

Community Working Group Meeting # 4

Amherst Island Wind Energy Project / 160960595

Date/Time: May 25, 2017 / 6:45-8:45 PM
 Place: Amherst Island Public School
 Next Meeting: TBD
 Attendees: Ariel Bautista (Windlectric), Tim Sullivan (Windlectric), Katharine Myrans (Stantec), Emily Hartwig (Stantec), Gwen Lauret (local resident), Larry Fleming (local resident), Janet Grace (local resident)
 Absentees: Chris Raffael (MOECC), Duncan Ashley (Loyalist Township)
 Distribution: All Committee Members

Safety Moment: Facilitator invited CWG members to provide a safety moment.
 Safety moment: Vehicle safety in poor weather conditions - reminder to keep a safe distance from other vehicles when visibility is poor due to inclement weather.

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<p>Review of Agenda and Action Items from CWG # 3</p> <p>Action items from March 30th meeting were reviewed. The status updates are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Windlectric sent an email about community benefits and it is expected to be included in the upcoming newsletter as well. 2) Windlectric contacted Murray Beckel at the Township to discuss setting up a permanent trailer as a local office. A trailer would fall outside of the site plan as identified in the Renewable Energy Approval. For this reason the office would need to be located within an existing building. 3) Windlectric left a message for David MacPherson at Loyalist Township to confirm if there is a by-law against setting up a drop-box at Centennial Park. 4) Windlectric to finalize and distribute a community newsletter. A CWG member asked if the CWG could review the newsletter before it is provided to the public. Windlectric has agreed. 	<p>Windlectric to add information on community benefits to the website.</p> <p>Windlectric will further examine potential locations for a local office on the island.</p> <p>Windlectric will reach out again to David MacPherson.</p> <p>Windlectric has hired a communications company and expects the first newsletter to be produced within two weeks.</p>

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<p>5) Windlectric to look into an electronic board that can inform local residents of construction and traffic issues. Currently, the Township is looking into their own solutions for traffic management.</p> <p>6) Windlectric believes the 3-5 business day commitment for responding to public inquiries has been removed from the Project website but one of the CWG members has still seen it on the website.</p> <p>7) Windlectric announced and hosted a Town Hall meeting.</p> <p>8) Windlectric will continue to consider ways to involve the public in the project and provide notification of project activities.</p> <p>9) It was determined that Windlectric has provided sufficient information on the sale of shares and their new partner.</p> <p>10) Windlectric has not posted information on the website about the incident at Picton Terminal because they have not received the report from the Coast Guard. When the report is received Windlectric will consider posting information online.</p> <p>11) At CWG#3 Duncan Ashley indicated that the Township had provided a template for a communications plan that Windlectric could consider using. Windlectric is unable to find this template.</p> <p>12) The need for Windlectric to follow up with the contractor about fuel truck schedules is no longer applicable.</p> <p>13) Windlectric has forwarded to Pennecon the offers from islanders to house construction staff. Pennecon will follow up with these individuals.</p> <p>14) Windlectric discussed safety/traffic concerns with the contractors, who are following Book 7, and Windlectric has updated the Operations Plan with mitigation measures. Until the Township approves the Operations Plan Windlectric is limited in how they can address the issues of speed, traffic and construction vehicles.</p>	<p>Windlectric to continue to pursue this option.</p> <p>Windlectric to search and update response time on the website.</p> <p>Windlectric will look into putting notices/information on the message board at the local store. Members of the public who wish to be on the email list for updates should reach out to Windlectric.</p> <p>Windlectric will follow up and ask for the communications template to be re-sent from the Township.</p> <p>Windlectric to add information to Q&A document on where mitigation is found in the Operations Plan.</p>
<p>Company Updates</p> <p>The island dock has been completed and work has now moved onto the mainland.</p> <p>The South CPU amendment was granted. The switchyard is under construction.</p>	

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<p>A. In the original agreement, the Company had proposed that a stipulation be put in place that the funds be used for the island, but the Township wanted this wording removed. The Township has indicated that the Islanders prefer to have the roads maintained in a specific way and so the Township is looking after this itself.</p> <p><u>Follow-up to Question #15</u></p> <p>Q. Can this type of information (benefits of green energy) be included in the monthly or weekly notifications to the public?</p> <p>A. This initiative has been started. The information could be provided online in a separate area by adding a link such as "if you would like more information on the benefits of green energy, click here".</p> <p><u>Follow-up to Question # 22</u></p> <p>Q. Is this money over and above the funds in the Community Benefits Agreement?</p> <p>A. Yes. Anyone can request funding from Windlectric by submitting a proposal.</p> <p><u>Follow-up to Question #23</u></p> <p>Q. (Original question) Can Algonquin guarantee the safety of sheep and guard dogs from coyotes if a fence is broken?</p> <p>The revised answer on the Q&A document should indicate that it is assumed the question refers to accidental damage to private fences during construction because construction activities will be coordinated with participating landowners to protect livestock and pets. In the unlikely event that a private fence is damaged the crews would have the equipment and supplies on site to fix the fence immediately.</p> <p><u>Follow-up to Question # 24</u></p> <p>Q. (Original question) Has a legal title search been conducted on affected properties on Front Road, Third Concession and South Shore Road?</p> <p>The revised answer on the Q&A document should reference specific sections of the Operations Plan. The accuracy of the right-of-way surveys is to within 0.3 m.</p>	<p>This initiative is currently being addressed. An update will be provided at CWG meeting #5</p> <p>Windlectric to indicate in the newsletter that anyone can request funding.</p>

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<p>Q. What are the legal implications for using forced roads (can you do what you would like on these roads)? If there is a legal precedent for private ownership of the road, what is your option then?</p> <p>A. This is under the jurisdiction of the Township. Windlectric would rely on the Township's rules and regulations. For legal matters that can't be addressed by the Township Windlectric will rely on legal counsel.</p> <p><u>Follow-up to Question # 30</u></p> <p>Q. (Original question) How will safety be addressed at the intersection of Front Road and the Island Dock?</p> <p>The revised answer on the Q&A document should indicate that the STOP signs have already been installed on either side of Front Road. Construction vehicles will abide by all posted signage. Windlectric plans to request OPP presence on the island to monitor construction staff traffic speeds.</p> <p><u>Follow-up to Question #31</u></p> <p>Q. There are no icebreakers available in this part of the Great Lakes – what marine vehicle will be used to maneuver through the ice when you are barging?</p> <p>A. The use of the barge is expected to be complete by the time an icebreaker would be required, however tugboats can pass through an ice thickness of 12 inches. Windlectric can explore bringing in an ice breaker if necessary.</p> <p><u>Follow-up to Question #32</u></p> <p>Q. (Original question) Why are you not complying with NPC 300?</p> <p>The revised answer on the Q&A document should indicate that NPC 300 is not applicable to the project and that the project will be complying with noise requirements under the REA.</p>	
<p>CWG Discussion and New Questions</p> <p>Q1. Have the higher than normal water levels had any impact on the project?</p> <p>A. Windlectric planned in advance for high water and has been keeping an eye on the levels. Adjustments were made to erosion controls to ensure their effectiveness. Potential implications from changing water levels were factored into the work plans.</p>	

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<p>Q2. Is there a revised date for project operation? A. The latest public release date for project completion is April 2018.</p> <p>Q3. How many people will you employ in this project? Will permanent jobs be filled by Islanders? A. During construction potentially 200-250 jobs. For project operation potentially 10-15 permanent jobs, with a preference for local workers</p> <p>Q4. There are a lot of people on the island who are concerned about the modifications to the roads in terms of road widening. It is hard to see on the online maps where widening and tree removals will be. A. The pre-construction study (online) includes maps of the roads that will be modified or restored. At the Town Hall meeting a poster board identified trees that will be impacted. The pre-construction study is published on the website for viewing.</p> <p>Q5. What do you mean by restoration and road widening? A. There is a distinction between "restoration" vs "widening". Restoration refers to returning roads to their original widths if they have shrunk over time due to maintenance or vegetation growth. There is an existing road bed, and where the road has shrunk over time, we will restore the travelled portion of the road to that original width. Widening refers to extending the road beyond its original road width.</p> <p>Q6. Would you know at this time what work is proposed on an individual's property, and could the individual get in touch with you if they cannot see these locations on the maps provided on the website? A. Yes. Meetings can be coordinated with those individuals who have concerns, and a map of their specific area of concern can be provided to those individuals.</p> <p>Q7. What are the historical widths of the roads? A. The width of roads varies, a land surveyor is required to assess each specific area.</p> <p>Q8. Two emails were sent through the comment page, one on April 10th and one on April 9th. An acknowledgement was received from the website when the email was submitted, however no direct</p>	<p>Windlectric to confirm quality of online maps.</p>

