

Community Liaison Committee Meeting # 1

Amherst Island Wind Energy Project / 160960595

Date/Time: December 7, 2016 / 7-9 PM
 Place: Amherst Island Public School
 Next Meeting: TBD
 CLC Attendees: Ariel Bautista (Windlectric), Paul McCorquodale (Windlectric), Katharine Myrans (Stantec), Emma Malcolm (Stantec), Gwen Lauret (local resident), Larry Fleming (local resident), Janet Grace (local resident)
 CLC Absentees: (Ministry of Transportation)
 Distribution: All CLC Members for review, followed by posting on the website

Safety Moment: Facilitator identified Emergency Exits and Washrooms in Venue

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<p>Agenda, Introductions, Topics of Discussion and Communication</p> <p>Facilitator introduced the meeting, provided an overview of agenda items and introduced members of the CLC.</p> <p>Facilitator discussed the purpose of the meeting and the acceptable topics of discussion for the CLC (the CLC Terms of Reference and the construction, operation, maintenance and decommissioning of the facility).</p> <p>CLC members confirmed their preference for receiving feedback from the community in written form via email. Windlectric representatives provided business cards to the CLC members (that can be distributed to the community) with the Windlectric email and website for community members to submit questions and/or comments to the CLC.</p>	<p>Windlectric to post the email address for comments/questions on the Project website.</p>
<p>Project Updates</p> <p>Ariel Bautista provided a Project status update. Confirmed that the REA appeal was overturned by the Environmental Review Tribunal in August 2016 and that the Project is expected to commence construction in winter of 2017. The first items for construction will be the docks and transmission line. It is expected that construction on the Island will ramp up in late summer to early fall of 2017. Turbine deliveries are expected in the fall of 2017.</p> <p>A CLC member asked whether or not the Project has received approval for 26 or 27 turbines. It was confirmed by Windlectric that the contract is limited to 26 turbines but that 27 turbine locations were permitted to allow for flexibility in final detailed design and</p>	<p>Windlectric to update CLC members on the type and number of outstanding permits/approvals required for the Project.</p>

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<p>engineering.</p> <p>Windlectric confirmed that they are 100% committed and required to comply with all REA requirements and conditions of approval.</p> <p>A member asked how many outstanding permits are required for the Project. Windlectric indicated that most permits have been received, but that they will confirm the information before the next CLC meeting.</p>	
<p>Discussion on Terms of Reference</p> <p>The CLC ToR was reviewed paragraph by paragraph for CLC member comments.</p> <p>The membership selection process was reviewed and members of the public and a CLC member requested confirmation that notices had been mailed to the Township, CRCA, interest groups and other stakeholders. Windlectric confirmed that the Township had been invited and declined and that all stakeholders on the mailing list as well as all Islanders received the notice. Windlectric also agreed to consider other members for the CLC members if a spot should open up and applications were received by other interested community members.</p> <p>CLC members discussed the difference between the formal CLC meetings (a minimum of 4 over 2 years) and the Community Working Group (CWG) meetings (every month that the CLC does not have a formal meeting over the next 2 years), and asked that the ToR be updated to better differentiate the structure and purpose of the CWG meetings from the CLC meetings.</p>	<p>Windlectric and Stantec to review the mailing list to confirm that the CRCA and interest groups such as APAI and CARE were invited to apply to the CLC.</p> <p>Windlectric to consider accepting new applications to the CLC.</p> <p>Stantec to update the ToR to distinguish CWG from CLC meetings and create a ToR specific to the CWG. Revised ToR to be distributed to CLC members at least 1 week prior to first CWG meeting.</p>
<p>CLC Members Discussion</p> <p>An open discussion among CLC members was held to discuss a variety of issues. The facilitator explained that due to the current legal case brought against the MOECC by local interest groups that Windlectric may not be able to respond immediately to certain questions to avoid a conflict of interest. Where an answer could not be provided, it would be addressed at the next CWG and/or CLC.</p> <p>One CLC member had a list of questions sent by stakeholders and read the question aloud. This list has been appended to these meeting notes. Windlectric will provide a response to many of these questions at the next CWG and CLC but where a response was provided at the meeting, the topic/response is provided below:</p> <p>There are a number of outstanding plans that Windlectric should be preparing (e.g. Stormwater Management Plan, Emergency Management Plan, etc.) and the CLC wanted to know when the plans be ready for review. Windlectric responded that the Operations</p>	<p>Windlectric to review the list of questions provided by the CLC member and prepare responses for the next meeting.</p> <p>Windlectric to ask the Municipality how long it will take to finalize the Operations Plan and Road Use Agreement.</p> <p>Windlectric to provide CLC members with a status update on the Road Use Agreement.</p> <p>Windlectric committed to making all information</p>

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<p>Plan is still being revised with the Municipality and that Plan is the "umbrella plan" for the plans requested by the CLC members. Once the Operations Plan is complete, components of it will be brought forward for Public consultation.</p> <p>The CLC members asked whether a barge and ferry crossing Risk Assessment was completed. Windlectric confirmed that this Risk Assessment was completed, and that this process involved consultation with a number of potentially affected stakeholders. Windlectric noted that consultation with stakeholders helped to influence the dock locations.</p> <p>CLC members discussed a number of issues related to the construction schedule, including the construction of the docks, whether the Picton dock would be used for shipping aggregates, the impacts on local ferry users during the early phases of construction of the Project, and whether local contractors would be used. Windlectric indicated that multiple aggregate sources are being considered, the company would use the public ferry as little as possible to reduce impacts on the public and would use local contractors where possible.</p> <p>CLC members asked about the status of the Road Use Agreement. Windlectric said that they are working on this with the municipality and will provide an update in the future.</p> <p>CLC members raised concerns about the effects of noise and emissions on school children of the batch plant. Windlectric confirmed this was considered in the REA application. Windlectric also noted that they are required to comply with regulations around hours of operation for the batch plant (Monday to Friday from 7AM-7PM, for 120 days of the year), the number of trucks per hour and the municipal noise by-law. Another CLC member reminded the committee that this issue had been addressed by the ERT.</p> <p>Other questions raised by the CLC members include whether or not all the Geotechnical Reports for the Project have been finalized and will be made public, if the permit for the Lake Bed has been submitted and approved, whether or not the permit for crossing navigable waterways has been submitted and completed and the status of the Notice to Proceed. Windlectric indicated that the Geotechnical Reports had been completed but would not be made public. Windlectric would confirm the status of the Lake Bed Permit and crossing permit and would follow up about the Notice to Proceed.</p>	<p>that can be made public, at this point, available to members of the CLC with respect to the items discussed.</p>
<p>The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM</p>	



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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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Turbines: Which turbine of the 27 approved locations will be removed from the plan?

Community Liaison Committee: Were representatives of the Kingston Field Naturalists, Loyalist Township, the County of Lennox and Addington, and the Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority invited to participate on the Committee? Is there an opportunity to expand the Committee to include representatives from these organizations and others like the Association to Protect Amherst Island and CAIRE?

Permits: Exactly which permits are outstanding for the project and will you post the list on the project web site?

Emergency Response and Communications Plan: The safety of the community is a very high priority. Has a comprehensive risk analysis been conducted? When will the Emergency Response Plan be available and posted on the web site for public review and comment?

Schedule: The IESO web site says the Commercial Operation Date for the project is January 2016 and the project is "pre Notice to Proceed". What is Windlectric's understanding of the Commercial Operation Date and the status of the Notice to Proceed? Specifically, how many days has the project been extended due to "force majeure"? Will Algonquin comply with the commitments made by Alex Tsopelas to the ERT?

Marine Safety and Logistics Plan: Exactly where will the docks be located? Why would you locate the docks so that barges have to cross the ferry path? Has Windlectric completed a risk analysis and studies simulating how 12 barges per day can cross the ferry path safely? When will the Marine Safety and Logistics Plan be available for review? Is the Picton Terminal being considered for the transport of aggregate?

Ferry: Residents are concerned about the use of the ferry. How much will the company use the ferry for construction?

Batch Plant: The safety and health schoolchildren and the community as a whole is a major concern. Nothing is more important than the safety of children. I am not sure what the company was thinking when it chose to locate a batch plant near the school. If I could ask you to move it I would. What was the reasoning behind locating a cement plant by the school? Is it possible for Windlectric to comply with the MOECC restrictions on the operation of the batch plant (7 am to 7 pm Monday to Friday and 8 trucks per hour)?

Geotechnical: What are the results of the core drilling and when will the results be posted? Do the results show that more aggregate and concrete will be needed for the construction of turbines? It seems that the number of trucks has increased to 24,000 and as many as 50,000 and our roads cannot handle this load.

Public Meeting: Will Windlectric hold the public meeting required in the Roads Use Agreement prior to beginning construction?

Permits: Will Windlectric post all permits as they are received on the website to improve the public's understanding of the project and schedule? What permits are outstanding?

Lakebed: Has Windlectric received authorization for construction on the lakebed at the location where the transmission line crosses the bubbler line.

IESO: Has the Notice to Proceed been issued by the IESO? Has the 20 year contract timeframe of the FIT contract been reduced as a result of missing the Commercial Operation Date?