

CWG # 8 – Questions and Answers (Aug 17, 2017 to Sept 22, 2017)

#	Questions	Answers
1	What is the height of a wind turbine for Amherst Island, in feet?	The height of a wind turbine at hub height is 326.44 feet (99.5 metres).
2	Will the turbines produce light flicker?	A turbine will produce Shadow Flicker however, all provincially and federally regulated guidelines were observed and abided by in the design work for the Amherst Island Wind Farm. Therefore Shadow Flicker resulting from the operation of the Turbines will not exceed the regulated or suggested limits. Please refer to the Shadow Flicker Report at the following link: http://amherstislandwindproject.com/site_main/index.php/public-information/final-shadow-flicker-report/
3	How close will a turbine be built to the nearest home, in feet?	The closest turbine is over 1804.46 feet (550 metres) away to the nearest non-participating home, as per regulations.
4	Why is Windlectric using the Lafarge dock, going through Bath?	The use of the Lafarge dock was a temporary measure employed to overcome a delay in completion of the mainland dock and associated access road. Now that those facilities have been completed, the project has no further plans to make use of the Lafarge dock.
5	What is the purpose of the school bus going to the Island on the Project barge? Why would anyone be denied use of the public ferry?	The school bus that you have seen on the barges is used to transport construction workers to and from the island. As part of the project's Renewable Energy Approval from the province—and reaffirmed in the Operations Plan negotiated with Loyalist Township--the project volunteered to not use the public ferry for construction purposes in order to minimize impacts to island residents.
6	Was an overloaded barge with minimal freeboard unable to dock on Amherst Island on Monday September 11 2017 and forced to return to Picton Terminals to lighten its load?	On Monday September 11, 2017, the aggregate barge was returned to Picton Terminal to adjust aggregate trimming in order to facilitate unloading. This barge was at all times loaded within the limits of the required permits and authorizations.
7	Are buses/vans transporting personnel travelling on the same barge as fuel trucks?	The Project received verification from Authorities in regards to Dangerous Goods regulations, the vessel can lawfully carry diesel fuel trucks without any passenger restrictions. For information, this is based on the elevated flashpoint of the fuel involved.
8	Please provide assurance that McKeil Marine is operating in a manner that respects and exceeds all safety regulations.	The vessels operating under McKeil Marine have all of the registrations and certifications required under current federal and international laws to operate within the Project area and beyond and the documentation has been provided to MOECC. The Project's Marine Logistics Plan includes several elements of the operation that exceed the minimum regulatory requirements, including escort vessels and additional spill

		containment provisions. These elements are active right now. McKeil Marine is operating in a manner that meets and exceeds all safety regulations.
9	<p>Was a turtle sighted by a project staff member or contractor on Tuesday September 13, 2017?</p> <p>Was the sighting documented and forwarded to the NHIC?</p> <p>Was the turtle injured or killed as a result of project work?</p>	<p>A turtle was sighted by a project staff member and/or contractor and member of the public on Tuesday, September 13, 2017. This sighting was properly documented and recorded. The Painted Turtle was not killed in relation to the project, as the turtle was found outside the construction zone and work area.</p>
10	<p>What compensation should be expected by small business owners on the Island whose business will be disrupted by the turbine project construction?</p>	<p>We do not anticipate material impact to small businesses during construction. Small business owners on the island will continually be able to work during turbine project construction, and as such, no compensation should be expected by small business owners.</p>
11	<p>Are there going to be any noise limits associated with construction and truck traffic?</p>	<p>Windlectric Inc. will abide by the Loyalist Township Noise Bylaw. Limited Exemptions from such by-law would require Township approval. Mitigation measures will be used to limit noise impacts, these may include: optimizing work practice efficiency to reduce equipment run times, controlling the amount of re-work through the use of quality controls, ensuring all equipment is serviced and operating properly, and ensuring all regulatory compliance noise suppressing equipment is installed and functional by performing regular equipment inspections and audits (Please see pg. 50 of the Operations Plan for further details).</p>
12	<p>What speed are the construction vehicles going to be restricted to?</p>	<p>Construction vehicles will at all times adhere to posted speed limits on all Township roads.</p>
13	<p>Will you see that all barge traffic coming across from the dock at LaFarge is aware that there are boats in Kerr Bay and to proceed with an eye to marine safety?</p>	<p>As discussed in the Marine Logistics Plan for the Project, Project barge-tug combinations are accompanied by an escort vessel. However it is evident from your letter that at the time of the incident the escort vessel was not in the prime location to warn vessels exiting Kerr Bay. We will in the future ensure that the escort vessel is better positioned to view and warn vessels in the vicinity of Kerr Bay. We will also ask the tug Masters to consider steering a wider course around Kerr Point to improve</p>

		sight distance for all craft.
14	Might I suggest, no matter where the closure is, that you NEVER stop traffic from any direction between the 3/4hour and the top of the hour or whenever the ferry is at the dock. This may prevent people from getting to the ferry on time.	Under the approved Operations Plan (found on our website at amherstislandwindproject.com), we have made commitments to minimize project interference with public ferry access. For example, section 2.3 of the Operations Plan states that project traffic interruptions will start after ferry-bound traffic has passed through a traffic interruption road segment. Deliveries through Stella for turbines S30, S26, S18, S13 (located east of Stella) will be coordinated with the ferry schedule to ensure deliveries occur after the public ferry has departed to the mainland. Any single lane restrictions will have traffic flag persons that will be aware of the ferry schedule and will give priority to traffic bound for the public ferry dock. Regarding school buses, section 2.7.3 of the Operations Plan confirms that there will be no impact to school buses enroute to the ferry as any road closures on a school bus route will be delayed until the school buses have passed. Delivery of major turbine components will also ensure school bus service to the ferry is not interrupted. Section 2.7.5 of the Operations Plan also provides additional details on how Windlectric will strive to avoid ferry traffic impact due to construction traffic.
15	I have never heard of an independent group called The Community Centre. Who are they?	The Community Centre mentioned in the weekly email, is located in the Amherst Island Public School. We understand from the suggestions from Islanders that the School is a 'hub' for the community and everyone on the island would benefit from the donation being spend in this location. We are currently in discussion with the school to determine the best use of this donation.
16	I was wondering what organization(s) would be involved when you said "we will work with the Community Centre to determine the best use for this donation" - Recreation, the School Board, Loyalist Township? Are you asking for public input?	It is correct that we are currently in discussion with parties in charge of the Community Centre to determine its best use. Within the various suggestions received for the donation, there were various ideas how to best spend the donation. These have been provided to those parties in charge.