group	Comment	How Comments Were Considered by Project Team
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kingston Field Naturalists</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Opposed to construction of the Project because of habitat fragmentation, habitat loss from the damage to woodlots and wetlands and because of bird and bat mortality during operation of the turbines.</li> <li>Provided information and comments on turtles, butterflies, bats, owls, winter raptors, significant habitat, migratory birds, IBA, habitat fragmentation, bird mortality, bat mortality, and species at risk.</li> <li>Believes the NHA/EIS report is incomplete and that further studies of birds and bat migration with radar, of turtle population and of butterfly migration are required.</li> <li>Believes the environmental impact of the Project has been grossly underestimated.</li> <li>Believes that Bobolinks and Eastern Meadowlarks are at risk.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The design of the project layout and the significance of Owl Woods were considered. The only portions of the unopened road allowance that are being assessed for the project, on the eastern end of the island, are the small portion that intersects with the Marshall Forty Foot Road moving immediately west to access the proposed turbines S18 and S13 and a small section west of Lower Forty Foot Road to access the proposed turbines S28, S33 and S12. There are no plans to utilize the portion of the unopened road allowance that travels through Owl Woods east of Marshall Forty Foot Road to where it intersects with the portion being proposed to access turbines S28, S33 and S12. The information from Stantec biologists indicates that the specific areas, in this unopened road allowance, could be used without significant concerns from an environmental or regulatory perspective.</li> <li>Organized a telecall with KFN, held on December 20, 2012, to discuss the Project. Purpose of the meeting was to provide KFN with an update on the status of the Project and to receive their input/comments if any on the NHA.</li> <li>Had an ongoing relationship with KFN. They could phone/email our natural heritage consultation at any time. We responded to numerous questions over the phone.</li> <li>Consulting with KFN and received their information related to short eared owl nesting locations, bio blitz data and weir's</li> </ul>

**Table 5.5: Summary of Key and Frequent Comments from Interest Groups and Non-Government Organizations**

Group	Comment	How Comments Were Considered by Project Team
		book. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A species at risk report will be completed for the Project and provided, as required, to the MNR. The Species at Risk report is not required in the REA application.</li> <li>• The project consultant (Stantec) completed a comprehensive assessment of the project study area in compliance with the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) reporting requirements. The MNR has provided a letter of confirmation indicating the report (including mitigation measures) was prepared using established MNR procedures and is acceptable. This letter will be included in the final Renewable Energy Approval application package.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ontario Nature</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indicated a change of address for the offices of Ontario Nature</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Distribution list was updated accordingly.</li> </ul>

**5.7 CHANGES TO REA REPORTS**

**5.7.1 Post-Public Review – Presented at Final Public Meeting**

Following the release of Draft REA Reports for public review in December 2012, changes were made to the REA Reports; these changes were presented at the final Public Meeting on March 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

A summary of the non-editorial and consistency changes made to the Draft REA reports, and the reason for the changes, are provided in Table 5.6.

**Table 5.6: Summary of REA Report Amendments**

<b>Amendment</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>REA Report Reference</b>
<b>Property Line Setback Assessment</b>		
Preparation of a Property Line Setback Assessment report.	Refined analysis of property line setbacks necessitated the preparation of the Report.	Property Line Setback Assessment Report (Note: Report was made publically available on February 7, 2013)
<b>Natural Heritage Assessment / Environmental Impact Study</b>		
Natural Heritage Assessment and Environmental Impact Study	Written comment from MNR, required by O,Reg.359/09 for inclusion in the REA application was received.	In front of the NHA/EIS

**5.7.2 REA Report Amendments Following Final Public Meeting**

The draft REA reports were amended after the final Public Meeting, prior to submission of the REA application. Amendments reflect the current state of Project planning, response to comments from the consultation process, and corrections to editorial errors. A summary of the non-editorial amendments made to the draft REA reports, and the reason for the amendment, is provided in Table 5.7.

**Table 5.7: Summary of REA Report Amendments**

<b>Amendment</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>REA Report Reference</b>
<b>Multiple Reports</b>		
Introductory description of the Project modified to reflect the changes to the turbine model selection at 10 turbine locations (more fully described below).	Maintain consistency with noise assessment report	Section 1.1 of all reports other than NHA, Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment, Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment, Underwater Archaeological Assessment, Heritage Assessment, Protected Properties Assessment (the version of these reports were previously provided to the confirmation agency and confirmation letters have already been received).
Introductory description of the Project modified to reflect changes to the number of potential O&M building locations from	To address recommendations made in the Heritage	Section 1.1 of all reports other than NHA, Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment, Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment, Underwater



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<b>Amendment</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>REA Report Reference</b>
four to three.	Assessment Report.	Archaeological Assessment, Heritage Assessment, Protected Properties Assessment (the version of these reports were previously provided to the confirmation agency and confirmation letters have already been received).
Updated figures removing the potential O&M building along Front Road.	To address recommendations made in the Heritage Assessment Report.	Figures 1 through 4 in the Project Description Report, Construction Plan Report, and Design and Operations Report. Figures 1, 2 and 5 in the Water Assessment and Water Body Report.
<b>Project Description Report</b>		
Addition of ESDM Report for batch plant in summary of Key Provincial Permits and Authorizations Table.	Correction	Section 2.4.2, Table 2.2
Changed the number of each model of turbine to be installed	Maintain consistency with noise assessment report	Section 3.1
Added a note that the final specifications of the submarine cable will be subject to the final design by the manufacturer	Clarification	Section 3.4.4
Revision to the description of the batch plant to indicate that water will come from Lake Ontario or will be brought from the mainland and that waste water will be handled according to relevant regulations.	Clarification	Section 3.5.6.1
Added additional commitment not to use the Amherst Island landfill site for waste disposal during the construction phase of the Project.	Requested by Loyalist Township	Section 4.3.1
<b>Construction Plan Report</b>		
Clarification that detailed plans for geotechnical investigations will be prepared at a later date and are not part of REA.	Clarification	Section 2.0, Table 2.1, Land Surveying and Geotechnical Assessment
Addition of commitments to prepare a landscape plan and assess lighting requirements in coordination with Loyalist Township.	Requested by Loyalist Township	Section 2.0, Table 2.1, Operations and Maintenance Building
Added additional commitment not to use the Amherst Island landfill site for waste disposal during the construction phase of the Project.	Requested by Loyalist Township	Section 2.5
Included a commitment to provide the CEMP to Loyalist Township for Review.	Requested by Loyalist Township	Section 4.0

**Table 5.7: Summary of REA Report Amendments**

<b>Amendment</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>REA Report Reference</b>
<b>Design and Operations Report</b>		
Changed the number of each model of turbine to be installed	Maintain consistency with noise assessment report	Section 3.1
Added a note that the final specifications of the submarine cable will be subject to the final design by the manufacturer	Clarification	Section 3.9
Correction to the number of personnel anticipated to be required for Project operations	Correction	Section 4.1
Changes to the noise assessment report to address changes to the noise emission specification provided by the turbine manufacturer.  Siemens provided noise emission data for additional reference wind speeds which when assessed, resulted in a change in the results requiring that 2221kW model turbines be specified for 10 additional locations in order to maintain compliance with noise level limits.	Correction based on new information	Noise Assessment Report
<b>Decommissioning Plan Report</b>		
Added additional commitment not to use the Amherst Island landfill site for waste disposal during the decommissioning phase of the Project.	Requested by Loyalist Township	Section 5.0
<b>Wind Turbine Specification Report</b>		
Changed the number of each model of turbine to be installed	Maintain consistency with noise assessment report	Section 2.1
<b>Natural Heritage Assessment and Environmental Impact Study Report</b>		
Revised reference information in accordance with assessment methodology.	Correction	Appendix B
Additional text showing letter provided to MNR.	Addition	Appendix G
<b>Heritage Assessment</b>		
Correction that impacts were identified for eight BHR not nine.	Correction	Executive Summary
Additional information provided in consideration of dry stone walls	Addition	Section 1.2
Clarification to description of Project Location.	To make consistent with other REA reports.	Section 2.0
Minor change to the historical background of Amherst Island related to the chain of	Correction	Section 3.0

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**Table 5.7: Summary of REA Report Amendments**

<b>Amendment</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>REA Report Reference</b>
ownership of the island		
Additional information provided in consideration of dry stone walls	Addition	Section 4.0
Clarification that the village of Stella CHL is comprised of many individual BHR	Clarification	Section 5.1
Clarification of the specific features of the 3190 Front Rd. property which could be affected	Clarification	Section 5.3.7
Correcting the description of 20 Emerald 40 Foot Rd from a residence to a vacant building	Correction	Section 5.3.16
Modification of the Recommended Mitigation to suggest that rather than simply ceasing activities indefinitely, an alternate solution could be implemented to allow activities to resume	Clarification	All BHR and CHL recommending monitoring of PPV levels.
Additional information provided for all Cultural Heritage Landscapes under the headings <i>Design or Physical Value</i> , <i>Historical Associative Value</i> , and <i>Contextual Value</i>	Addition	Sections 5.3.25 through 5.3.28
Modification of the Impact Assessment and Recommended Mitigation sections	Correction	Section 5.3.28
Modification of the Recommended Mitigation to suggest that rather than simply ceasing activities indefinitely, an alternate solution could be implemented to allow activities to resume	Clarification	Section 6.0
Added figures for the following Built Heritage Resources: Village of Stella, Catholic Cemetery, and St. Paul's Presbyterian	Addition	Figure 12, 13 and 14
Additional appendix added describing cameos of staff who completed the assessment.	Addition	Appendix B
Additional appendix added providing additional information about Daniel Fowler	Addition	Appendix C
<b>Protected Properties Assessment</b>		
Modification and clarification of Historical Background of Amherst Island	Clarification	Section 3.0
Modification of the Recommended Mitigation to suggest that rather than simply ceasing activities indefinitely, an alternate solution could be implemented to allow	Clarification	Section 4.1.1 and 4.1.2

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<b>Amendment</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>REA Report Reference</b>
activities to resume		
Additional historical background information provided about the Neilson's Store	Addition	Section 4.1.1.
Changed primary recommended mitigation for impacts to the view from the Pentland Cemetery related to a potential O&M building location from landscaping to avoidance of the O&M building in that location	Suggested during consultation with MTCS	Section 4.1.3
Visual Simulations included in Appendices.	Addition	Appendix B
Additional By-Laws	Addition	Appendix C
Personal Camoes	Addition	Appendix D

## **6.0 Agency and Municipal Consultation**

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The following sections describe communication with federal, provincial and other agencies throughout the REA process.

### **6.1 PROJECT NOTIFICATION AND GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE**

Communications began on May 10, 2011 when the draft Project Description Report was sent to the Director, Approvals Program of the Environmental Assessment and Approvals Branch at the Ministry of the Environment (MOE).

The Notice of Proposal to Engage in a Renewable Energy Project was distributed on September 13, 2011; the Notice of Public Meeting on November 1, 2011, the Notice of Draft Site Plan on February 1, 2012, and the Notice of Revised Draft Site Plan and Revised Study Area on August 22, 2012.

Additional contact with agencies, municipalities and elected officials occurred throughout the course of the Project. This contact included e-mails, letters, telephone correspondence and visits to agency offices to gather and/or clarify information collected for the technical studies.

On December 21, 2012 the Notice of Final Public Meeting was distributed to agencies. The Notice also provided details regarding the public locations where the Draft REA Reports could be viewed including a link to the Project website (see Section 4.3.2).

Details regarding the key agency comments, and how the Project Team considered each comment, are provided in **Appendix F**.

### **6.2 FEDERAL AGENCY AND ORGANIZATION CONSULTATION**

#### **6.2.1 Federal Agency Distribution List**

Federal departments and authorities included on the Project distribution list and therefore notified and kept updated regarding the Project include:

- Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC)
- Canadian Broadcasting Corporation
- Canadian Coast Guard
- Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA)
- Canadian Federation of Agriculture
- Correctional Service of Canada

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- Department of National Defence (DND)
- Environment Canada
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada
- Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
- Health Canada
- Natural Resources Canada
- NAV Canada
- Parks Canada
- Radio Advisory Board of Canada
- Royal Canadian Mounted Police
- Transport Canada

**6.2.2 Consideration of Key Federal Agency Comments**

A summary of the key comments from federal agencies and organizations, and a description of how comments were considered by the Project Team, is provided in Table 6.1.

Details regarding the key federal agency and organization comments, and how the Project Team considered each comment, are provided in **Appendix F**.

<b>Group</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Response</b>	<b>How Comments Were Considered by Project Team</b>
AANDC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provided Aboriginal Communities within a 100km radius of the Project and information to assist in planning consultation and engagement.</li> </ul>	Documented	The Project Team distributed materials per listed provided.
Canadian Coast Guard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advised that the Coast Guard does not have any radio communications or radar sites near the Project location. Therefore, they do not anticipate any interference issues.</li> </ul>	Documented	N/A

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Group	Comment	Response	How Comments Were Considered by Project Team
CEAA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information on CEAA 2012.</li> <li>Do not wish to be provided correspondence or participate in an interagency meeting.</li> <li>Provided new contact information for Regional Director.</li> </ul>	Documented	Distribution list was updated.
Correctional Service of Canada	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provided new contact information for Regional Administrator.</li> <li>Would like to know when the Public Meeting #2 for the Amherst Island Wind Energy Project has been scheduled for.</li> <li>Identified that some of their staff may attend one of the open house sessions to observe the process. Would like to know if this would represent any conflict of interest as they represent a group in Loyalist Township.</li> </ul>	Stated that the open house date had not yet been finalized and stakeholders and agencies would be notified when this occurred.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Distribution list was updated.</li> <li>Provided agency with Notice of Public Meeting for Final open houses.</li> <li>Invited the staff to attend the open houses as they are intended to be public meetings open to all the public.</li> </ul>
DND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Indicated that a detailed review and analysis of the proposed site has been performed and there appears to be no potential for interference with radar or flight operations. Stated that there are no objections with the project as submitted; however, if the project scope or specifications change the DND must be consulted again.</li> <li>Have reviewed proposal in respect to DND's radio communication systems, and have no objections or concerns.</li> </ul>	Thanked them for their response.	N/A
Environment Canada	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Fredericton office of Environment Canada indicated that they are not the appropriate office to be involved in this process. They gave Stantec contact information for the Ontario Region of Environment Canada, and the manager of the Ontario Region Assessment Section in Burlington.</li> <li>EC and MNR have met to discuss the project. It was determined that, as REA is a provincial process, EC is not going to get involved or provide comment.</li> <li>EC is not interested in attending any inter-agency meetings.</li> <li>EC does not have any information to provide us. Any information they have would have provided to MNR, who would</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thanked them for their response.</li> <li><a href="mailto:weatherradar@ec.gc.ca">weatherradar@ec.gc.ca</a> is on the distribution list.</li> </ul>	Distribution list updated.

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	<p>in turn provide it to us.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EC's Meteorological Service of Canada said any interference that may be created by the project will be minimal. As a consequence, we have no concerns at this time.</li> <li>• Requested that an update be sent to weatherradars@ec.gc.ca if project plans regarding turbine number, height, placement or materials change.</li> </ul>		
Fisheries and Oceans Canada	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recommended that the local MNR and Conservation Authority be contacted for local information requests. Provided a weblink to the DFO Species and Risk map, provided a weblink to the DFO Operational Statement for Underwater Cables. Would like further information about the underwater cables to be used in the project, there is potential for collaboration between MNR Science and DFO to study the effect of electromagnetic fields on fish due to the transmission cables. Provided a research paper entitled "The potential effects of offshore wind power projects on fish and fish habitat in the Great Lakes" which outlines potential concerns of high voltage cables when placed on lake bottom.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regular communications with DFO throughout 2012 regarding proposal for docks and cable crossing Lake Ontario.</li> <li>• Invited DFO to an interagency meeting to discuss the project.</li> </ul>	Communications pertain to permitting process which is outside of REA.
Natural Resources Canada	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NRCan has no involvement in this project.</li> </ul>	Documented.	Removed all contacts for Natural Resources Canada from the distribution list.
Geological Survey of Canada	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In regard to the proposed Wind Energy Project on Amherst Island, Ontario, an investigation has been conducted and we conclude the project continues to be sufficiently distant from our seismo-acoustic installations to pose no concerns.</li> </ul>	Documented.	N/A
NAV Canada	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NAV Canada originally objected to the proposal due to impacts to the instrument approach procedures (IAP) for Kingston Airport. Suggested redesign the IAPs to accommodate the current approach limits.</li> </ul>	<p>Consulted regularly with NAV Canada to redesign IAPs.</p> <p>Documented correspondence.</p>	Agreement negotiated and finalized for Kingston RNAV Rwy 07 and Departure Rwy 25re-designs and flight inspections.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposal was evaluated and NAV Canada has no objection to the project as submitted. Requested to notify at least 10 business day prior to the start of the construction and upon removal, or should the project not proceed or structure is dismantled, advise accordingly so that the file can be formally closed.</li> <li>• Approval for proposed 100m Met Tower</li> </ul>		
Transport Canada	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confirmed Project is subject to the Navigable Waters Protection Act (NWPA)</li> <li>• Have no record of registered private airstrips or aerodromes on Amherst Island.</li> <li>• Accepted the lighting proposal for the Project.</li> <li>• Approval for proposed 100m Met Tower</li> </ul>	Documented	An application for Approval under the NWPA will be submitted.

**6.3 PROVINCIAL AGENCY AND AUTHORITY CONSULTATION**

**6.3.1 Provincial Agency and Authority Distribution List**

Numerous provincial agencies and authorities were included on the Project distribution list and were therefore notified and kept updated regarding the Project:

- Algonquin & Lakeshore Catholic District School Board
- Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority
- Conservation Ontario
- Electrical Safety Authority
- Hydro One Networks Inc.
- Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO)
- Ministry of Government Services
- Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs
- Ministry of Agriculture & Rural Affairs
- Ministry of Citizenship & Immigration, Culture, Tourism and Health Promotion
- Ministry of Community Safety & Correctional Services
- Ministry of Energy

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- Ministry of Government Services
- Ministry of Health & Long-Term Care
- Ministry of Infrastructure
- Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Ministry of Natural Resources
- Ministry of Northern Development, Mines and Forestry
- Ministry of the Attorney General
- Ministry of the Environment
- Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport
- Ministry of Transportation
- Ontario Energy Association
- Ontario Energy Board
- Ontario Federation of Agriculture
- Ontario Field Ornithologists
- Ontario Heritage Trust
- Ontario Power Authority
- Ontario Provincial Police
- Ontario Realty Corporation

**6.3.2 Summary of Key Correspondence and Consideration of Key Comments****Ministry of the Environment**

The Project Team maintained regular communications with the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) throughout the REA process.

The draft Project Description Report was sent to the Director on May 10, 2011 along with a request for the MOE Aboriginal Communities List for the Project. The MOE issued the Aboriginal Communities List for the Project on July 22, 2011 (**Appendix F**).

The Project Team also had several discussions with the MOE to clarify the REA reporting and approval requirements related to various topics, including: regulatory requirements, approaches to investigations required for the REA, consultation expectations, draft site plan requirements and assessing property line setbacks.

**Ministry of Natural Resources**

The Project team maintained regular communications with the Ministry of Natural Resources throughout the REA process. Key correspondence was generally related to field study programs, underwater survey assessments and the completion of the Natural Heritage Assessment and Environmental Impact Study (NHA/EIS). This included discussions regarding clarification of MNR expectations (including the seasonal period when any future in-water work would be authorized) and requirements for preparation of the NHA/EIS and a Drilling License.

The draft NHA/EIS was submitted to the MNR on October 5, 2012. The Project team met with MNR on October 25, 2012 to discuss the draft NHA/EIS and MNR's comments. The NHA/EIS was revised and resubmitted on November 9, 2012. Additional comments were received on November 23, 2012. A subsequent draft was submitted to the MNR on December 2, 2012 with additional information submitted on December 4, 2012 and December 6, 2012. The MNR provided a confirmation letter on December 14, 2012.

**Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport**

The Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment for the Project was provided to the Ministry of Tourism and Culture (MTC) and a confirmation letter was received January 31, 2013.

The Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment for the Project was provided to the Ministry of Tourism and Culture (MTC) and a confirmation letter was received March 13, 2013.

The Underwater Archaeological Assessment for the Project was provided to the Ministry of Tourism and Culture (MTC) and a confirmation letter was received February 14, 2013.

The Heritage Assessment for the Project was provided to the Ministry of Tourism and Culture and a confirmation letter was received April 17, 2013.

The Protected Properties for the Project was provided to the Ministry of Tourism and Culture and a confirmation letter was received April 5, 2013.

**Interagency Meeting**

An interagency meeting was held on April 26, 2011 with the MOE, REFO, DFO, MNR, CRCA and the proponent to discuss the Project, agency issues or priorities, and future permitting requirements.

**6.3.3 Consideration of Key Provincial Agency Comments**

A summary of the key comments from provincial agencies, and how comments were considered by the Project Team, is provided in Table 6.2.

A detailed summary of each provincial agency comment, and how the Project Team considered each comment, is provided in **Appendix F**. Correspondence from provincial ministries required to be included with the REA application are provided in **Appendix F**.

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Agency	Comment	Response	How Comments Were Considered by Project Team
CRCA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inquired about the length of the comment period following the first open house. Tom would also like a constraints map showing where turbines are to be placed.</li> <li>• Provided Owl Woods Management Plan</li> <li>• Provided information regarding permitting.</li> <li>• Indicated that their primary interest is the conservation of natural heritage on the island. Provided comments on the natural heritage assessment report.</li> <li>• CRCA was hired by the Township to conduct a peer review of the NHA.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provided CRCA with a document detailing project setbacks, the MoE consultation requirements and guide, and a project map.</li> <li>• The project consultant (Stantec) completed a comprehensive assessment of the project study area in compliance with the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) reporting requirements. The MNR has provided a letter of confirmation indicating the report (including mitigation measures) was prepared using established MNR procedures and is acceptable. This letter will be included in the final Renewable Energy Approval application package.</li> <li>• Invited CRCA to an interagency meeting to discuss the project.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Had an ongoing relationship with the CRCA. They could phone/email our natural heritage consultation at any time. We responded to numerous questions over the phone.</li> <li>• A species at risk report will be completed for the Project and provided, as required, to the MNR. The Species at Risk report is not required in the REA application.</li> <li>• The proponent will consider all comments provided by the Township from their review of the draft REA reports.</li> </ul>
Conservation Ontario	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requested to be taken off the Project distribution list.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Documented.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Distribution list updated.</li> </ul>
Ministry of Government Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provided updated contact information.</li> <li>• Amherest Island Wind Energy Project is unlikely to impact the performance of Ontario's Public Safety Radio system.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Documented.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Distribution list updated.</li> </ul>

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Agency	Comment	Response	How Comments Were Considered by Project Team
Ministry of Energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provided updated REFO contact</li> <li>• Worked with REFO to coordinate meetings and share information about the project as needed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Documented.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> </ul>
Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indicated that the Public Health Policy and Programs branch is interested in the public health aspect of the proposal and would like to be kept informed of project developments. Indicated that the local medical officer of health for the project area should be contacted.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Documented.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Distribution list includes the local health unit.</li> </ul>
Ministry of Natural Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provided comments on the Natural Heritage site investigation work and the NHA/EIS report.</li> <li>• Provided confirmation for the NHA/EIS report.</li> <li>• Providing information regarding MNR permits.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contacted MNR regularly to discuss the work program and NHA/EIS report.</li> <li>• Invited MNR to an interagency meeting to discuss the project.</li> <li>• Acknowledged receipt of confirmation letter and included it at the front of the report in the REA application.</li> <li>• Discussing permits.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worked collaboratively with MNR to address any changes to the work program and the NHA/EIS report.</li> <li>• The NHA/EIS was completed in accordance with MNR guidelines.</li> <li>• Any permits will be applied for outside of the REA process.</li> </ul>
Ministry of Northern Development and Mines and Forestry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gave information about the mandate of the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines. Indicated that the proposed project is not within the jurisdiction of the Northern Development and Mines division. Provided information about the</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Documented.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> </ul>

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Agency	Comment	Response	How Comments Were Considered by Project Team
Ministry of the Environment	<p>geology of the project area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provided Aboriginal Communities List recommended for consultation.</li> <li>• Offered guidance about various elements of the REA process.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Windlectric engaged all Aboriginal Communities listed by the MOE.</li> <li>• Followed advice provided by the MOE on process suggestions.</li> <li>• Invited MOE to an interagency meeting to discuss the project.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Took all guidance from the MOE into consideration during Project assessment, design and during preparation of the REA application.</li> </ul>
Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provided confirmation for the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment, Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment, Underwater Archaeological Assessment, Heritage Assessment, and Protected Properties Assessment.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acknowledged receipt of confirmation letters and included them at the front of the reports in the REA application.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment, Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment, Underwater Archaeological Assessment, Heritage Assessment, and Protected Properties Assessment reports were completed in accordance with MTCS guidelines.</li> </ul>
Ministry of Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing discussion regarding crossing the ferry bubbler system</li> <li>• MTO has communicated that an agreement is not required to utilize their property on the mainland, however, an encroachment permit would be required (outside of the REA process).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contacted MTO to discuss and address questions regarding crossing the ferry bubbler system.</li> <li>• Contacted MTO regarding potential option for mainland submarine cable landing area, and cable vault on MTO land.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An encroachment application will be finalized outside of the REA process.</li> <li>• Ongoing discussions regarding crossing the ferry bubbler system (i.e. Crossing agreement)</li> </ul>

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Ontario Heritage Trust	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Indicated that they have reviewed the project area site map and the Trust does not protect any property that will be directly impacted by the proposed project. Indicated that a number of sites in the City of Kingston and Village of Bath that are protected by the trust may be visually impacted by the project. Encouraged Stantec to contact the Ministry of Tourism and Culture regarding the project.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contacted the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment, Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment, Underwater Archaeological Assessment, Heritage Assessment, and Protected Properties Assessment reports were completed in accordance with MTCS guidelines.</li> <li>A Visual Impact Assessment was completed and provided in the Heritage Assessment and Protected Properties Assessment.</li> </ul>
Ontario Realty Corporation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Indicated that if there are no IO managed properties within the study area that they would like to be removed from the project mailing list.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documented.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kept them on the list to receive Notices.</li> </ul>

## **6.4 MUNICIPAL CONSULTATION**

### **6.4.1 Notices and Municipal Consultation Form Distribution**

The Project is entirely located within Loyalist Township in the County of Lennox and Addington. In addition to Project notifications, in accordance with O. Reg. 359/09 s. 18(2), a Municipal Consultation Package and draft REA Reports were provided to the clerks of these upper and lower-tier municipalities.

Documentation of key correspondence with the municipalities can be found in **Appendix F**. The municipal distribution list can be found in **Appendix B** as part of the Agency Project distribution list.

Under the REA Process, draft Project documents were provided for municipal review, including:

- Draft Project Description Report on May 10, 2011
- Notice of Proposal to Engage in a Renewable Energy Project and a new copy of the Draft Project Description Report (for public viewing) and Municipal Consultation Form on September 13, 2011
- Notice of Public Meeting, revised Draft Project Description Report (dated November, 2011), and another copy of the Municipal Consultation Form on November 1, 2011
- Notice of Draft Site Plan, and a Draft Site Plan Report on February 2, 2012
- Notice of Revised Draft Site Plan, and a revised Draft Project Description Report (dated August, 2012) on August 23, 2012
- Draft REA reports (excluding Draft Property Line Setback Assessment Report) and updated Municipal Consultation Form on December 3, 2012
- Notice of Public Meeting, and a copy of the Draft REA Report to be made for public review on December 21, 2012
- Draft Property Line Setback Assessment Report on February 7, 2013
- An electronic version (in Word) of the Municipal Consultation Form supplied in December 2012 was provided to the Township on March 19, 2013



#### **6.4.1.1 Feedback from Loyalist Township**

During the early spring of 2012 the proponent commenced negotiations with the Township on the following items of interest:

- Continued access to public road allowances to conduct field assessment necessary for the REA process (approval had been granted in the past)
- Proponent voluntarily submitted to the Township (in late winter 2012) a Draft Community Vibrancy Agreement and a Draft Road User Agreement

The Township requested that before decisions would be made on the above referenced topics the developer must enter into an Indemnity Agreement with the Township to pay for their staff, legal and any third party costs associated with these subjects. In addition, the Township requested that the future Indemnity Agreement would also have Windlectric reimburse the Township for any third party costs associated with their review of the project REA draft technical documents. In August 2012 the proponent signed an Indemnity Agreement with the Township.

Upon receipt of the draft REA reports the Township indicated that several non- municipal organizations would be reviewing the draft REA technical documents: Catarquai Conservation Authority and AECOM Consulting. Note: Township internal staff also participated in reviewing the draft REA technical documents (financial cost of this review is by the developer as required).

On March 13, 2013 the Township provided a memorandum to Algonquin Power that indicated while the Township will not provide comments on the draft REA reports before the end of the comment period (March 15, 2013) that they expect to provide a response by/on April 3rd.

The memo indicated that staff comments on the draft REA reports would need to be presented to Council at a special Council meeting on April 2, 2013. Following Council's approval the comments would be provided to Algonquin Power. Algonquin Power responded to the Township on March 14, 2013 indicating they would respond to the Townships comments as soon as practical but that if the comments were received after the comment period the response would not be included in the REA application submission.

The Township submitted their comments to Algonquin Power on April 3, 2013. On April 5, 2013, Algonquin Power responded to the Township, acknowledging receipt of the comments and confirming the Township comments package would be included in the Consultation Report. Due to the fact that the Township comments were submitted after the end of the comment period (March 15, 2013) a reasonable response will be provided after the REA application has been submitted to the MOE. A copy of the response will be provided to the MOE.

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**6.4.1.2 Feedback from the County of Lennox & Addington**

Jim Klaver from the County emailed the Project Team on April 3, 2013 to confirm they had not submitted the Municipal Consultation Form for the Amherst Island Wind Project. They asked if the Project Team could advise on the status of the REA application and if the Project is waiting for their consultation forms.

Sean Fairfield from Algonquin Power spoke with Jim Klaver on April 3, 2013 and explained that the Project would like to receive the County's comments even though the comment period had ended on March 15, 2013.

**6.4.2 Additional Municipal Consultation**

In addition to the mandatory requirements under O. Reg. 359/09, Algonquin Power undertook municipal consultation activities related to local permitting and approval requirements as well as to communication information about the REA process.

Algonquin Power maintained communication with municipal staff, and provided communications regarding the Project including the Project Notices, the Municipal Consultation Form, and the draft REA Reports.

Algonquin Power had meetings and/or telephone and/or email contact on numerous occasions with the Township and County. It should be noted that the majority of communications took place with the Township. The following meetings were held face to face with Township and/or County staff.

- March 29, 2011 – Met at Township office with Mayor (Bill Lowry), Chief Administrative Officer (CAO – Diane Pearce) and Director of Planning (Murray Beckel) to re-engage their office and re-introduce the proponent and its senior managers.
- May 5, 2011 - Met at Township office with Director of Planning (Murray Beckel), Manager of Transportation and Solid Waste (Ed Adams), Director of Engineering (David Thompson), Amherst Island road representative (Gary Filson). In addition, a County of Lennox and Addington representatives (Jim Klaver – Operations & Development Technologist) was in attendance. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss road infrastructure issues.
- June 22, 2011 - Met at Township office with Director of Planning (Murray Beckel), Manager of Transportation (Ed Adams), and Ministry of Transportation engineering representative (Stuart Jones – Regional Contracts Engineer) to discuss road allowance issues and the Amherst Island ferry bubbler system.
- July 7, 2011 - Conference call with Township Manager of Transportation (Ed Adams) and Ministry of (Stuart Jones) Transportation engineering representative to discuss the Amherst Island ferry bubbler system

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- October 6, 2011 - Met at Township office with Township Director of Planning (Murray Beckel), Manager of Transportation (Ed Adams), Ministry of Transportation (Stacy Sweezey - , Director of Engineering (David Thompson), Catarquai Region Conservation Authority (Steve Knetchel – General Manager and Tom Beaubiah - Biologist) and the County of Lennox and Addington (Jim Klaver). The purpose of the meeting was to present the preliminary project layout and obtain comments.
- May 14, 2012 – Made a presentation to Township Council requesting to undertake a Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment in the unopened road allowance.
- August 13, 2012 - Met at County office with County of Lennox and Addington Operation and Development staff, Mr. Jim Klaver, and Mr. Steve Roberts, (road infrastructure) to discuss County roads.
- November 7, 2012 - Met at Township office with Township CAO (Diane Pearce), Director of Engineering David Thompson), and Manager of Transportation (David MacPherson) to discuss draft Transportation Plan information from consultant.
- February 28, 2013 – Stantec’s Heritage Planner attended the Township Heritage Committee meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the draft Heritage Assessment Report. During the meeting the Heritage Planner addressed questions and comments related to the report. The Heritage Committee asked that the Heritage Planner visit the island with one of their committee members to look at locations of heritage resources.
- March 5 and 6, 2013 – Stantec’s Heritage Planner toured the island with a member of the Heritage Committee and local island residents to look at locations of heritage resources.

Algonquin Power has worked hard to share Project information with the Township and County and to ensure their comments were considered and incorporated as appropriate into the Project planning and design. Algonquin Power is committed to maintaining a relationship with the municipalities, and will work towards reasonably responding to the comments provided on the Municipal Consultation Form as well as any permitting requirements outside of the REA process.

#### **6.4.3 Consideration of Key Municipal Comments**

A summary of the key municipal comments is provided in Table 6.3, along with a description of how comments were considered by the Project Team.

Summaries of key correspondence, comments from municipal staff, and how the Project Team considered each comment, are provided in **Appendix F**.

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Municipality	Comment	Project Response	How Comments Were Considered by Project Team
Loyalist Township	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interested in calculation for municipal tax benefits</li> </ul>	Project considered information provided by the Township.	Calculation was revised.
Loyalist Township	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerned about impacts to roads and use of unopened road allowance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proponent is voluntarily entering into a road user agreement with the Township.</li> <li>Proponent shared information regarding Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment field work required to be completed within the unopened road allowance.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Technical meetings held between municipal staff and the proponent.</li> <li>Discussions are ongoing regarding the road user agreement.</li> <li>Attended Municipal Townhall Meeting to help answer questions regarding road use and transportation.</li> <li>Proponent continues to maintain contact and work with the Township on this matter.</li> </ul>
Loyalist Township	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerns about traffic management and safety.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proponent will develop the traffic management plan in consultation with the Township.</li> <li>Proponent has reviewed the emergency ferry protocol submitted by the Township.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing discussions.</li> <li>Attended Municipal Townhall Meeting to help answer questions regarding road use and transportation.</li> </ul>
Loyalist Township	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Open to discussing a Community Vibrancy Agreement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proponent voluntarily submitted a draft Community Vibrancy Agreement to the Township.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing discussions on draft agreement.</li> </ul>
Loyalist Township	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requested capacity funding for staff time and third-party costs to review REA documents.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Providing funding through an Indemnity Agreement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
Loyalist Township	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Heritage Committee asked the Stantec Heritage Planner to attend a Heritage Committee meeting.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attended the meeting.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Addressed Committee's comments and questions about the draft Heritage Assessment Report during the meeting. Comments were considered for inclusion in the draft Heritage Assessment report and if appropriate the report was updated.</li> </ul>

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Municipality	Comment	Project Response	How Comments Were Considered by Project Team
Loyalist Township	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Heritage Committee asked Stantec Heritage Planner to tour the island with one of its members to look at heritage resources.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Travelled the island with Heritage Committee member and island residents on March 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Addressed the individual' comments and questions about the draft Heritage Assessment Report during the island visit. Comments were considered for inclusion in the draft Heritage Assessment report and if appropriate the report was updated.</li> </ul>
Loyalist Township	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provided a review of the draft REA reports. Completed the Municipal Consultation Form.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documented. Noted that comments were received after the comment period ended (March 15, 2013). Responded that a reasonable response will be provided as soon as practical.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comments will be considered.</li> </ul>
County of Lennox & Addington	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interested in discussing use of roads.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documented.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Technical meetings held between municipal staff and the proponent.</li> <li>Discussions are ongoing.</li> </ul>
County of Lennox & Addington	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interested in completing the Municipal Consultation Form. Understands the comment period ended March 15, 2013.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documented. Responded that the proponent would like to see their comments. Responded that upon receipt of the comments a reasonable response will be provided as soon as practical.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>

**6.5 OVERVIEW OF CONSULTATION WITH LOCAL UTILITIES**

The Proponent has held several teleconferences with Hydro One Networks Inc (HONI) throughout 2012 and the early part of 2013 related to the joint use of overhead poles for the collection lines where they will be installed above ground. HONI has a well-defined process for entering agreements to enable joint use of hydro poles. Further consultation with Loyalist Township is required to determine the locations that the collector lines will be installed above ground before further consultation with HONI on joint use.

The IESO in coordination also provided a system impact assessment and customer impact assessment which determined that the Project would not have a negative impact on the transmission system of local transmission connected electricity users. These reports also

identified technical requirements for designing the interconnection of the Project which will be adhered to by the Proponent.

## **6.6 OVERVIEW OF CONSULTATION WITH ORNGE**

The proponent communicated with Ornge at the end of 2011 in order to obtain their comments about a helipad located on Amherst Island. A preliminary project layout was provided to the organization in order for their aerodrome conformance personnel to analysis if there were issues to identify with their flight operation (if the helipad was to be used). At the end of March 2012 their representative confirmed that once the turbines were being erected they would work with the developer to ensure that the helipad ingress/egress arc is as functional as possible with the addition of the wind turbines. Details regarding the key Ornge comments, and how the Project Team considered each comment, are provided in **Appendix F**.

## **6.7 TELECOMMUNICATION AND RADAR SYSTEMS**

A consultation program was undertaken to identify telecommunications and broadcast systems and their providers located near the project. The study aimed to identify radar and navigations systems with the potential to be affected by wind turbines and to assess the potential for interference with radio and television broadcast signals in the region. The following system categories were included in the assessment:

- Broadcast systems, TV, FM radio and AM radio;
- Cable TV operators cable head end
- Navigational aids systems, VOR;
- Mobile systems, VHF and UHF mobile, cellular and PCS;
- Point to Point radio systems, UHF, microwave and satellite links;
- Point to Multipoint systems, FWA, MMDS, LMCS;
- Navigational and meteorological radar systems;
- Canadian National Seismograph Network.

The proponent communicated with registered providers of telecommunication and radar systems, including federal and provincial bodies. Key providers contacted included:

- Government radar and communication systems, including the Ministry of Government Services (regarding Ontario's Public Safety Radio system).
- Department of National Defence, Environment Canada Weather Radars and National Radar, and NAV Canada;
- Radiocommunications agencies, including Canadian Broadcasters Corporation

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As part of the REA consultation process, Windlectric submitted an Aeronautical Obstruction Clearance to Transport Canada for assessment. Transport Canada has provided an approval for the proposed lighting for the turbines.

As part of the REA process, telecommunications experts at the provincial Ministry of Government Services, the Ontario Provincial Police, Environment Canada, Transport Canada, NAV Canada, and the Department of National Defense were provided with updates throughout the Project.

**6.7.1 Summary of Key Comments - Telecommunications**

A summary of the key comments from telecommunication and radar systems providers are provided in Sections 6.2 and 6.3 as they pertain to comments received from Federal or Provincial agencies. Agencies who have submitted comments, to date, regarding telecommunications and radar systems, on the Project include:

- Canadian Coast Guard
- Department of National Defence
- Geological Survey of Canada
- NAV Canada
- Transport Canada
- Ministry of Government Services

## **7.0 Aboriginal Engagement**

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### **7.1 IDENTIFICATION OF ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES WITH AN INTEREST IN THE PROJECT**

The goal of Aboriginal consultation and engagement as it relates to the Project is to engage interested local Aboriginal communities in a way that is meaningful and respectful of their Aboriginal and treaty rights and interests in the Project area.

As per O. Reg. 359/09 S.14 (1) (b), a request was made to the Director of the MOE on July 5, 2011 for a list of Aboriginal communities who:

- (i) *Have or may have constitutionally protected Aboriginal or treaty rights that may be adversely impacted by the project, or*
- (ii) *Otherwise may be interested in any negative environmental effects of the project.*

A July 22, 2011, communication with the MOE identified the following Aboriginal communities as having potential interest in the Project:

- Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation
- Curve Lake First Nation – Mississaugas of Mud Lake Curve Lake
- Hiawatha First Nation – Mississaugas of Rice Lake
- Alderville First Nation – Mississaugas of Aderville
- Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation
- Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte – Tyendinaga Mohawks Territory

In correspondence received by the MOE from Curve Lake First Nation (which the MOE subsequently provided to the proponent) they requested that information also be sent to Williams Treaty First Nations Claims Coordinator. The Project Team updated the Project distribution list to include the Williams Treaty First Nations Claims Coordinator.

Upon receiving the Aboriginal consultation list from the MOE, the Project distribution list was updated and consultation with Aboriginal communities regarding the Project included all Aboriginal communities as identified by the MOE. In addition, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (formerly Indian and Northern Affairs Canada), and the Ontario Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs were also included on the Project distribution list.

Summaries of the engagement efforts, as well as comments and issues raised by the Aboriginal communities and Windlectric's responses, are provided below. Detailed tables containing the records of engagement and consultation activities for each Aboriginal community can be found in **Appendix G**.



## **7.2 COMMUNICATION ACTIVITIES**

This section describes the consultation activities undertaken to ensure local and interested Aboriginal communities were kept informed of Project activities and had the opportunity to provide comments, questions and concerns regarding the Project. The Project distribution list for Aboriginal communities can be found in **Appendix B**. Copies of Project Notices can be found in **Appendix C**.

### **7.2.1 Notice of Proposal to Engage in a Renewable Energy Project**

The Notice of Proposal to Engage in a Renewable Energy Project and a copy of the draft Project Description Report (dated May 2011) was mailed to the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Alderville First Nation, Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation, Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte and the Williams Treaty First Nations on September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

### **7.2.2 Notice of Public Meeting**

On November 1, 2011, the Notice of Public Meeting and a revised draft Project Description Report (dated November 2011) was provided to Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Alderville First Nation, Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation, Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte and the Williams Treaty First Nations.

### **7.2.3 Notice of Draft Site Plan**

On February 1, 2012, the Notice of Draft Site Plan and a draft Site Plan Report (dated February 2012) was provided to Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Alderville First Nation, Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation, Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte and the Williams Treaty First Nations.

### **7.2.4 Telephone Communication – May 2012**

In May 2012, telephone calls were made by Stantec to Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Alderville First Nation, Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation, Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte and the Williams Treaty First Nations. The purpose of the call was to inquire about the community's input on the Project and the potential to set up a conference call with the proponent. As no community answered the phone, telephone messages were left.

As a result of the message, Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte contacted Stantec requesting the proponent to attend a Council meeting. More information about this meeting is provided in Section 7.3.6.

### **7.2.5 Notice of Revised Draft Site Plan and Revised Study Area**

The Notice Revised Draft Site Plan and Revised Study Area, a revised Draft Site Plan Report (dated August 2012) and a revised draft Project Description Report (dated August 2012) was mailed to the to the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Alderville First Nation, Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation, Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte and the Williams Treaty First Nations on August 22, 2012. The same information was mailed to the Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation on August 24, 2012.

### **7.2.6 Notice of Final Public Meeting and draft REA Reports**

The Notice of Final Public Meeting was distributed to the to the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Alderville First Nation, Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation, Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte and the Williams Treaty First Nations on December 20, 2012.

Included with the Notice was a letter, the Draft REA Documents, and the Draft Project Summary Report. The letter provided information on the upcoming open houses, advised that they could publish the Notice in their community newspaper or contact the Project Team if there was a newspaper they would have liked the Project Team to publish in. In addition, it reminded the community that as part of a package that was sent to them on September 13, 2011 which included a Project Description Report, a request was also made that they provide any information available to their community that in their opinion should be considered by Windlectric in preparing the REA documents. In particular, any information the community may have about any adverse impacts that the project may have on constitutionally protected aboriginal or treaty rights and any measures for mitigating those adverse impacts was requested. The letter requested that comments be received by February 15, 2012 to ensure that any comments they may have could be incorporated into the REA Application for the Project.

### **7.2.7 Local Newspaper Notices**

Project Notices were placed in local newspapers that serve the local Townships. Section 4.5 provides a summary of the local newspapers and the dates on which the Project Notices were published throughout the REA process.

### **7.2.8 Project Telephone, E-mail, Mail and Website**

A Project e-mail address, two mailing addresses and telephone numbers were published in Project Notices and on the Project website as a means for interested parties and community members to provide comments, concerns or submit questions regarding the Project.

The Project website was used to provide updates of Project activities and information, upcoming Public Meeting information and consultation activities. Notices, Public Meeting display boards, Draft REA Reports and contact information were also made available on the Project website.

### **7.2.9 Telephone Communication – January 2013**

An Aboriginal Engagement Specialist from Stantec was engaged to liaise with the Aboriginal communities. The specialist contacted Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Alderville First Nation, Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation, Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte and the Williams Treaty First Nations by telephone. The purpose of the call was to identify that an administrative error was made in the Underwater Archaeological Assessment Report and as a result the proponent needed to replace the report with the version they had on file. During the call, if the specialist was able to speak to someone, they took the chance to ask if the community would like to discuss the Project with us, and reminded the community that the final public meeting had been scheduled for March 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

### **7.2.10 Draft REA Reports**

Section 17(1)(3) of O. Reg. 359/09 requires that a summary of the REA documents in which Aboriginal communities have expressed an interest be provided to each Aboriginal community prior to the commencement of the public review period of the Draft REA Reports. In response to this requirement, the Project Team prepared a Project Summary of the Draft REA Reports and potential environmental effects. These summaries were mailed to each Aboriginal community on December 20, 2012. A copy of the Aboriginal Community cover letters which accompanied the draft REA reports are included in **Appendix D**.

Please see **Appendix G** for the Draft Project Summary Report.

As per O. Reg. 359/09 S.16 (5) (c and d), the Draft REA Reports were sent by courier to each Aboriginal community on the Project distribution list on December 20, 2013. Copies of the report were sent to community representatives.

Each Aboriginal community was requested to provide comments or feedback on behalf of their community regarding the Draft Project Summary Report and the draft REA documents. Windlectric also extended an invitation to meet to further discuss the draft reports and the Project in greater detail.

The draft Property Line Setback Assessment Report was sent by courier to each Aboriginal community on the Project distribution list on February 7, 2013.

### **7.3 OVERVIEW OF ABORIGINAL ENGAGEMENT**

An overview of Aboriginal engagement activities regarding the Project is provided below and specific details are provided in Appendix G.

- Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation
- Curve Lake First Nation – Mississaugas of Mud Lake Curve Lake
- Hiawatha First Nation – Mississaugas of Rice Lake
- Alderville First Nation – Mississaugas of Aderville
- Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation
- Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte – Tyendinaga Mohawks Territory
- Williams Treaty First Nations

#### **7.3.1 Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation**

Windlectric made initial contact with the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation (MSIFN) on September 13, 2011 to introduce the Project, as well as, request input and traditional knowledge about the Project study area and extend an offer to meet. A letter, Notice to Engage in a Renewable Energy Project and the draft Project Description Report were provided by courier.

On November 1, 2011 a letter, Notice of Public Meeting and a revised draft Project Description Report were provided by courier.

On February 1, 2012, a letter, Notice of Draft Site Plan, and a Draft Site Plan Report were provided by courier. An invitation was extended to have a copy of the Notice published in a newspaper within the community.

Called Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation on May 30, 2012. The purpose of the call was to inquire about the community's input on the Project and the potential to set up a conference call with the proponent. As no one answered the phone, a telephone message was left.

On August 22, 2012, a letter, and Notice of Revised Draft Site Plan and Revised Study Area, a revised Draft Site Plan Report and a revised draft Project Description Report were provided by courier. Once again, an invitation to have a copy of the Notice published in the community newspaper was offered.

On December 20, 2012, a letter, and Notice of Final Public Meeting and all draft REA reports, including the draft Project Summary Report, were provided by courier. The letter requested any information about adverse impacts that the Project may have on constitutionally protected aboriginal or treaty rights and measures to mitigate those adverse impacts.

In January 2013, made arrangements to replace the Underwater Archaeological Assessment Report and inquire about the community interest in the Project.

Finally, on February 7, 2013, the draft Property Line Setback Assessment Report was provided by courier.

To-date, no issues or concerns have been communicated to Windlectric by the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation. A summary of all correspondence with MSIFN can be found in **Appendix G**.

### **7.3.2 Curve Lake First Nation**

Windlectric made initial contact with the Curve Lake First Nation (CLFN) on September 13, 2011 to introduce the Project, as well as, request input and traditional knowledge about the Project study area and extend an offer to meet. A letter, Notice to Engage in a Renewable Energy Project and the draft Project Description Report were provided by courier.

On August 30, 2011 the CLFN provided a letter response indicating that they are not currently aware of any issues that would cause concerns with respect to their Traditional, Aboriginal and Treaty rights. A summary of their response is provided in Section 7.3.3.

On November 1, 2011 a letter, Notice of Public Meeting and a revised draft Project Description Report were provided by courier.

On February 1, 2012, a letter, Notice of Draft Site Plan, and a Draft Site Plan Report were provided by courier. An invitation was extended to have a copy of the Notice published in a newspaper within the community.

Called Curve Lake First Nation on May 30, 2012. The purpose of the call was to inquire about the community's input on the Project and the potential to set up a conference call with the proponent. As no one answered the phone, a telephone message was left.

On August 22, 2012, a letter, and Notice of Revised Draft Site Plan and Revised Study Area, a revised Draft Site Plan Report and a revised draft Project Description Report were provided by courier. Once again, an invitation to have a copy of the Notice published in the community newspaper was offered.

On December 20, 2012, a letter, and Notice of Final Public Meeting and all draft REA reports, including the draft Project Summary Report, were provided by courier. The letter requested any information about adverse impacts that the Project may have on constitutionally protected aboriginal or treaty rights and measures to mitigate those adverse impacts.

In January 2013, made arrangements to replace the Underwater Archaeological Assessment Report and inquire about the community interest in the Project.

Finally, on February 7, 2013, the draft Property Line Setback Assessment Report was provided by courier.

To-date, no issues or concerns have been communicated to Windlectric by the Curve Lake First Nation. A summary table of all correspondence (including the CLFN letter) with the CLFN can be found in **Appendix G**.

**7.3.3 Consideration of Key Comments from Curve Lake First Nation**

A summary of key comments from Curve Lake Island First Nation are provided in the table below.

**Table 7.1: Key Comments from the Curve Lake First Nation and Consideration by Project Team**

Issue/Concern/Comment	Project Response	How Comments Were Considered by Project Team
Asked to share information with the Williams Treaty First Nations Claims Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No direct response required as the letter was addressed to the MOE.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Distribution list updated. Williams Treaty First Nations Claims Coordinator was engaged with in the same manner as all other Aboriginal communities for the Project.</li> </ul>
Not currently aware of any issues that would cause concern with respect to their Traditional, Aboriginal and Treaty rights.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documented.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
Concern for remains of ancestors. Asked to be notified if bones, remains or other such evidence of a native burial site or any Archaeological findings are discovered.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documented.</li> <li>The project provided the CLFN with copies of the Stage 1, Stage 2 and Underwater Archaeological Assessment reports.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Results of the archaeological studies, including any archaeological findings, are included in the Stage 1, Stage 2 and Underwater Archaeological Assessment reports.</li> <li>The Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment report describes procedures the Project will follow should human remains are discovered. It also provides recommendations for Aboriginal engagement during completion of a future Stage 3 Archaeological Assessment.</li> </ul>
Reminder regarding the MOE obligations under the Cemeteries Act.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documented.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment provides advice on complying with the Cemeteries Act.</li> </ul>

**Table 7.1: Key Comments from the Curve Lake First Nation and Consideration by Project Team**

Issue/Concern/Comment	Project Response	How Comments Were Considered by Project Team
<p>Asked to be notified if any new, undisclosed or unforeseen issues should arise, that has potential for negative environmental impacts or anticipated impacts on their Treaty and Aboriginal rights.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Documented.</li> <li>• The Draft REA Reports provided to CLFN included information regarding environmental impacts from the proposed Project.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> </ul>

**7.3.4 Hiawatha First Nation**

Windlectric made initial contact with the Hiawatha First Nation (HFN) on September 13, 2011 to introduce the Project, as well as, request input and traditional knowledge about the Project study area and extend an offer to meet. A letter, Notice to Engage in a Renewable Energy Project and the draft Project Description Report were provided.

On November 1, 2011 a letter, Notice of Public Meeting and a revised draft Project Description Report were provided by courier.

On February 1, 2012, a letter, Notice of Draft Site Plan, and a Draft Site Plan Report were provided by courier. An invitation was extended to have a copy of the Notice published in a newspaper within the community.

Called Hiawatha First Nation on May 30, 2012. The purpose of the call was to inquire about the community's input on the Project and the potential to set up a conference call with the proponent. As no one answered the phone, a telephone message was left.

On August 22, 2012, a letter, and Notice of Revised Draft Site Plan and Revised Study Area, a revised Draft Site Plan Report and a revised draft Project Description Report were provided by courier. Once again, an invitation to have a copy of the Notice published in the community newspaper was offered.

On December 20, 2012, a letter, and Notice of Final Public Meeting and all draft REA reports, including the draft Project Summary Report, were provided by courier. The letter requested any information about adverse impacts that the Project may have on constitutionally protected aboriginal or treaty rights and measures to mitigate those adverse impacts.

In February 2013, made arrangements to replace the Underwater Archaeological Assessment Report and inquire about the community interest in the Project.

Finally, on February 7, 2013, the draft Property Line Setback Assessment Report was provided by courier.



To-date, no issues or concerns have been communicated to Windlectric by the Hiawatha First Nation. A summary table of all correspondence with the HFN can be found in **Appendix G**.

### **7.3.5 Alderville First Nation**

Windlectric made initial contact with the Alderville First Nation (AFN) on September 13, 2011 to introduce the Project, as well as, request input and traditional knowledge about the Project study area and extend an offer to meet. A letter, Notice to Engage in a Renewable Energy Project and the draft Project Description Report were provided.

On November 1, 2011 a letter, Notice of Public Meeting and a revised draft Project Description Report were provided by courier.

On February 1, 2012, a letter, Notice of Draft Site Plan, and a Draft Site Plan Report were provided by courier. An invitation was extended to have a copy of the Notice published in a newspaper within the community.

Called Alderville First Nation on May 30, 2012. The purpose of the call was to inquire about the community's input on the Project and the potential to set up a conference call with the proponent. As no one answered the phone, a telephone message was left.

On August 22, 2012, a letter, and Notice of Revised Draft Site Plan and Revised Study Area, a revised Draft Site Plan Report and a revised draft Project Description Report were provided by courier. Once again, an invitation to have a copy of the Notice published in the community newspaper was offered.

On December 20, 2012, a letter, and Notice of Final Public Meeting and all draft REA reports, including the draft Project Summary Report, were provided by courier. The letter requested any information about adverse impacts that the Project may have on constitutionally protected aboriginal or treaty rights and measures to mitigate those adverse impacts.

In January 2013, made arrangements to replace the Underwater Archaeological Assessment Report and inquire about the community interest in the Project.

Finally, on February 7, 2013, the draft Property Line Setback Assessment Report was provided by courier.

To-date, no issues or concerns have been communicated to Windlectric by the Alderville First Nation. A summary of all correspondence with the AFN can be found in **Appendix G**.

### **7.3.6 Consideration of Key Comments from Alderville First Nation**

A summary of key comments from Alderville Island First Nation are provided in the table below.



**Table 7.2: Key Comments from the Alderville Island First Nation and Consideration by Project Team**

Issue/Concern/Comment	Project Response	How Comments Were Considered by Project Team
Will review information and provide comments if required.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documented.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>

**7.3.7 Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation**

Windlectric made initial contact with the Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation (KNFN) on September 13, 2011 to introduce the Project, as well as, request input and traditional knowledge about the Project study area and extend an offer to meet. A letter, Notice to Engage in a Renewable Energy Project and the draft Project Description Report were provided.

On November 1, 2011 a letter, Notice of Public Meeting and a revised draft Project Description Report were provided by courier.

On February 1, 2012, a letter, Notice of Draft Site Plan, and a Draft Site Plan Report were provided by courier. An invitation was extended to have a copy of the Notice published in a newspaper within the community.

Called Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation on May 30, 2012. The purpose of the call was to inquire about the community’s input on the Project and the potential to set up a conference call with the proponent. As no one answered the phone, a telephone message was left.

On August 22, 2012, a letter, and Notice of Revised Draft Site Plan and Revised Study Area, a revised Draft Site Plan Report and a revised draft Project Description Report were provided by courier. Once again, an invitation to have a copy of the Notice published in the community newspaper was offered.

On December 20, 2012, a letter, and Notice of Final Public Meeting and all draft REA reports, including the draft Project Summary Report, were provided by courier. The letter requested any information about adverse impacts that the Project may have on constitutionally protected aboriginal or treaty rights and measures to mitigate those adverse impacts.

Called in January 2013 to make arrangement to replace the Underwater Archaeological Assessment Report and inquire about the community interest in the Project. A letter/phone call was received by Stantec on January 24, 2013 as a response to correspondence and to request funding to meaningfully engage in the review of the documentation provided. Algonquin Power Co. (on behalf of Windlectric) sent a response to the January 24, 2013 KNFN letter on January 31, 2013. Regarding the request for funding the proponent provided capacity funding to KNFN for their timely review of the Project materials.

On February 7, 2013, the draft Property Line Setback Assessment Report was provided by courier.

On February 19, 2013 the KNFN provide a letter response to indicate they have no significant issues with the proposed project.

A summary of all correspondence (including the letter from the KNFN) with the KNFN can be found in **Appendix G**.

**7.3.8 Consideration of Key Comments from Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation**

A summary of key comments from Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation are provided in the table below.

**Table 7.3: Key Comments from the Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation and Consideration by Project Team**

Issue/Concern/Comment	Project Response	How Comments Were Considered by Project Team
Provided additional contact information for future correspondences.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documented.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Distribution list updated.</li> </ul>
Requested a fee to review the REA application.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provided capacity funding to KNFN, as requested, for their timely review of the Project materials.</li> <li>Reminded KNFN of the upcoming Project open houses.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
Found no major areas of concern for our Community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documented.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
One of our major concerns is in the area of Archaeological resources within the study area, and that has been adequately covered to this level of the process in the report by Stantec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documented.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
Requested copies of the Stage 3 work as it becomes available	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documented.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Project will provide the results of the Stage 3 Archaeological Assessment to KNFN once complete.</li> </ul>

**7.3.9 Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte**

Windlectric made initial contact with the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte (MBQ) on September 13, 2011 to introduce the Project, as well as, request input and traditional knowledge about the Project study area and extend an offer to meet. A letter, Notice to Engage in a Renewable Energy Project and the draft Project Description Report were provided.

On November 1, 2011 a letter, Notice of Public Meeting and a revised draft Project Description Report were provided by courier.

On February 1, 2012, a letter, Notice of Draft Site Plan, and a Draft Site Plan Report were provided by courier. An invitation was extended to have a copy of the Notice published in a newspaper within the community.

Called MBQ on May 30, 2012. The purpose of the call was to inquire about the community's input on the Project and the potential to set up a conference call with the proponent. As no one answered the phone, a telephone message was left.

On July 16, 2012 a meeting was held with the MBQ leadership with respect to the Project.

On August 22, 2012, a letter, and Notice of Revised Draft Site Plan and Revised Study Area, a revised Draft Site Plan Report and a revised draft Project Description Report were provided by courier. Once again, an invitation to have a copy of the Notice published in the community newspaper was offered.

On December 20, 2012, a letter, and Notice of Final Public Meeting and all draft REA reports, including the draft Project Summary Report, were provided by courier. The letter requested any information about adverse impacts that the Project may have on constitutionally protected aboriginal or treaty rights and measures to mitigate those adverse impacts.

In January 2013, made arrangements to replace the Underwater Archaeological Assessment Report and inquire about the community interest in the Project.

Finally, on February 7, 2013, the draft Property Line Setback Assessment Report was provided by courier.

To-date, no issues or concerns have been communicated to Windlectric by the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte. A summary of all correspondence with the MBQ can be found in **Appendix G**.

**7.3.10 Consideration of Key Comments from the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte**

A summary of the key comments from the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte are provided in the table below.

**Table 7.4: Key Comments from the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte and Consideration by Project Team**

Issue/Concern/Comment	Project Response	How Comments Were Considered by Project Team
Requested proponent attendance at Council meeting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Worked with MBQ to arrange a time to attend.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attended meeting and gave presentation about the Project.</li> </ul>

### **7.3.11 Williams Treaty First Nations**

Windlectric made initial contact with the Williams Treaty First Nations on September 13, 2011 to introduce the Project, as well as, request input and traditional knowledge about the Project study area and extend an offer to meet. A letter, Notice to Engage in a Renewable Energy Project and the draft Project Description Report were provided.

On November 1, 2011 a letter, Notice of Public Meeting and a revised draft Project Description Report were provided by courier.

On February 1, 2012, a letter, Notice of Draft Site Plan, and a Draft Site Plan Report were provided by courier. An invitation was extended to have a copy of the Notice published in a newspaper within the community.

Called Williams Treaty First Nations on May 30, 2012. The purpose of the call was to inquire about the community's input on the Project and the potential to set up a conference call with the proponent. As no one answered the phone, a telephone message was left.

On August 22, 2012, a letter, and Notice of Revised Draft Site Plan and Revised Study Area, a revised Draft Site Plan Report and a revised draft Project Description Report were provided by courier. Once again, an invitation to have a copy of the Notice published in the community newspaper was offered.

On December 20, 2012, a letter, and Notice of Final Public Meeting and all draft REA reports, including the draft Project Summary Report, were provided by courier. The letter requested any information about adverse impacts that the Project may have on constitutionally protected aboriginal or treaty rights and measures to mitigate those adverse impacts.

Throughout early 2013, tried to make arrangements to replace the Underwater Archaeological Assessment Report and inquire about the community interest in the Project. In March 2013 stopped attempts to exchange the report.

Finally, on February 7, 2013, the draft Property Line Setback Assessment Report was provided by courier.

To-date, no issues or concerns have been communicated to Windlectric by the Hiawatha First Nation. A summary table of all correspondence with the Williams Treaty First Nations can be found in **Appendix G**.

## **8.0 Plan for Ongoing Consultation**

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Windlectric will continue with consultation activities following submission of the REA application to MOE, during construction, operation and decommissioning of the Project. Windlectric has documented the communication plan for emergencies, Project updates and activities and an on-going communications and issues protocol in Section 7.0 of the Design & Operations Report.

### **8.1 FINAL REA REPORTS**

Once the MOE has deemed the REA application complete, Windlectric will place copies of the Final REA Reports on the Project website until the Director of the MOE makes a decision under section 47.5 of the *Environmental Protection Act*.

### **8.2 COMMUNITY UPDATES**

Windlectric and/or the Project Contractor would engage with community members (local community members, Aboriginal communities, the local Townships) during all phases of the Project, including providing updates on the Project website ([www.amherstislandwindproject.com](http://www.amherstislandwindproject.com)). The proponent has stipulated they will to develop a communication plan that will be presented to the Township. This was discussed in the Loyalist Township town hall meeting. As a long-term presence and neighbour in the local area, Windlectric would continue to develop contacts and maintain local relationships and channels of communication. Additional updates may be provided to community members via the website, letters, local newspaper notices, and/or through direct contact.

Within ten (10) days of Windlectric's application for the Project being posted on the Environmental Bill of Rights (EBR) by the MOE, Windlectric will publish a Notice in local newspapers and on the Project website ([www.amherstislandwindproject.com](http://www.amherstislandwindproject.com)), providing public notice that the Project application has been accepted for review by the Ministry. The notice will include Project information, the Project website ([www.amherstislandwindproject.com](http://www.amherstislandwindproject.com)) where final documents can be viewed, and a statement that members of the public can submit comments to the MOE Approvals Director via the EBR. In addition, Windlectric will provide written communication to the local Aboriginal communities informing them of the EBR posting.

### **8.3 COMMUNICATION PLAN FOR EMERGENCIES**

In the event of an emergency, Windlectric and/or the Project Contractor would initiate the Emergency Response Plan as outlined in Section 7.0 of the Design and Operations Report.

The plan would include key contact information for emergency service providers, a description of the chain of communications and how information would be disseminated between Windlectric and/or the Contractor and the relevant responders. The plan would also indicate how Windlectric and/or the Contractor would notify the community so that the appropriate

actions could be taken to protect community members' health and safety. The communication plan for emergencies would be developed in collaboration with local emergency responders, and would be prepared following consultations with the local Township's Emergency Services Departments, including the local/volunteer fire department. Windlectric also intends to participate with local staff in training sessions specific to the Project prior to Project construction. The commitment for the development of this planning was discussed at the Loyalist Township town hall meeting.

#### **8.4 COMMUNICATIONS AND ISSUE RESPONSE PROTOCOL**

The following has been developed for all Project phases to address any reasonable concern from the public and would be implemented by Windlectric and/or the Project Contractor.

A telephone number for contacting Windlectric and/or the Project Contractor along with the mailing/e-mail address would be posted on the Project website ([www.amherstislandwindproject.com](http://www.amherstislandwindproject.com)). These would be the direct contact points for Windlectric and/or the Project Contractor during all phases of the Project. At a minimum, but not limited to, the Emergency Response and Communications Plan would include key contact information for emergency service providers, a description of the chain of communications and how information would be disseminated between Windlectric and/or the Contractor and the relevant responders. This information would be obtained during consultations with the local communities Emergency Services Departments.

The telephone number provided for the reporting of concerns, issues and/or complaints would be equipped with a voice message system used to record the caller's contact information and the time, date and details of the concern and/or issue. All messages would be recorded in an Issue Response Document to maintain a record of all issues and concerns. Windlectric and/or the Project Contractor would endeavour to respond to messages within 48 hours. All reasonable commercial efforts would be made to take appropriate action as a result of issues concerns, as soon as practicable. The actions taken to remediate the cause of the issue or complaint and the proposed actions to be taken to prevent reoccurrences of the same complaint in the future would also be recorded within the Issue Response Document. If appropriate, the MOE Spills Action Centre would be contacted to notify them of the issue. Correspondence would be shared with other stakeholders, such as the MOE, as required and/or as deemed appropriate.

Ongoing communication with community members would allow Windlectric and/or the Project Contractor to receive and respond to community issues on an ongoing basis.

## **9.0 Closure**

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The Amherst Island Wind Energy Project *Consultation Report* has been prepared by Stantec for Windlectric in accordance with Ontario Regulation 359/09, and in consideration of the *Technical Guide to Renewable Energy Approvals*.

This report has been prepared by Stantec Consulting Ltd. for the sole benefit of Windlectric, and may not be used by any third party without the express written consent of Windlectric and Stantec Consulting Ltd. The data presented in this report are in accordance with Stantec's understanding of the Project as it was presented at the time of the Report.

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