

Community Working Group Meeting # 5

 Amherst Island Wind Energy Project / 160960595

Date/Time: June 27, 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), Chris Warren (MOECC)
 Absentees: Duncan Ashley (local resident), Chris Raffael (MOECC)
 Distribution: All Committee Members

Safety Moment: Facilitator invited CWG members to provide a safety moment.
 Safety Moment – Tick safety: If you are spending time outdoors, be sure to complete a tick check. If you do find a tick on your body, it can be removed using tweezers by pulling slowly but firmly from the base where contact has been made with the skin, or by using a tick-key.

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<p>Update on Duncan Ashley</p> <p>An email was received from Duncan Ashley and was read aloud to the group:</p> <p>“To whom it may concern,</p> <p>As it has come to my attention that Windlectric is now seeking to finalize its plans through arbitration, I cannot continue to involve myself, nor represent Loyalist Township, in the business of this committee.</p> <p>I would ask that this letter be included in the minutes of the next meeting.</p> <p>Duncan Ashley Councilor Loyalist Township”</p>	
<p>Review of Agenda and Action Items from CWG # 4</p> <p>Action items from May 25th meeting were reviewed. The status updates are as follows:</p>	

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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Information on community benefits needs to be added to the website. The email blast that contained the information can be posted directly to the website. 2) Update on local office on Amherst island: Ongoing, update will be provided at a later date. 3) Instead of setting up a drop box in centennial park Windlectric will connect with store owners on the island and in Millhaven to determine if a comment box and/or a message board can be installed at the stores. Information will be emailed and hand delivered to island residences to inform them of ways to submit comments. 4) The Newsletter has been delayed. The intent is for the newsletter to be released sometime in July. CWG members will have 2-3 days to review the newsletter and provide comments before public release. 5) Update on electronic message board: Larry has offered his property to host the sign. 6) A reference to the 3-5 business day response commitment remains on the website under the FAQ section and needs to be removed. 7) The location of where to find traffic safety mitigation measures in the Operations Plan is available online. Action item resolved. 8) Windlectric has not yet obtained names/addresses for landowners living off-island to notify them that they can be included on the email list for updates. Windlectric to obtain information from tax roll assessments or hire a company such as CanACRE to obtain this information. 9) Windlectric contacted the groups who received funding. An update is provided below. Action item resolved. 10) Information on the benefits of green energy will be included in the upcoming newsletter. Action item resolved. 11) The online maps can be enlarged to view details. If CWG members continue to have issues they should inform Windlectric. Construction personnel will be given detailed printed project/ site map showing project components and specific features such as stone walls, trees, surveyed areas, etc. Action item resolved. 12) Windlectric believes they have resolved the issues with the email system. Action item resolved. 13) Windlectric has reviewed the reference to the Catholic Church and the cemetery name and lot number are correct. Action 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Windlectric to post the content from the email blast on community benefits to the website as soon as possible. 2) An update will be provided by Windlectric when available (ideally office will be available by fall). 3) Windlectric to follow up with local store owners. 4) Windlectric to send newsletter to CWG in July for review. 5) Larry to follow up with the Township and confirm no prohibitions. 6) Windlectric to review website and remove reference(s). 8) Windlectric to obtain off-island landowner names/addresses.

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item resolved.	
<p>Donations – Update</p> <p>The following is a breakdown (as requested by CWG members) for the approximately \$40,000 of donations made to date:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) \$14,000 allocated to the Fire Department for an all-terrain vehicle. 2) \$10,500 (2017) and another \$10,000 (2018) in bursaries for St. Lawrence College for the Wind Technician program. Bursaries will be \$500 each. Preference will be given to local students. 3) \$2000 allocated to the Amherst Island NYE Dance. 4) \$2000 to the Hockey Association. 5) \$7500 for playground equipment for the Amherst Island Public School. 6) \$2500 to the school for equipment. <p>Windlectric is in the process of determining a date for public announcement concerning the donations.</p> <p>Any person or group can apply for funding by submitting a proposal. It was suggested by a CWG member that the local high school request funding for students for post-secondary education. The school will need to send in a proposal.</p>	<p>Windlectric to make sure the most up-to-date CWG #4 meeting notes are posted on the Project website (current wording is incorrect regarding the \$40k donations).</p> <p>A suggestion by a CWG member was made that any donations come with the stipulation that the donation information can be made public.</p>
<p>Company Updates</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Arbitration – Windlectric has been working with Loyalist Township staff on the Operations Plan and had gone through several iterations to meet Township requests. At the last council meeting the plan was not approved (it was deferred) and Windlectric was compelled to go into a binding arbitration (maximum of 90 days). Dialog is ongoing with the Township staff. <p>Q – Who are the arbitrators?</p> <p>A – Windlectric will determine if this information can be shared; it may not be available to the public.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2) Project activities continue north and south of Highway 33 on the mainland. Switchyard construction is making good progress on 	<p>Windlectric will provide arbitration process update at a later date.</p>

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<p>the north side. Signs have been placed on the south side of Highway 33 to provide notice that construction will be occurring soon and access will be changing. Silt fences have been set up. A recreational road is being constructed by Windlectric on Loyalist Township property, at the request of the Township, to ensure public access to the parkland. Archeology work for the road is occurring and road construction will begin soon. Once the road is complete, the entrance on the west side will be closed off as requested by the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO). A small section of the mainland dock area will be fenced off for construction preparation.</p> <p>3) There has been a rumor within the last 24 hours that human remains were discovered during the archaeological work. This is incorrect. The archeologists have confirmed that there are no human remains (they were determined to be animal remains). Determining historical use of the property where the road to be located is the responsibility of the archeologist. Part of their process under regulation is to examine records, conduct field studies etc. There is no cemetery in the area of the road.</p> <p>4) There was a security incident where a Windlectric contract was threatened with a knife and security has been increased accordingly by Windlectric.</p> <p>5) Mainland dock – July 1st is the start date for in-water works.</p>	
<p>Summer CWG Meetings</p> <p>Dates for the July and August meetings were discussed. CWG members would prefer that the meetings be held in the middle of each month. Dates that do not work are July 14th and 15th, July 18th – 24th, and the end of August.</p> <p>The next CLC Meeting is expected to be September or October 2017.</p>	
<p>CWG #4 Review of Submitted Questions</p> <p>Windlectric provided the CWG members with a log of all questions received by the company from members of the public from May 17th 2017 through June 22nd 2017. The facilitator read each of the questions aloud, and the company provided answers.</p> <p><u>Follow up to Question #14</u></p> <p>Q. What will happen along Front Road, especially in the Village of</p>	

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<p>Stella?</p> <p>A. The Village of Stella will be impacted as little as possible. The activities are limited to major turbine component deliveries with each turbine requiring 10-11 trucks to transport all turbine components. Gravel trucks and other vehicles will take a different route.</p> <p>Q. Is there a restriction to time of day of the activities through Stella?</p> <p>A. Yes. The Traffic Management Plan outlines these protocols (e.g., avoiding component transport through Stella at peak ferry loading/unloading times).</p>	
<p>CWG General Discussion and New Questions</p> <p>Windlectric will send the Events Calendar to the CWG members to determine if any events are missing.</p> <p>Q1. The Community Benefit Agreement makes no provision for Windlectric to allocate any of the funds. What is the correct answer to the question at last month's meeting? "What is the donation?" Has the annual meeting with the Township required in the Community Benefits Agreement been held? Was the Township consulted concerning the "donations"</p> <p>A1. <i>Addressed above under the "Donations – Update" section.</i></p> <p>Q2. It seems that anyone who asks a question to Windlectric is deleted from the Windlectric distribution list?</p> <p>A2. No, this does not occur.</p> <p>Q3. Why have all the stormwater management plans not been posted on the project website?</p> <p>A3. There are several written, any required to be made public have been made public.</p> <p>Q4. Windlectric, as the leaseholder, is accountable for compliance with all restrictions on the use of leased lands. Why was dumping of fill allowed by Windlectric on the Eves' property south of Front Road during the restricted period for grassland birds? Was this not leased property?</p> <p>A4. This question has been addressed. All work completed on the Eves' property and road was done in accordance with the restrictions.</p>	<p>Events Calendar to be sent out to CWG members.</p>

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<p>Q5. What oversight is Windlectric providing on leased property to ensure compliance with all regulations and restrictions?</p> <p>A5. Oversight and monitoring is done by MOECC under the Renewable Energy Approval (REA). Part of the process is to be transparent with the ministries. Certain commitments are made under the REA permits, and in order to meet these commitments, consultants and monitors are in place to ensure all compliance measures are maintained.</p> <p>Q5.1. How do we know who is monitoring what and when?</p> <p>A5.1. Consultants and monitors are in place to ensure compliance is maintained. In the case of construction, there are outside organizations that are part of the process, but self-monitoring is included as well. Self-monitoring is being completed in accordance to the REA. An analogy was provided of driving a car and abiding by the rules of the law, you are not monitored by someone sitting beside you, but you must self-monitor your speed etc. to make sure you follow the rules.</p> <p>Q6. Mr. Sullivan told a resident that ads and mailouts were distributed for the proposed widening of the Highway 401 interchanges and intersection improvements. No notices are posted on the project website nor were they distributed to the CWG. Will you please provide a copy, advise the community, and extend the time for public comment by 30 days. Date of Ad? Date of mailout?</p> <p>A6. No conversation or discussion of this topic has ever taken place between Mr. Sullivan and a resident. All required consultations for activities have been undertaken. Windlectric is not intending to alter the public comment period. Requirements of the ministries are being followed.</p> <p>Q7. What is the status of the Roads Use Agreement with the County? We understand that there is an agreement but the county is still looking for the required appendices.</p> <p>A7. The agreement is ongoing. There are a couple of items, for instance the traffic management plan, that are being refined.</p> <p>Q8. Will Windlectric cease construction until the arbitration process is concluded and the company has submitted an Operations Plan</p>	

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<p>acceptable to the Township?</p> <p>A8. Construction will continue during arbitration.</p> <p>Q9. Will the access road to the Township park on Bath Road adjacent to the Invista property be constructed and opened to the public prior to the closure of the existing access?</p> <p>A9. Addressed above under the "Company Updates" section.</p> <p>Q10. Does Windlectric intend to fuel tugs and barges at the mainland dock in proximity to the municipal water intake?</p> <p>A10. Question posed previously. No.</p> <p>Q11. Does Windlectric's commitment to comply with all laws include the Noise By-law in Prince Edward County for the loading of aggregate at Picton Terminals? We understand that the early morning (3am) loading of the aggregate at Picton has upset many residents.</p> <p>A11. Prince Edward County is not part of the project location. Windlectric will comply with applicable laws.</p> <p>Q12. The drop box should be established by now. Suggestion: why not put it on the fence at the new ferry dock.</p> <p>A12. For safety purposes, pedestrian and vehicle traffic near the construction site needs to be limited. Additional information about the drop box provided above under the "Review of Agenda and Action Items from CWG #4" section.</p> <p>Q13. Water wells - Chatham-Kent has experienced problems with ground water contamination. Will all support columns, driven into the ground for construction purposes, be capped, preventing contamination of ground water? Will the MOECC be monitoring construction? Will a Loyalist Township building inspector be on site to assure compliance?</p> <p>A13. Windlectric can't comment on the project in Chatham-Kent. Windlectric is following all requirements under the REA for the Amherst Island Project. Details on the installation of the turbines is available in the REA documents and Operations Plan. Loyalist Township will decide whether/when to send building inspectors to the project site. The MOECC will decide whether/when to complete inspections.</p>	<p>Windlectric will ask</p>

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<p>Q14. What kind of jobs will be available to island residents? How many islanders are presently employed by Windlectric. Who are these people?</p> <p>A14. Due to privacy reasons, Windlectric cannot list those currently employed. The contractor, Pennecon, has hired residents from the general area. The number of islanders employed by Windlectric can be compiled.</p> <p>Q15. Suggestion: another Open Meeting to be held in September of early October. The community would like to hear from Jeff Norman. Jim Stewart and Homer Lansink.</p> <p>A15. The date for the next CLC meeting will be in September or October.</p> <p>Q16. Re: traffic. If there is to be an OPP presence on the island to monitor construction staff traffic speeds, who will be paying for this?</p> <p>A16. Generally, anything asked of the OPP that goes above and beyond their usual duties requires payment. Windlectric will pay for the OPP officer(s) if this is deemed to fall outside their usual duties.</p> <p>Q17. Re: Invista site. Is there an Aboriginal Monitor present during the archaeological assessment for the road construction?</p> <p>A17. Windlectric engages Aboriginal monitors as required by the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport. Aboriginal monitors are not required at this stage of the archaeological assessment.</p> <p>Q18. Who is paying for security?</p> <p>A18. Windlectric.</p> <p>Q19. What is the status of the forced road?</p> <p>A19. Legal surveys are currently taking place.</p>	<p>Pennecon the number of islanders employed.</p>
<p>The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM</p>	

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

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