

Meeting Record



Liaison Committee – Meeting #2

Amherst Island Wind Energy Project

Date: Wednesday, October 5, 2011
Place: Via Conference Call
Time: 5:00 to 5:45 p.m.
Next Meeting: To be determined
Attendees: Janet Scott, Nancy Pearson, Tom Sylvester, and Zander Dunn (Members)
Sean Fairfield (Algonquin Power)
Amanda Kennedy and Rob Rowland (Stantec)
Regrets: Kerrie Skillen (Stantec)

Discussion Item	Action
Welcome and Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• None
Confirm agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• For our next Liaison Committee meeting, we will circulate the previous meeting notes along with the new agenda.
Review Action Items from LC Meeting #1 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Follow up with members after emails are sent to ensure attachments are received.• Email members a copy of the setbacks which will be applied throughout the design of the project.• Algonquin Power is developing a project website (with email address, mailing address and phone number) through which stakeholders can review general project information and communicate with the Project team. Provide information to members so they can share it with community members who have questions and/or concerns.• The project website will include the current project schedule, frequently asked questions, third party information and meeting records from the Liaison Committee meetings.• A call to Ian Murray (Amherst Island Beacon newspaper) will be coordinated to ask if he would allow information on the project (which would include a short meeting summary, project timeline and the project website address) to be printed in the newspaper. If the request is not granted then inquire if the project website	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete• Complete• Complete, will be updated as project progresses• Complete, will be updated as project progresses• Complete

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<p>address could be printed in the newspaper.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members to forward Sean printed information about the project or wind power that they receive from other sources. • Algonquin Power will be assessing if wireless technology will be used for monitoring the turbines. If this technology will be used, perhaps the company will assess the concept of investigating high speed wireless Internet connection and ability for residents to connect to it. • A geotechnical study will be completed to confirm subsurface information to design an appropriate style of foundation for each turbine. • Stantec to follow-up with a phone interview with Janet Scott about avian species on the island. • Will provide an update about the election in relation to potential impacts to the Renewable Energy Approvals process at our next Liaison Committee meeting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing • Ongoing • Ongoing • Andrew Taylor (Stantec) left a message with Janet Scott on Thursday, October 6 • Update to be provided at next meeting
<p>The team also reviewed additional suggestions submitted between meetings by a member:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can you clarify whether the existing poles can be used or replaced to handle both purposes? Can you clarify whether the easement (corridor?) for the hydro and telephone poles that run behind some homes (e.g. on the South Shore Rd.) can be used? • Forwarding information - perhaps at the next meeting we can agree that members with information forwarded to Sean would also go to the other committee members. • Can you tell where to find data for Wolfe Island bird and bat kills? • Article by Jerry Agar (QMI agency) - Money Blows Away in the Wind 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete – Sean responded via email on Friday, August 12 • Ongoing • Complete – Sean responded via email on Friday, August 12 • Complete – Sean responded via email on Friday, August 12

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<p>Current Status of Project</p> <p>Sean provided a status update on the project, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Notice to Engage was distributed to landowners on Amherst Island and the mainland and through media outlets. This has triggered a questions and comments. • The project website is up and running (www.amherstislandwindproject.com). • A copy of the draft Project Description Report is available online as well. This is a living document that will be revised as we gather more information about the project. • Field work on bird habitat, waterfowl, aquatics and Stage 1 archeology has been completed. • Agencies such as the Kingston Field Naturalists and the Conservation Authority have been contacted. • Stantec, Algonquin and Hatch are working on a preliminary layout of the turbine locations, access roads, etc. This will only be released after discussions with landowners, likely at the first Open House. • Overall, the project is progressing well and the timeline is in good shape. • An inter-agency meeting is planned for after the election with key provincial and federal agencies. The intent of this meeting will be to provide updates, coordinate activities and raise any issues of concern. • Separate conversations will be held with other agencies such as Hydro One. • A meeting is planned with the Township, County and Conservation Authority to discuss the draft layout. • Meetings are planned with landowners to discuss the draft layout and plans for Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment • The first Open House will likely be held in late November/ early December 2011. Two nights will be planned – one on the Island and one on the mainland. Exact locations are to be determined. Notification will follow by mail and in local newspapers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sean to double-check about bookmarking challenges from the south shore.

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<p>Next Steps</p> <p>Sean provided an overview of the next steps the project, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Open House planned for late November/early December 2011. • Stage 2 archeological field work is weather dependent and will commence in late October/November. Residents will likely notice plowing in potential component and access road areas. A member reminded field workers to be cautious of deer. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
<p>Review of Priorities and Concerns</p> <p>Members raised the following topics related to the project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The final arguments for the Wolfe Island property values hearing are today. No one was sure of when the final decision will be made. • An all-candidates meeting was held on the Island. The inequality of ferry service was raised, but wind energy was the number one topic. • A member asked whether the existing ferry and dock will be used for this project. No, Windlectric is not envisioning using the existing ferry; planning on building a temporary loading/unloading structure to deliver and complete the project. The location of this structure is not 100% certain. • A member stated a concern about owl woods and bird migration; awaiting more information as the project progresses. The “Friends of the Owl Woods” Management Strategy was mentioned. • A member mentioned two recent conversations of note: one about the importance of good installation on reducing noise from turbines in Thamesville and another about concerns about whom to follow-up with if you have an issue after the turbines are erected. Sean stated that the proponent (Windlectric) would be the first point of contact. <p>Rob asked if the Stantec field workers had been well-perceived. The members noted that they have been courteous and respectful.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members will continue to circulate articles and publications to the Liaison Committee. • Windlectric to obtain copy of the Friends of the Owl Woods” Management Strategy. In a follow-up meeting, Stephen Knechtel of the Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority indicated that he will provide an electronic copy of the Owl Woods Management Strategy

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<p>Other Items A member brought the group's attention to two additional publications that have been circulated on the island:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A mail-out on the position of four political parties on wind turbines • The Stantec Report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members to fax or scan a copy to Sean
<p>Next Meeting Date and Adjourn The group discussed the date of the next Liaison Committee meeting. It will be about two weeks prior to the first Open House, likely in November 2011.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next date to be confirmed with members as soon as possible.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45pm.

The foregoing is considered to be a true and accurate record of all items discussed. If any discrepancies or inconsistencies are noted, please contact the writer immediately.

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 Algonquin Power Co. (on behalf of Windlectric Inc.)