

Community Working Group Meeting # 15

 Amherst Island Wind Energy Project / 160960595

Date/Time: May 29, 2018 / 6:45-8:45 PM
 Place: 1900 Front Road, Amherst Island, ON
 Next Meeting: June 13, 2018
 Attendees: Ariel Bautista (Windlectric), Tim Sullivan (Windlectric), Leah Weller (Stantec), Gwen Lauret (local resident), Larry Fleming (local resident),
 Absentees: Chris Raffael (MOECC), Katy Potter (MOECC), Janet Grace (local resident)
 Distribution: All Committee Members

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

Safety Moment: Be aware of heat stress/heat exhaustion. Signs/symptoms include rapid pulse, dizziness/faintness, headache, hot, dry or clammy skin, nausea. If heat stress is suspected, get out of sun/heat, rehydrate (with non-alcoholic, caffeine-free beverages), cool skin with wet cloth. Avoid heat stress by staying hydrated, avoiding sun exposure between 11am – 3pm.

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<p>Review of Agenda and Action Items from CWG #14</p> <p>Action items from the April 30, 2018 meeting were reviewed. The status updates are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Windlectric will respond to the individual directly (in relation to the submitted questions with regard to the Stage 2 Archeological Assessment, archeological assessments in general, road widening and trenching, etc.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Message was left 2) The amendment to the noise-by-law will be posted to the Project website. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This has been posted 3) Windlectric will provide a response to the individual (in relation to a question regarding construction foreperson conduct and notification of upcoming construction items). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Link not added because full by-law was posted. 4) Windlectric will provide a response to the individual (in relation to a question regarding Blandings Turtle protocol and the condition of silt fencing along 3rd Concession Road). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Email was sent to the individual and a message was left offering a discussion. No response has been received. 	

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5) Blandings turtle question. - A response has been drafted and will be sent.	
Company Updates 1) Turbines are all up. 2) Collector work is finishing up. 3) Restoration activities have started and will continue into the fall. 4) First group of turbines will start spinning at the end of this week and will continue to bring the rest online thereafter. There are 3 circuits that will be brought online. Turbines will turn on and off as commissioning work is carried out.	
Review of Submitted Questions Windlectric provided the CWG members with a log of all questions received by the company from members of the public from May 1 st , 2018, through May 29 th , 2018. The facilitator read each of the questions aloud, and the company provided answers. Follow-up questions: Q1. Can the farm access the land on which the turbines sit? A1. Windlectric is the tenant on the leased land, and generally landowners are granted use of the project's access road. Access to turbines and related infrastructure is limited to project operators. Q2. Will operations staff live locally? A2. This is encouraged. Q3. Will Windlectric continue to lease the land the dock is on? A3. Yes, for the life of the project. Q4. When will the turbines be operational (switched on)? A4. During the early weeks of June, certain turbines will turn on and off as testing and commissioning works occur. The overall project is anticipated to reach commercial operation by the end of June.	

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<p>Q5. At the Ernestown project some residents reported a two-week period of excessive noise when the turbines became operational. Will this occur with this project?</p> <p>A5. The Amherst Island Wind Project is expected to operate within normal parameters, including sound profiles, as described in approved REA documentation.</p> <p>Q6. Is there any consideration for Windlectric to purchase any of the homes as a project office with temporary accommodation when needed by visiting staff or repair crews? If not, will Ariel or Tim seriously raise it with those in decision making positions?</p> <p>A6. There is no plan in place to purchase any property on the island.</p> <p>Q7. Will baseline noise testing to demonstrate compliance occur prior to the planned commercial operation date? Will MOECC staff attend and validate the results? Will the info be public?</p> <p>A7. Windlectric will comply with all relevant REA conditions, including those pertaining to acoustic monitoring.</p> <p>Q8. What justification did Windlectric provide to the Township to enable a Noise By-law exemption for electrical commissioning? Please provide a copy of the rationale provided to the Township and a copy of the approval.</p> <p>A8. The approved Noise By-law variance application can be found on the Township website (search for the Jan 18, 2018 special council session). https://loyalist.civicweb.net/document/109443/Special%20Council%20-%202018%20Jan%202018.pdf?handle=C1CF71BCEFE14464ADD903837944ECDA</p> <p>Q9. KOS has advised residents on South Shore that turbines are interfering with line of sight for internet access causing intermittent problems. Will Windlectric work with KOS to resolve?</p> <p>A9. It has been our experience that wireless internet services will not be affected by wind turbine operation. We will review potential incidents of telecommunication (including internet) interference on a case by case basis. Once the project reaches operational status, the operations team will investigate as required. Please send inquiries into the project email (windlectric@amherstislandwindproject.com) so that we may log and follow up accordingly.</p> <p>Q10. What exactly is Windlectric going to do to resolve the many soft spots on the roads?</p> <p>A10. Windlectric will work with its maintenance crews throughout the remaining construction and restoration period of the project to address any soft spots as</p>	

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<p>required. As per the approved Road Use Agreement, following commercial operation declaration, a Post-Construction Study will be prepared by Windlectric and will be reviewed by the Township. Any reasonable deficiencies will be reviewed between Windlectric and the Township.</p> <p>Q11. Why are the lights on at night at the laydown area interfering with breeding of turtles and birds?</p> <p>A11. Lights at the central laydown area are limited to security and safety needs and are within permitted activities for the project.</p> <p>Q12. Did Windlectric liaise with or contact Deputy Mayor Ric Bresee concerning the company's donation to the Kingston hospital Foundation?</p> <p>A12. Windlectric is committed to communicating freely and openly to all members of the community. Information pertaining to specific donations is not publicly disclosed in order to respect the privacy of parties involved.</p> <p>Q13. Did Windlectric or one of its contractors deliver Liberal campaign materials on the Island?</p> <p>A13. N/A</p> <p>Q14. The ERT decision recommended no grading of access roads during the turtle nesting season. Why is Windlectric failing to comply and indeed continues to excavate for collector lines and grade access roads almost daily?</p> <p>A14. Windlectric confirms compliance to REA requirements and continues to regularly correspond and verify this with authorities, such as the MOECC.</p> <p>Q15. Ferry access continues to be challenging. How many project vehicles are using the ferry daily?</p> <p>A15. As per the Operations Plan, Windlectric's usage of the ferry is expected to generate average usage of 10-12 vehicle round trips per day. While the larger ferry (the Frontenac II) was under service, Windlectric avoided regular usage of the smaller Quinte Loyalist ferry in order to minimize disruptions to residents.</p> <p>Q16. Windlectric staff and experts testified under oath that no construction would occur from March 31 to September 1. Will Windlectric refund the \$300k invested by residents in the ERT hearing as I believe the company has clearly not honored its commitments?</p> <p>A16. Windlectric has been in compliance with its permits throughout the entire construction period and is committed to continuing efforts to remain compliant.</p> <p>Q17. Will Windlectric reimburse me for lost revenue due to reduced access to my home studio and gallery. My revenue from studio business and gallery sales</p>	

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<p>has dropped approximately \$11,000.00 since construction started last October. They assured me at that time that my business would not be affected by the construction. Other Island small business owners may be in the same situation.</p> <p>A17. There is no plan to reimburse the property-owner's home-based studio and gallery claim- access to the property was available throughout the construction period.</p>	
<p>CWG General Discussion and New Questions</p> <p>Q.1. What will happen to the gravel being removed from the island?</p> <p>A.1. Any construction material removed from the island will be handled in accordance with applicable regulations.</p> <p>Q.2. will habitat lease areas have access roads built?</p> <p>A.2. In order to maintain the habitat, access is required by typical agriculture equipment.</p>	
<p>Next CWG proposed via teleconference (proposed for June 13), followed by July 10 CLC.</p>	
<p>The meeting adjourned at 7:45 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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