

Community Working Group Meeting # 8

Amherst Island Wind Energy Project / 160960595

Date/Time: September 28, 2017 / 6:45-8:45 PM
 Place: Amherst Island Public School
 Next Meeting: TBD
 Attendees: Ariel Bautista (Windlectric), Tim Sullivan (Windlectric), Leah Weller (Stantec), Emily Hartwig (Stantec), Gwen Lauret (local resident), Larry Fleming (local resident), Janet Grace (local resident), Chris Raffael (MOECC)
 Absentees: Paul McCorquodale (Windlectric), Katherine Myrans (Stantec)
 Distribution: All Committee Members

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

Safety Moment: During the fall, visibility when driving may be poor due to the sun setting earlier. Be sure to keep sunglasses on hand and follow a pre-determined driving plan to ensure you are well rested and physically able to operate a motor vehicle.

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<p>Review of Agenda and Action Items from CWG #7</p> <p>Action items from the August 17th meeting were reviewed. The status updates are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Mail-out's left at the on-island restaurant: Construction update mail-outs have been distributed weekly for the past month – a physical mailer is dropped off on the island at the general store and an updated map identifying construction areas for the week is included. This information has been provided through social media as well. Reminder that roughly eighty (80) mailboxes cannot receive unsolicited mail – these residents can pick up copies of the construction mail-out at the general store drop off. 2) Draft newsletters circulated to the CWG members at least one week before final versions are distributed: One newsletter has been released to-date. The second newsletter is in progress (likely to be sent out sometime in October or early November) and the draft copy will be circulated to the CWG members before a final copy is sent out to the community. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Draft newsletter will be circulated to the CWG members before the final copy is distributed.

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<p>3) Financial benefits of the project will be included in the next newsletter: This information will be included in the next newsletter.</p> <p>4) The date and details of the next CLC meeting: The next CLC will likely occur during the end of October or early November.</p> <p>5) Donation allocation decision: Discussed with the Community Centre (Lynn) – the donation will be used for sound improvement within the school in the form of sound baffling.</p>	<p>2) The date and details of the next CLC meeting will be determined.</p>
<p>Company Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction update – both the mainland dock and island dock have been completed and are now in use. Aggregates are being delivered to the island daily. The recreational road is now in use. The laydown yard along the 2nd concession and stormwater management structures are underway. Turbine deliveries are currently scheduled for the end of November. Fields have been staked and prepped – discussions concerning tiling, livestock relocation etc. are occurring with interested parties. • New Site Manager – Chris Edwards. • Windlectric requests feedback on maps. CWG suggestion to conduct an Island wide mailout and post a notice on the notification billboard to inform residents of where to find construction update information. 	<p>3) Windlectric to conduct an Island wide mailout and will post a notice to the notification board as to where construction updates can be found.</p>
<p>Review of Submitted Questions (CWG #7)</p> <p>Windlectric provided the CWG members with a log of all questions received by the company from members of the public from August 19th, 2017, through September 22nd, 2017. The facilitator read each of the questions aloud, and the company provided answers.</p> <p><u>Follow up to Question #1</u></p> <p>Q. What is the length of the [turbine] blade?</p>	

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<p>A. The blade is 55 m in length. When the blade is at its highest point, the total height of the turbine (including blade) will be approximately 150 m.</p> <p><u>Follow up to Question # 10</u></p> <p>Q. If there is a disruption to internet access this may affect small business owners – has this issue been reviewed?</p> <p>A. This scenario has been examined. The expectation garnered from the evaluation is that there should be no interruption to internet access. If this does happen, an investigation will be conducted on a case-by-case basis.</p> <p><u>Follow up to Question #12</u></p> <p>Q. A letter from the company to a resident stated the speed limit would be 40 km/hour. Is this correct?</p> <p>A. Within an appendix to the Traffic Management Plan the speed of 40 km/hour was noted, however the speed limit is 30 km/hour in certain sensitive areas, and the posted speed limit elsewhere.</p> <p><u>Follow up to Question #16</u></p> <p>Q. Who will you be working with when you mention the “Community Centre”?</p> <p>A. The Community Centre is located in the Amherst Island Public School. Windlectric will be working with the Community Centre, however the Limestone District School Board makes final decisions on updates or changes to the school. Confirmation will be made with the School Board to determine appropriate communication pathways to receive updates on the donation etc.</p>	<p>4) Windlectric will communicate with the Limestone District School board to determine appropriate communication pathways.</p>
<p>CWG General Discussion and New Questions</p> <p>Q.1. Recently trucks have been noted using the public ferry – are these trucks associated with the project?</p> <p>A.1. Confirmed that no, they are not associated with the project. They are likely part of the MTO dock construction project or other local jobs on the island not associated with the wind project.</p> <p>Q.2. A frequent question that is coming up is in relation to the wells on the Island. The Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority (CRCA) deemed that Amherst Island is “highly vulnerable” when it comes to blasting activities and residents have noted concerns about their</p>	

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<p>wells. Residents would like studies to be completed before any digging is conducted.</p> <p>A.2. Written correspondences should be sent directly to the Windlectric team so that these questions can be answered properly and directly. Windlectric and agency authorities do not believe there will be any impact to the wells on the Island. Sufficient reviews have been conducted to validate this.</p> <p>As explained by an MOECC representative in attendance: the MOECC has received the noted emails of concern from residents. Response letters will be sent to residents. The CRCA has created well-head protection maps and has developed vulnerability scores for their regulated conservation areas. Shore wells, dug wells and drilled wells were noted by the MOECC and based on the geology of the Island, it has been determined that the wells are not anticipated to be impacted. Residents can attend the local municipal health office to retrieve a water testing kit and collect a sample of their well water. The MOECC advises that wells of all kinds meet the requirements under legislative guidelines.</p> <p>Q.3. The company should send a letter to the Back Kitchen (Diane) to determine a plan of action for workers and other personnel to attend the restaurant without creating a construction traffic issue. Back Kitchen closes seasonally (as of October 7th).</p> <p>A.3. Agreed. Communication will occur between Windlectric and Diane of the Back Kitchen.</p> <p>Q.4. Where does the pre-construction study stand now?</p> <p>A.4. Windlectric is continuing to work with the Township. Discussions on the Road Use Agreement and the Operations Plan have both passed through their required rounds of approval. The pre-construction study is going through similar required rounds of approval.</p> <p>Q.5. What about post-construction studies?</p> <p>A.5. Under the REA there are monitoring requirements – these will be followed.</p>	<p>5) Windlectric will contact Diane of the Back Kitchen.</p>
<p>The meeting adjourned at 8:45 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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