

Meeting Record



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Liaison Committee – Meeting #5

Amherst Island Wind Energy Project

Date: Wednesday, September 12, 2012
Place: St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 2045 Stella 40 Foot Road, Amherst Island
Time: 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Next Meeting: To be determined
Attendees: Janet Scott, Nancy Pearson, Tom Sylvester, and Zander Dunn (Members)
Sean Fairfield (Algonquin Power)
Kerrie Skillen (Stantec)

Discussion Item	Action
1. Confirm agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• None
2. Review Action Items from Liaison Committee Meeting #4 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Algonquin followed-up with Ornge – Ornge has no significant concerns with the proposed project layout.• Obtained article called “Important Bird Areas of Canada” in the Winter 2012 edition (Number 58) of <i>Bird Watch</i>.• Algonquin to share draft REA reports and results with LC when they are ready for release.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Algonquin to post the latest version of the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) to the Project website. (ongoing)• Stantec to adjust the meeting notes from November 2011 to reflect “high speed wireless tower”, not “cell tower.” (completed)• Algonquin to continue to respond to questions and comments from stakeholders. (ongoing)• Algonquin to post Liaison Committee meeting agenda, presentation slides and meeting notes to the Project website. (ongoing)• Continue to share information via email. (ongoing)
3. Provide Project Status Update <p>Provided an overview of the project since the last meeting, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Algonquin has been reviewing the proposed project layout relative to all environmental constraints, civil engineering requirements, and public input.• Work completed from Spring 2012 onward to re-assess the proposed project layout. Works included Stage 2 archaeological assessment on lands potentially required for the project. The Stage 2 archaeological assessment was schedule around the breeding bird season. The MNR was consulted prior to and during the Stage 2	

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<p>archaeological assessment work.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consultation with Loyalist Township has been ongoing. Loyalist Township approved Stage 2 archaeological assessment work to be conducted within an unopened road allowance on the Island.• Marine archaeological assessment has included sonar scanning of the proposed submarine cable route, docks, shoreline and bubbler line.• Consulting with the MTO regarding crossing the bubbler line with the submarine cable.• Consulting with DFO regarding design concepts for the proposed docks.• Meteorological (met) towers on the island were re-equipped to gather data on the wind regime on the island.• In addition to the existing met towers, a mobile Lidar System is being used on the Island to collect wind data. The mobile unit reduces the number of met towers required to collect data.• In June 2012 Algonquin Power requested (from the MOE) a one year extension for submission of the project Renewable Energy Approval (REA) application and approval to revise the Draft Site Plan (originally issued in February 2012) by moving potential locations for Turbines S24, S15, S21 and S01.• The MOE approved the extension in July 2012. The revised REA application submission deadline is August 2, 2013.• The MOE approved the movement of the turbine locations in August 2012. As a result, Algonquin Power issued a revised Draft Site Plan in September 2012.• When the revised Draft Site Plan was issued, Algonquin Power also updated the Project Study Area (PSA). The MOE was consulted prior to Algonquin Power revising the PSA. The PSA was updated 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 PSA. No wind turbine generators will be located in this area. All required environmental and technical studies will be conducted on the area as required by O. Reg. 359/09.• A Notice of Revised Draft Site Plan and Revised Study Area was published in the local newspaper and issued to local stakeholders.	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">Algonquin Power submitted a Community Vibrancy Agreement and Draft Road User Agreement to Loyalist Township.Algonquin Power and Loyalist Township negotiated an Indemnity Agreement which provides the Township with financial support to pay for the review of the REA application.	
<p>4. Discuss Next Steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The revised approximate project schedule was presented.The project team is working towards submitting the draft REA application.At this time Public Open House #2 is being proposed for January 2013.Algonquin Power will negotiate the Draft Road User Agreement with the Township.	
<p>5. Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">None	<ul style="list-style-type: none">None
<p>7. Next Meeting Date and Adjourn</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">TBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Next date to be confirmed with members as soon as possible.Questions and comments from Liaison Committee members and the community are welcome at any time.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

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.

Algonquin Power Co.

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