

**Community Working Group Meeting # 10**

 Amherst Island Wind Energy Project / 160960595
 

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Date/Time: December 13, 2017 / 6:45-8:45 PM  
 Place: Amherst Island Public School  
 Next Meeting: TBD  
 Attendees: Ariel Bautista (Windlectric), Tim Sullivan (Windlectric), Leah Weller (Stantec), Gwen Lauret (local resident), Larry Fleming (local resident), Janet Grace (local resident), Chris Raffael (MOECC)  
 Absentees: Paul McCorquodale (Windlectric), Katherine Myrans (Stantec), Emily Hartwig (Stantec)  
 Distribution: All Committee Members

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

Safety Moment: Wellness is important during the holidays. During the rush and hustle remember to take time to remind yourself what is important to you and to rest and relax.

Item:	Action:
<p><b>CLC #2 Debrief</b></p> <p>CLC meeting minutes accepted and discussed. Status updates are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) For next meeting, if media presence is there, needs to be approved in advance and attendees should be given an opportunity to consent to being recorded.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Media policy to be decided officially by CWG and communicated for next CLC</li> </ol>
<p><b>Review of Agenda and Action Items from CWG #9</b></p> <p>Action items from the October 31<sup>st</sup> meeting were reviewed. The status updates are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Electronic board will be put on hold for the time being because limited in information and onerous process to get permission</li> <li>2) Not company practice to release details regarding accidents or emergencies due to privacy matters. No public information will be released regarding site-related EMS events.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Tim will review submitted email questions to determine who sent in the question</li> </ol>

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<p>3) Schedule 21 is the zoning protocol, has no associated maps. Windlectric requires more information on what is being requested.</p> <p>4) Tug boat did arrive on the date noted, but it just docked, and did not do any work. No (noise or other) by-law amendments have been requested of the twp.</p> <p>5) Pennecon has been asked to acknowledge the offer of short term or other accommodations when received.</p> <p>Follow up questions:          Q.1. Have any site staff asked about accommodations on the island for short-term rentals during inclement weather?          A.1. Short term requests are being investigated/inventoried to provide a list of available short term accommodations available, as it is acknowledged that potential upcoming bad winter weather may result in the need for these accommodations.</p>	<p>and follow up for clarification</p>
<p><b>Company Updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construction updates: Turbine components are arriving now, and being stored on the mainland. Tower sections will be brought by barge to lay-down yard soon. Road construction is moving forward; access road from Stella 40 to S Shore is complete. Foundations are being constructed. Activity is ramping down over the next week as the following week is the winter holiday. Tower sections are manufactured in Windsor, Blades are manufactured in Tilsonburg. Nacelle's are manufactured near Oshawa. Boring for collector line near shore is moving forward. First turbine part is scheduled to arrive on the island as early as next week.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Review of Submitted Questions</b></p> <p>Windlectric provided the CWG members with a log of all questions received by the company from members of the public from October 28, 2017, through December 13, 2017. The facilitator read each of the questions aloud, and the company provided answers.</p> <p>Follow-up questions:</p> <p>Q.1. If you get a question that is very specific does it get reviewed at the CWG?</p> <p>A.1. Where questions are very specific and can be addressed directly with the individual asking, they are not included as a part of the general FAQ. Where questions are brought forward through CWG members, follow up might go directly to the individual or might be addressed in public FAQ documents if they are more general.</p>	

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<p>Personal information is redacted where required for privacy. CWG members are not always copied on the reply when it is provided directly to the questioner.</p> <p>Q.2. Can CWG member bringing forward a question be provided with acknowledgment of question receipt and that a reply has been provided or is forthcoming.</p> <p>A.2. Windlectric has a log of all questions and responses. They can look into a system for acknowledging response to CWG.</p>	<p>3. Windlectric to provide details on how to keep CWG appraised of status of questions submitted</p>
<p><b>CWG General Discussion and New Questions</b></p> <p>A number of questions were submitted to CWG members from the community:</p> <p>Q.1. Note that church property is experiencing settled dust/dirt and is looking "dirty" and Windlectric should follow up on dust issues.</p> <p>A.1. Windlectric will follow up.</p> <p>Q.2. Request to work sequentially rather than working on multiple lane closures to maintain open 3m lane width at all times.</p> <p>A.2. Windlectric's aim is to only close one lane at a time, or minimize full road closures to the extent possible. In some areas this was not possible where roads narrow. In these instances road closures are the only way to continue with work expediently. Work can be accomplished much faster with full road closures.</p> <p>Q.3. Shouldn't road width have been accounted for in the planning process?</p> <p>A.3. Some of these unknowns have resulted from changes that occurred as detailed design progressed; thus some of the planning and design measures have had to be determined in the field or in late-stage design. Roads requirements have been negotiated with the Township after completion of REA documentation and may continue to evolve as the project moves forward.</p> <p>Q.4. Will conduits on shore wells be damaged or cut? If so, will they be repaired?</p> <p>A.4. Windlectric has inventoried conduits and Pennecon will confirm these. But boring under South Shore will avoid conduits. If any unforeseen circumstances result in unplanned water use cut-off, contingency measures are in place.</p>	<p>4. Windlectric to examine atmospheric deposition to determine if dust suppression is adequate and if remedial cleaning is necessary.</p>

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<p>Q.5. Will workers be allowed to use the island store?            A.5. Windlectric has discussed customer access to the store for workers. Most workers bring their own meals with them and coffee is provided on the site. Windlectric will continue to message to Pennecon that workers are allowed to use the store. Windlectric will explore opportunities for retail activity with the store owners, including the potential for a standing order or other purchasing activities.</p> <p>Q.6. What has been done to address concerns of the Little family?            A.6. Pennecon noted that the meeting was rescheduled due to availability, and a follow-up was provided to try to reschedule.</p> <p>Q.7. Has Windlectric undertaken blasting and are blasting materials brought to the island?            A.7. No blasting has been done.</p> <p>Q.8. Have meeting Q&amp;As from CLC #2 been posted?            A.8. Meeting minutes are being finalized and will be posted very soon.</p> <p>Q.9. Will an accurate record of the meeting be circulated?            A.9. Yes, Stantec's meeting minutes are reviewed by CWG members and will be posted to the website.</p> <p>Q.10. Is a communications company being hired to ensure adequate communications?            A.10. This is in the process of being undertaken.</p> <p>Q.11. Why are surveyors not responding to public questions?            A.11. Surveyors are being instructed to focus on their work and to relay questions to Windlectric to ensure that the correct answers are being provided to the project. Windlectric will speak with surveyors to ensure they are explaining this accurately to questioners.</p> <p>Q.12. Flagpersons are not properly flagging. Was the flagperson doing their job properly when the OPP was called regarding a traffic incident?            A.12. This question was responded to in email question response.</p> <p>Q.13. What has happened to the soft spot on Stella 40 foot?            A.13. It has been addressed, and the ground is now frozen. No safety concerns are noted at this time.</p> <p>Q.14. Will parking on public roads during winter no-parking times take place?            A.14. Windlectric will comply with the parking by-law.</p>	<p>5. Windlectric to communicate with Pennecon and the Island Store to determine if a standing order or other retail activity can be arranged to benefit both workers and the store.</p> <p>6. Windlectric to post meeting minutes on website.</p>

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<p>Q.15. Will heavy equipment be moved off public roads at the end of the working day?            A.15. Yes.</p> <p>Q. 16. What mitigation measures are in place to avoid negative impacts to owls?            A.16. All birds are protected through the mitigation measures provided, including owls.</p> <p>Q.17. Will work after hours take place? I have seen work taking place at 9:30 at night.            A.17. Patrols (security or other) to check on the site can happen after hours.</p> <p>Q.18. Where will refueling take place, and can it happen off the main site?            A.18. Vehicles go back to the central area to be refueled unless they run out of fuel on site and can't get back to the main site. There is a very specific protocol for refueling.</p> <p>Q.19. One resident has a video recording of traffic safety concerns.            A.19. Windlectric would be happy to receive recordings and will review and follow up.</p> <p>Q20. What happened with the unmarked holes noted at the CLC #2?            A.20. Windlectric followed up and these have been assessed. Some were found and they will fill them now that hunting season is over (it was determined that it would not be safe to send personnel out to fill the holes during hunting season).</p> <p>Q.21. Some questions were received from APAI that were addressed in the meeting and will be forwarded to Windlectric for response.            A.21. Windlectric will address these questions directly.</p> <p>Q.22. Little family is asking about required setbacks for lights and equipment from their home.            A.22. A response has been drafted and will be sent shortly.</p> <p>Q.23. A specific question was posed with regard to drainage on a specific property. Could the turbine have a negative impact on area drainage?            A.23. Windlectric will review and respond directly. An analysis of drainage and natural heritage features has been done, and this will be provided to the questioner.</p>	<p>7. CWG member to request that video be forwarded to Windlectric for further investigation.</p> <p>8. Windlectric to provide an update when they are filled.</p>

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<p>Q.24. Has there been a response regarding short term rental availability?            A.24. A log of housing availability is being set up.</p> <p>Q. 25. Have there been any problems with the tug boats and safety?            A.25. No issues have been reported to date. Some people have complained about the lights from the tugs at night.</p> <p>Q.26. What happens with winter maintenance, snow removal, and silt fences?            A.26. the silt fencing will be repaired as required throughout the winter, and especially in the spring before and during spring melt. Snow removal will be done by Windlectric on private roads and by the twp. On public roads. If additional ploughing is required this would be addressed through the current contract with the twp.</p>	<p>9. Windlectric to provide a response to the Little family.</p> <p>10. Windlectric to provide a response and the drainage analysis.</p>
<p><b>The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM</b></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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