

CWG # 2 – Questions and Answers (Jan 19 – Feb 13, 2017)

#	Questions	Answers
1	<p>If we understand the road widening plan correctly at this location it requires an obstacle free sweep in correspondence of the front of our property. There are three 150 year old trees on the property which interfere with the free sweep. The trees are on our lot and not on the township property.</p> <p>We do not recognize that you have the right to make any changes on our property including the cutting of trees, without our permission. We do not intend to give you permission, but we would be grateful if you clarify this point The loss of these trees would result not only in an environmental loss but also an economic and aesthetic one.</p>	<p>We appreciate the concern and it is our intent to not trespass onto private property. One of our goals is also to avoid cutting trees unnecessarily, and we are working through our designs by surveying public road allowances and gathering information. To address your concern further, we would be open to meeting with you onsite so that you could identify the trees for our team's awareness.</p>
2	<p>The South Shore Road has been severely eroded on the lake side by the 2016 fall storms and the substrate is very fragile in front of Lot 7. We would kindly ask the township to evaluate the capability of the road to support the proposed heavy traffic, before issuing a permit.</p>	<p>We do understand that certain road portions are potentially more fragile than others. Our team is undertaking detailed studies of the public roads to evaluate their capabilities for our heavier loads. Certain modifications to public roads will be necessary in order accommodate such heavier loads, which has the added benefit of potentially upgrading roads on the island.</p>
3	<p>What website will the results of the Investigation of the Power Outage be posted on?</p>	<p>It will be posted on the project site. www.amherstislandwindproject.com.</p>
4	<p>How will these concerns be brought to the company, and how will your Committee ensure that community concerns are seriously considered?</p>	<p>Any concerns from the public can be sent directly to our email at windlectric@amherstislandwindproject.com. In addition, we meet monthly with CWG members and review questions and answers. These are logged and also posted on our website shortly after our CWG meetings, including any potential action items. It is this transparency that acts as a</p>

		means of ensuring community concerns are discussed and considered. We also encourage the public to reach out to members of the CLC/CWG to ensure concerns are brought to our attention.
5	Windlectric's Terms of Reference for this Committee indicate that there will only be 2 meetings open to the public. How, then, will this "two-way communication" work?	In addition to the CLC meetings, monthly CWG meetings will be held to have this dialogue. Questions that the community submit through the CWG/CLC, website, and email will be logged and answers will be posted on our website. We also have a local development manager, Tim Sullivan, who is available to discuss certain concerns further in person. Please reach out to Tim via email: Tim.Sullivan@algonquinpower.com or phone at 416-605-3070.
6	I have a heritage drystone wall across the front of my property@ 3850 South Shore Rd. Amherst Island, Stella On. K0H2S0. Surveyors have surveyed the road in front several times (without asking first). I have inquired and find that they are doing this for (ultimately) Windlectric - Algonquin Power. Why are you doing this when it is not possible to change the width of the road or the wall? I don't like surprises and you do not have my permission to encroach on my property. The road in front is a road belonging to my neighbour Martin Hauschilde.....not a township road.	The company communicated with the Township about the survey activity. The surveyor scope of work was to survey the public roads and road allowances. Information will be presented to the CLC/ CWG. In addition, a preconstruction study will be presented to the Township for review as per the Road Use Agreement.
7	I also find that hundreds and hundreds of heavily loaded construction trucks would use the road in front of my house and wall. This will cause my wall and all the many front glass windows (house is mostly huge windows!, to vibrate and probably cause great and	The Renewable Energy Approval requires monitoring of certain dry stone fences. The company has consulted with a subject matter expert regarding a monitoring plan and this information has been presented in the Operations Plan.

	<p>dangerous damage! Come and look! and then Stop before there is damage. Even better.....stop the turbine project completely.....you will lose money and we will lose our uniquely beautiful island.</p>	
8	<p>How is the crane located on a barge in the bay refuelled? How and where is the tug refuelled? Is Windlectric complying with its commitment "Fuelling, storage and servicing of vehicles and construction equipment is not allowed within 30 m of a watercourse, . . ." ?</p>	<p>With respect to fueling practices, we can confirm that Windlectric will comply with all applicable permits. Some items, such as the referenced 30m from a watercourse, are meant to apply to specific areas within the project, which we will comply with as required. The barge contains equipment and materials needed for the work and we will not be itemizing such contents to the public. We assure you that we will comply with applicable permits and best practices.</p>
9	<p>What exactly is in the barrels stored on the deck of the barge?</p>	<p>We are checking with the contractor, and may update this answer accordingly. In general it is not our practise to itemize contents to the public.</p>
10	<p>Has Windlectric located foam, booms and all equipment required to contain a fuel spill or fire in the waters of Lake Ontario?</p>	<p>We will comply with applicable permits and best practices.</p>
11	<p>Have Loyalist Township Emergency Services staff been oriented to the construction site, briefed on the hazardous materials stored on site, and provided with sufficient information, equipment and resources to address a marine accident or spill? Have drills been conducted?</p>	<p>With respect to orientation, our project team will work with the appropriate authorities to ensure applicable training and information is provided.</p>
12	<p>When will the Marine Safety and Logistics Plan be provided?</p>	<p>Please note that Windlectric has met its requirements for a Marine Logistics Plan, as reconfirmed at the Feb 13th CWG meeting by MOECC. Additional information on marine operations will be posted in advance of the barge operations before this phase of the project is to begin (i.e. the movement of construction equipment and materials on the project barges).</p>

13	Is the Loyalist Township/MTO ferry being used to transport fuel and hazardous materials for refuelling of equipment of the Windlectric construction site? If so, is transport limited to the 6:30 am Wednesday ferry designated for fuel transport or is the public being endangered by transport at other times?	Regarding the use of the public ferry, Windlectric will comply with applicable regulations on timing, equipment, and material transportation.
14	Has Windlectric consulted with Al Public School staff concerning an emergency evacuation plan in the event of a fire, spill, explosion or other accident at the construction site?	Our team has reached out to meet with school staff to discuss concerns and to review the project as a whole.
15	I am wondering why your meetings are being held in secret?	The company takes feedback from the community seriously and has created multiple channels of communication to provide such input. Members of the CLC and CWG have brought forth recommendations and the company is considering them, including the possibility of increasing the number of meetings open to public observation.
16	Is Algonquin Power planning to erect the permanent dock in advance of all permits and of meeting all requirements?	The project has obtained all necessary permits to construct the permanent island dock.
17	Is there a safety plan in place in the event of an environmental spill or any other damage on the shoreline of Kerr Bay?	The contractor has an environmental, health and safety plan for the project.
18	Further to 1. And 2. : Will there be booms set in place to prevent any environmental damage from spreading throughout the Bay?	The contractor has set up a floating silt fence around the areas where drilling occurs. In addition, a consultant has been hired to monitor the area for turbidity as well as erosion and sediment control.
19	At what point does Algonquin Power plan to release the required Marine Safety and Logistics Plan?	As part of the Operations Plan the Township has been provided content regarding Navigable Waters (section 2.4) and Ferry Operations (section 2.16). This information has also been provided to the MOECC. The project will comply with these requirements at all times.

20	<p>In only a few months, Kerr Bay will resume its role as a popular safe anchorage for hundreds of recreational boaters and the home of 4 moorings registered with the Canadian Coast Guard. Again, in the event that the proposed project is allowed to proceed, is Algonquin Power confident that they have safety measures in place to ensure that they will not be in violation of the Navigable Waters Act?</p>	<p>Additional details to marine operations will be developed in advance of the barge operations connected with the marine logistic phase of the project (i.e. the movement of construction equipment and materials on the project barges). Windlectric is confident that its contractors are in compliance and will remain in compliance to all applicable regulations.</p>
21	<p>Are Islanders to assume that this apparent disregard for the safety of residents and for the requirements imposed by various authorities is indicative of what we will see from the proponent in the event that the project is allowed to proceed?</p>	<p>The project is currently under construction and is proceeding. Public safety and the safety of workers is of paramount importance to Windlectric and its contractors. The company has submitted a reasonable and comprehensive Operations Plan which considers public safety, and we are committed to complying with applicable regulations.</p>
22	<p>Based on the most recent information from Windlectric we have learned that the collector lines will be placed within the road allowance on the north side of Front Rd. adjacent to Pentland Cemetery.</p> <p>APAI is extremely concerned that Windlectric had the opportunity, but did not avoid placing the collector lines on the north side of Front Rd. at the site of Pentland Cemetery. As APAI stated in its reviews of Windlectric's Heritage and Protected Properties Assessments, there is oral history and other evidence that there are burials, including First Peoples, located south of the Pentland Cemetery gates and potentially extending into the road allowance on the north side of Front Rd.</p>	<p>The proposed location of the collector lines is on the south side of Front Road in front of the Pentland Cemetery.</p>

From your letter of Aug. 2014, which was in response to APAl's review of the heritage and protected properties assessments, you assert that "Pentland Cemetery is contained within the property limits and does not extend into the municipal road allowance to the south". What evidence does Windlectric have that the cemetery is contained within the property limits? Did Windlectric carry out ground penetrating radar studies on the road allowance/working area and area immediately south of Pentland? If so please provide us with a copy of these studies.

Would Windlectric agree to installing collector lines on the south side of Front road at the site of Pentland Cemetery to reduce disturbance to potential grave sites, many of which are believed to be First Nations? This is a sacred Island site and a protected property that deserves respect and protection.

We note that the collector line at the eastern end of Front Rd. is located on the south side.

Travelling west along Front Rd. the line crosses to the north side, passes Pentland Cemetery and then crosses Front Rd to the south side at Marshall Forty-Foot. By moving the collector line to the south side of Front Rd.

Unnecessary disturbance to burials and the protected dry stone walls at Pentland Cemetery would be accomplished. What is the rationale for crossing to the north side of the Front Rd with the collector line and crossing back at Marshall forty-foot thereby putting

	Burials and this Protected Property at risk?	
23	Mainland Dock Site: If and when construction on the mainland dock site begins will Windlectric ensure that an Aboriginal monitor is present for the archaeological monitoring of the construction, given that two archaeological sites were found in the immediate area of the access road?	We have considered the location of the two archaeological sites on the mainland, in relation to the proposed construction work area, and have revised the project development area such that no impacts will occur at the sites. Work will occur only in the monitoring buffer zone around the sites, which is in compliance with the regulations. A monitoring plan, using a licensed archaeologist, was submitted to the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sports. No construction activities will be allowed within the 20 m buffer surrounding the sites and a protective fencing along a 20 m buffer will be erected and maintained throughout the construction period of the mainland temporary dock infrastructure. Please note: In the event that land within the 20 m no-go buffers will be required for the project then the requirements for Stage 3 assessment as described in the revised Stage 2 archaeological assessment report will be re-instated and the Stage 3 assessment completed as per the recommendations of that report.