

Community Working Group Meeting # 7

Amherst Island Wind Energy Project / 160960595

Date/Time: August 17, 2017 / 6:45-8:30 PM
 Place: Remote (Teleconference)
 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), Paul McCorquodale (Windlectric)
 Distribution: All Committee Members

Safety Moment: Facilitator invited CWG members to provide a safety moment.

Safety Moment: Worksite Safety
 Reminder to stay alert when construction activities are occurring. If you are in the area of a construction activity, please make sure you are a safe distance from any moving machinery. If you are working within the construction site, be sure to wear the required PPE and follow all health and safety requirements.

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<p>Review of Agenda and Action Items from CWG #6</p> <p>Action items from July 11th meeting were reviewed. The status updates are as follows:</p> <p>1) Project update mail-out to be re-distributed, verification that all addresses are correct and comment deadline extended:</p> <p>The mail-out was sent on July 21st. Members of the CWG were contacted to ensure the mail-out was received. During construction activities this fall, weekly mail-drops will occur to ensure residents are aware of current project activities and reminded that information can be found on the website and on twitter as well.</p> <p>There are currently 80 mailboxes on the island that have requested Canada Post not deliver unsolicited mail. Canada Post has also indicated that the dedicated mailboxes in Stella will not accept unsolicited mail. To address this, Windlectric will leave extra mail-out flyers at the on-Island store for residents. Windlectric will keep sending emails as well as hard copies of the mail-out.</p>	<p>1. Future mail-out flyers to be left at the on-Island store.</p>

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<p>2) Confirmation that CWG members received the draft newsletter by July 12th, 2017:</p> <p>Due to unforeseen circumstances, Windlectric was unable to send a draft version of the newsletter to CWG members. CWG members were advised of the newsletter (final copy) on August 7th. In the future, draft newsletters will be circulated to CWG members electronically for review and comment prior to being sent to the public.</p> <p>3) Confirmation that a link to the Events Calendar was distributed to the CWG members:</p> <p>The Events Calendar link was sent out on July 27th to the CWG members.</p> <p>4) Confirmation that CWG members have been updated on security issues where appropriate:</p> <p>This action item is on-going. CWG members will be updated as appropriate, on a case-by-case basis, when a security issue occurs. There has been no security issues since the last meeting.</p>	<p>2. Draft newsletters will be circulated to CWG members at least one week before final versions are distributed.</p>
<p>Company Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress on the mainland dock has been going well, all drilling has been completed and activities are on track to be completed by the end of August or early September. • The recreational road is nearing completion. Once complete and when the Township has approved it, the entrance at the west end will be closed and the recreational road will be used instead. • In the next few weeks work on the island laydown area will occur. Erosion and sedimentation controls will be put in place. The MOECC is being updated continually and the work will be done under existing approvals and permits. • Archeology work on the Island has been completed along 2nd Concession Road. This concludes the island archaeology work. • A local surveyor is currently conducting public right-of-way surveys which is anticipated to be complete towards the end of August. Residents are asked to direct questions concerning the surveying to Tim Sullivan. 	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Operations Plan has been approved and communications are ongoing with the Township about pre-construction studies. • Fall construction activities are scheduled to commence soon and will include activities on the Island. A marine surveyor has been engaged on issues of safety, including sonar testing. Delivery of turbine components (blades and nacelles) are on schedule for November. • Communication plans concerning on Island works will be developed. • Windlectric has been meeting with emergency services groups in order to make the mobilization of the on-Island works as smooth as possible. 	
<p>Review of Submitted Questions (CWG #6)</p> <p>Windlectric provided the CWG members with a log of all questions received by the company from members of the public from July 8th 2017 through August 11th 2017. The facilitator read each of the questions aloud, and the company provided answers.</p> <p><u>Follow up to Question #2</u></p> <p>Q. What should someone do if they notice a vehicle in non-compliance on the ferry?</p> <p>A. Pennecon lets Windlectric know every time anyone related to the project uses the ferry. However, people can contact Tim Sullivan or report activities through the Windlectric website. The final touches on the project island dock are underway, and Windlectric confirms the commitment to not use the public ferry for project related construction activities (staff and equipment). The public ferry may be used by non-construction staff such as management, surveyors, scientists etc.</p> <p><u>Follow up to Question #4</u></p> <p>Q. How far back from the base of the tower does one have to stand to not be electrocuted?</p> <p>A. The base of the turbine contains a ladder with a locking system to deter anyone from climbing the turbine. The tower is grounded and inspected to standards to protect against electrocution from lightning strikes.</p>	

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<p>Q. Is this question about stray voltage instead of lightning?</p> <p>A. It was assumed this question was related to lightning as stray voltage is more of a factor for distribution systems that connect to landowners properties/barns. If a wind project were to connect to an existing distribution with a stray voltage problem it could exacerbate it. The project will not be using an existing distribution system and the electrical lines for the project will be buried, which minimizes issues of stray voltage.</p>	
<p>CWG General Discussion and New Questions</p> <p>Q.1. There is a rumour that workers won't be allowed to stay on the island (in terms of accommodation). Is this true?</p> <p>A.1. No. The choice to rent a property to a worker is up to the resident who wishes to rent their property.</p> <p>Q.2. Are the trailers on the mainland used for accommodation? Are the employees working out of these trailers local employees?</p> <p>A.2. No. These trailers are used as construction offices, washroom facilities etc. and are not used for accommodation. Employees at this location are either from Ontario or are local.</p> <p>Q.3. Who is the construction contractor at the mainland site?</p> <p>A.3. Pennecon.</p> <p>Q.4. When will most of the workers be on the island?</p> <p>A.4. Staff will ramp up this fall and peak towards the end of the year.</p> <p>Q.5. How many permanent jobs will there be once the project is constructed? How specialized will these positions be?</p> <p>A.5. Up to 15 permanent jobs.</p> <p>Q.6. Can you sell excess aggregate and other materials to the Township so the Township can incur savings by working with Windlectric?</p> <p>A.6. Windlectric plans to use the resources it brings on the island but will remain in contact with the Township on these and other issues.</p>	

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<p>Q.7. Will any of the roads be torn up as a result of the construction work? A.7. The roads will be repaired as the project proceeds. Roads will be restored to their original state when the project is complete.</p> <p>Q.8. Would you be able to include financial benefits in the next newsletter? A.8. Yes.</p> <p>Q.9. Are cables being laid through the village? A.9. No, not through Stella. The lines were re-routed based on feedback from the community.</p> <p>Q.10. When will the next CLC meeting be held? A.10. The next CLC will likely be held at the end of September or beginning of October.</p> <p>Q.11. Will you allow a question and answer period at some point during the CLC meeting so that community members can have an opportunity to ask questions? A.11. We will follow the CLC Terms of Reference to meet REA requirements.</p>	<p>3. Financial benefits of the project will be included in the next newsletter.</p> <p>4. The date and details of the next CLC meeting will be discussed by Windlectric.</p>
<p>Donation Suggestion Summary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donation recommendations were submitted for various causes such as water quality testing, educational scholarships, recreational equipment etc. This information was compiled in a table for the CWG to review (minus the names of the individuals who submitted the suggestions). • The CWG members reviewed each suggestion and determined that a donation to the community centre would be appropriate because it will benefit the entire community and because many suggestions were made to fund equipment related to the community centre. Windlectric will make a final decision on where to donate the money and with what requirements for its use. 	<p>5. Windlectric to speak with Lynn at the community centre and make a final determination on the donation' use.</p>
<p>The meeting adjourned at 8:30 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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