

# **AMHERST ISLAND WIND PROJECT UPDATE**



### NEWS

Welcome to the first edition of our newsletter! Along with our weekly emails, monthly CWG meetings and Q&As on our website, amherstislandwindproject.com, we will bring you additional project updates through regular newsletters.

As the project continues through the construction phase, there are a number of important items to share. At the April 20 Town Hall, Windlectric heard valuable feedback from the residents of Amherst Island on both the Operations Plan and the project. Many delegates raised thoughtful points about the impact of the project and we hope to continue this discussion through our website, where project updates and FAQ will continue to be posted.

## BENEFITS

With this project, we consider ourselves partners in bringing long-term opportunities and benefits to Amherst Island. During the May 23 Loyalist Township Council Session, many delegates spoke about the economic benefits of the Amherst Island Wind Project. Murray Aitken, CEO of Morven, spoke to his experience as a local contractor working with Algonquin and how his company's contract will help create local jobs. The project is expected to generate 200 construction jobs, including up to 15 permanent positions. These positions align with the Loyalist Township's objectives for sustainable employment, and we anticipate there will be more avenues for close partnerships as the project progresses.

## Q&A

We value your feedback! You can submit questions and comments on our site, **amherstislandwindproject.com.** 

## Q: CAN THE COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE BE EXPANDED?

A: We are very fortunate to have a group with fair representation and balanced views. While we are willing to consider adding members, we would only do so if the group can maintain its fair and balanced representation.

### TIMELINE



Summer

Mainland works (switch yard, dock)



## **Starting in September** Major Island construction

works November

Expected arrival of turbines on island



December and winter months Turbine erection



April 2018 Target commercial operation



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#### MAINLAND DOCK CONSTRUCTION

The mainland dock is an important part of this next phase. Over the next month we will continue construction of a temporary dock on the mainland to limit interruption to residents' ferry access. The dock is located south of Highway 33 and as part of the dock construction, we will be upgrading the access road from the highway to accommodate construction traffic.

We have also fenced off the mainland dock construction area for work and installed protective silt fences along the shoreline at the Dock area. Sand bags and a "turbidity curtain" (which is a device to control the spread of silt and sediment from stirred-up water) have been installed to separate the dock work area from the lake waters. This approach has been reviewed by relevant authorities and is in line with permits.

Installation of the dock abutment, which is a vertical wall at the landward end of the dock, is complete. Ongoing construction work will require construction vehicles to be entering and exiting the Dock site regularly.

Construction of a Recreation Road to provide public access to the parkland has started. Once complete, we plan to close existing public entrances.

This next step will ensure the project moves ahead smoothly. Our purposebuilt docks and barges dedicated to construction transportation are part of our broader commitment to the island to limit any disruptions to residents as much as possible and continue our positive working relationship with the community.

# SAFETY CORNER

## ROAD SAFETY IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF KEEPING RESIDENTS AND WORKERS SAFE

Recently, a passenger car traveling on the public road ignored traffic control staff and did not slow down. Thankfully, no one was hurt, however, these situations do not always end without incident.

Drivers are required to be attentive, slow down (or stop, if required), and comply with traffic control signage. They are there to protect not only our workers, but also the public travelling these roads.

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# **MEET THE STAFF**

### ARIEL BAUTISTA SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER

Ariel Bautista is a seasoned developer and has worked in project development for over 11 years. Ariel manages the subjectmatter experts required for development, from the technical, legal and financial aspects, to stakeholder engagement. Essentially, he is the quarterback for the Amherst Island Wind Project.

Ariel has gained hands-on experience working on over 850 MWs of wind energy projects that are operating or under construction, a large part of these being Ontario-based projects. In his spare time he enjoys sailing and plans to explore the waters around Amherst Island.

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