

Community Working Group Meeting # 9

Amherst Island Wind Energy Project / 160960595

Date/Time: October 31, 2017 / 6:45-8:45 PM
 Place: Amherst Island Public School
 Next Meeting: TBD
 Attendees: Ariel Bautista (Windelectric), Tim Sullivan (Windelectric), Leah Weller (Stantec), Gwen Lauret (local resident), Larry Fleming (local resident), Janet Grace (local resident),
 Absentees: Paul McCorquodale (Windelectric), Katherine Myrans (Stantec), Chris Raffael (MOECC), Emily Hartwig (Stantec)
 Distribution: All Committee Members

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

Safety Moment: Please keep an eye on the roads during Hallowe'en for trick-or-treaters and be especially aware that their vision may be impaired by masks or other costume elements.

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<p>Review of Agenda and Action Items from CWG #8</p> <p>Action items from the September 28th meeting were reviewed. The status updates are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Draft newsletters to be circulated to CWG members prior to final copy of the letters being distributed to the public: Expected to occur within the next couple weeks. 2) Date and details of CLC meeting #2: Thursday, Nov. 30, most likely in the Gym 3) Island-wide mailout distributed and notice posted to the notification board (on-island) as to where construction updates can be located: Electronic board has been applied to twp. for permission, will be erected when permission granted. Electronic board can include that local store has construction update info available. 	<p>Windelectric will confirm this.</p> <p>Will be posted and distributed tomorrow.</p> <p>When sign is erected, will communicate to CWG an FYI. Windelectric will look into having maps available outside the store so avail outside of opening hrs.</p>

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<p>4) Reach out to the Limestone District School board to determine appropriate communication pathways: Meeting was held and regular contacts happen weekly, and windelectric is on their communication list.</p> <p>5) Contact Diane (Back Kitchen):</p>	<p>A note will be sent to Diane shortly, if it hasn't gone out already.</p>
<p>Company Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction updates: Arbitration study complete. Activities have ramped up on central laydown yard and access rd, finishing off rd onto 2nd Conc., and access rds to turbines. Collector work includes laying collection system into trenches on 2nd Conc. On Stella 40 road upgrades have taken place. Stella bypass will initiate soon. More equip and barges, materials and personnel arriving at mainland dock site. Switchyard underway on mainland on north side of Invista property, trench in place on south side for submarine cable. Boring under highway initiated. Cable laying will take place this year before everything freezes; cable will emerge to the east of the project dock at the island side. Foundation construction for turbine towers will start shortly. Turbine delivery is anticipated the last week of Nov.; first turbines will be erected on 2nd Conc, then south on Stella, then onto S. Shore Rd., then up east to 3rd Conc. later in the project schedule. General construction sequence and schedule is posted on project website. 	
<p>Review of Submitted Questions</p> <p>Windelectric provided the CWG members with a log of all questions received by the company from members of the public from September 23, 2017, through October 27, 2017. The facilitator read each of the questions aloud, and the company provided answers.</p> <p>No follow-up questions arose.</p>	
<p>CWG General Discussion and New Questions</p> <p>A number of questions were submitted to CWG members from the community:</p> <p>Q.1. How many times has the school bus schedule been impacted by road closures?</p> <p>A.1. Windelectric has contacted the school bus and they said no complaints have been received to date; however it is known that in mid-October there were some delays on the way back to the island getting kids back home from school. There may have been additional confounding factors affecting school bus schedule, namely a 10-</p>	

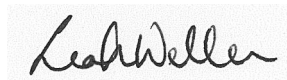
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<p>15min ferry delay from mainland to island (no complaints associated therewith).</p> <p>Q.2. Have single lane road closures affected EMS vehicles?</p> <p>A.2. Ops Plan includes max time that single lane closures can occur. If longer than a specific time, it becomes classified as a road closure and has to be treated differently. EMS vehicles will not be held back as a result of any construction activities, including lane or road closures.</p> <p>Q.3. Concerns were raised regarding signage carried by flagpeople at Front Rd and Island dock.</p> <p>A.3. Flag persons are MTO Book 7-trained and also have spotters up the road. Flag persons observed were flagging construction traffic to proceed when public traffic is clear, not signaling public traffic to slow/stop. When the turbines arrive, flag persons will direct public traffic and continue to comply with signage requirements (i.e. slow/stop signs will be used when there is a need to direct public traffic).</p> <p>Q.4. Concern was raised regarding lane blocking on Stella 40 without flagpersons.</p> <p>A.4. Windelectric will request that flaggers are present throughout construction activities.</p> <p>Q.5. Please clarify the commitment to not use South Shore Rd. from intersection of Stella 40 to a point 1.3km east.</p> <p>A.5. A private access road will be used, not the area where Windelectric has committed not to access the road. Windelectric has maps in the Ops Plan that show haul routes, as well as a turbine delivery map.</p> <p>Q.6. Concern raised regarding safety of roads under construction, given heavy rains and potential future weather events.</p> <p>A.6. Windelectric is monitoring the outcome of the weather events, and continues to utilize SWM pond and other SWM features to capture stormwater, which is designed to control water quantity/flow patterns to preconstruction conditions.</p> <p>Q.7. What is proposed for the groundwater monitoring program?</p> <p>A.7. Please check with MOECC; discussions with the ministry have been voluntary, it is windelectric's intent to undertake groundwater monitoring on a voluntary basis (not required under MOECC or REA requirements) – but because it is a ministry-driven initiative, it is up to MOECC to discuss this.</p>	

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<p>Q.8. How many site accidents have occurred and how many lost time days have been recorded? A.8. Near miss and accidents are recorded and a recent serious recordable incident will be disclosed; communication on this incident is being finalized.</p> <p>Q.9. Is EMS used for site accidents? A.9. 9-1-1 is called, work stops, EMS comes to island via ferry (takes priority), and is lead to site, while all work waits until situation is stabilized and addressed.</p> <p>Q.10. Can Windelectric provide a Schedule 21 key map? A.10. Windelectric will look into this.</p> <p>Q.11. Concern raised about publishing resident questions and rewording questions submitted. A.11. If questions are not questions (complaint or comment) cannot be answered as questions. There is a complaint protocol, so if complaint comes in, has to be sent w/in 48hrs to MOECC, and will be dealt with. If multiple similar questions are received, may be aggregated and answered at the same time. Questions may be redacted to protect privacy of questioner.</p> <p>Q.12. Will the schedule be amended to include the wildlife mitigation requirements of the traffic management plan? A.12. Yes, all timing windows will be observed. Entire schedule revolves around permit requirements, including wildlife mitigation.</p> <p>Q.13. Has the batch plant been installed, when will it be operational, and will days in operation be posted? A.13. The plant is close to operational. Hours will not be published unless the Ministry requires it, but it is constrained by Ministry requirements. Number of days in operation will not be publicly posted.</p> <p>Q.14. When will the submarine cable be installed? A.14. Second half of November, pending weather conditions.</p> <p>Q.15. Is the submarine cable protected? A.15. A protective steel armour jacket covers the cabling, and along shore edges there is an additional armoured clamp surrounding the cable to avoid potential damage from watercraft or anchors, etc.</p> <p>Q. 16. Did a tug arrive after hours on Oct. 24 and was there an exemption to the noise by-law? A.16. Windelectric will investigate this.</p>	<p>Communication from Windelectric to follow shortly.</p> <p>Windelectric will review Schedule 21 and advise.</p> <p>Windelectric will investigate the alleged incident and report back to CWG.</p>

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<p>Q.17. If there is an emergency, who would island residents contact? A.17. 9-1-1</p> <p>Q.18. Would full-road closure impede EMS vehicles? A.18. Single lane closures allow for EMS vehicles to pass. If a temporary closure affects both lanes, an EMS vehicle will be allowed to pass by opening the road back up. For longer-term road closures (ex. for turbine or blade delivery), a bypass plan is in place.</p> <p>Q.19. Is Penacon speaking w staff re: workers renting accommodations on the island? A.19. Penacon is not restricting workers from renting on-island. If inquiries regarding accommodations are received by Algonquin, these are forwarded to Penacon, it is up to them if they want to rent on island or not. There have been a few inquiries wrt rentals.</p> <p>Q20. Do workers live in any of the site trailers? A.20. No.</p> <p>Q.21. Are workers allowed to walk on to the ferry? A.21. Penacon has been instructed that no labour is allowed to use the ferry for accessing the site for work. No walk-on traffic is occurring, which wouldn't be practical anyway.</p> <p>Q.22 What is the format of the upcoming CLC meeting? A.22 Questions will be received in writing in advance of the meeting, and commonly-asked questions can also be addressed. Sound system will be in place as well. Notice of meeting can also solicit questions.</p>	<p>Windelectric will follow up with Penacon to reply to all rental inquiries to let landlords know if there is any interest or not from workers, as a courtesy.</p>
<p>The meeting adjourned at 8:27 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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