

## Community Liaison Committee Meeting # 2

Amherst Island Wind Energy Project / 160960595

Date/Time: November 30, 2017 / 6:15-9:20 PM  
 Place: Amherst Island Public School  
 Next Meeting: TBD  
 CLC Attendees: Ariel Bautista (Windlectric), Tim Sullivan (Windlectric), Leah Weller (Stantec), Emily Hartwig (Stantec), Gwen Lauret (local resident), Larry Fleming (local resident), Janet Grace (local resident), Chris Raffael (MOECC)  
 CLC Absentees: Paul McCorquodale (Windlectric)  
 Distribution: All CLC Members for review, followed by posting on the website

**Safety Moment:** Facilitator invited CLC members to provide a safety moment. The facilitator noted that road conditions can deteriorate this time of year (in the late fall/early winter) due to poor weather, creating wet and slippery roads. The facilitator reminded attendees to prepare an emergency kit for their vehicles.

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<p><b>Welcome - Greeting, Introduction, Review of the Agenda and CLC Introduction</b></p> <p>The facilitator introduced the meeting, provided an overview of agenda items and introduced members of the CLC.</p> <p>The facilitator discussed the purpose of the meeting and the topics of discussion for the CLC (construction, operation, maintenance and decommissioning of the facility, communication between members of the Project team and community members).</p>	
<p><b>Topics of Discussion</b></p> <p>The facilitator discussed appropriate methods to communicate with the CLC/CWG members which include submitting questions via the Project website and reaching out to members of the CWG.</p> <p>The company noted that similar comments and questions submitted by members of the community may be amalgamated into one question in order to provide a succinct response by the company.</p>	
<p><b>Project Updates</b></p> <p>The company thanked the members of the CLC for participating in the CLC/CWG meetings.</p> <p>An update on construction activities was provided by the company:</p>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Main land - Submarine cable has been successfully placed across the north channel;</li> <li>• Island – moving of aggregate, excavation of foundations and drilling for the turbines, public road upgrades and addressing safety concerns, and the main power transformer beside the laydown yard;</li> <li>• Schedule –construction activity is on schedule; and</li> <li>• Turbine tower sections – north of Highway 33, three (3) of the five (5) turbine tower sections have now been delivered. Other turbine tower components to be delivered in the next few weeks and turbines are planned to be erected in the next few months.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>CLC Discussion</b></p> <p>Windlelectric provided the CLC members with a log of all questions received by the company from members of the public from November 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 through November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The facilitator read each of the questions aloud, and the company provided answers.</p> <p>Additional items related to the submitted questions were addressed as follows:</p> <p>Q.1 Where is the submarine cable coming out of the water onto the Island? Is there a risk for an anchor being tangled in the submarine cable?</p> <p>A.1 the cable was anchored on the Island, beside the project's Island dock. The submarine cable has been armored in a manner such that no anchors will become tangled.</p> <p>Q.2 Will construction of turbines S26 and S30 encroach on Marshall Forty-Foot Road and/or its hedgerow?</p> <p>A.2 Residents have noted concern that trees marked with flagging tape were identified for removal, however these trees were marked as a means to log the types of trees along forty-foot road. These trees are not identified for removal.</p> <p>Q.3.1 Why were new wells created for testing? Why were the existing wells not used?</p> <p>A.3.1 After discussion with the MOECC, it was determined that the best way to investigate was by creating these new test wells. The test</p>	

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<p>well locations were selected after a robust review by experts, who considered the various hydrogeological conditions on the Island.</p> <p>Q.3.2 What was the well depth?</p> <p>A.3.2 As explained by an MOECC representative in attendance: the wells that were drilled to a comparable depth of any foundation that would be excavated for the turbines.</p> <p>Typically, residential wells are not used in these testing scenarios. This is why these new test wells were drilled. Initially 3 wells were planned, when these were found to be dry, 2 more wells were drilled which were also dry. This provided proof to the fact that the experts noted that there are no water bearing laterals in the bedrock at the depths of which the turbine anchors will be drilled. The drilled depth was 25 m. Anchors for the turbines are drilled to a depth of 15 m.</p> <p>Q.3.3 Would residents be advised to have their wells tested?</p> <p>A.3.3 As explained by an MOECC representative in attendance: the MOECC recommends that all wells should be tested seasonally regardless of construction occurring within the area of the well.</p> <p>Q.4 What are the impacts to property values?</p> <p>A.4 Property value studies have been conducted by other parties to determine the impact of wind power projects on property values. These studies can be published again for the community to view.</p> <p>Q.5 CWG member note concern regarding noise and blockage of the driveway at a specific residence, and ask if these issues have been addressed.</p> <p>A.5 The resident in question has noted project construction employees have been backing into the driveway, and that the phone line was down for a period of time. With respect to the phone lines, there was no evidence from Bell or Hydro that these phone lines were being worked on. All contractors on the project are aware that the driveways are off limits, and the construction employees have been reminded of this. In response to noise concerns, there have not been many complaints on this issue, regardless this concern will be followed up on. When emails or questions of this nature are submitted, they are immediately responded to. Pennecon has held a meeting with the resident in question and the concern will be addressed accordingly.</p>	

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<p>Q.6 Island residents have offered accommodation. Would it be worthwhile to create some type of log or record to note which residents have offered accommodation in the event of an emergency (poor weather, emergency event etc.) necessitating construction personnel to stay on the island with residents.</p> <p>A.6 Windlectric will look into creating a record of available accommodation.</p> <p>Q.7 With the poor weather coming up (winter weather, ice forming) are you prepared for difficult water crossings?</p> <p>A.7 The volatility of weather and wind changes throughout the day and are most extreme in the fall and begin to diminish in the winter months. These events have been acknowledged and prepared for.</p>	<p>1. Windlectric will determine if an accommodation log can be created.</p>
<p><b>Break – Q/A Period</b></p> <p>The facilitator invited meeting attendees to interact with the CLC members to ask their project related questions. The facilitator noted questions could also be written down on the Comment Forms provided, and placed in one of the comment boxes provided, handed to a CLC member, or mailed directly to the facilitator using a postage paid, self-addressed envelope.</p>	
<p><b>General Discussion</b></p> <p>Questions and comments submitted to the CLC during the break were addressed as follows:</p> <p>Q.1 What is being done regarding protecting road workers from hostile and aggressive drivers?</p> <p>A.1 Any instances of this type of behavior are noted and the proper authorities are notified.</p> <p>Q.2 There was a memo written on or around November 15<sup>th</sup> regarding an incident that occurred under the supervision of representatives of Algonquin Power at 5700 3<sup>rd</sup> Concession Road on November 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. What does the memo say happened, how was it addressed, and how will it change the way things are done going forward?</p> <p>A.2 A conversation was held between the resident, the offending party, and a member of the company. The memo in question will be followed up on.</p> <p>The MOECC representative in attendance agreed to follow up with resident to determine if any mitigation measures are required.</p>	<p>2. Windlectric will follow-up on the memo in question.</p>

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<p>Q.3.1 Have all landowners whose lands are entangled in the project because an adjoining landowner with a right-of-way – or some other legal involvement – been notified that their property may be impacted as well? [The resident noted the question relates specifically to a blocked driveway within a RoW].</p> <p>A.3.1 It is not the intent of the company to impede on neighboring properties. No notification is made to the neighboring parties that are not part of the project, as these types of incidents are not planned and should not occur. The event in question will be investigated by the Company.</p> <p>Q.3.2 Did any other incidents occur between November 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> – and if so, were these landowners notified?</p> <p>A.3.2 Windlectric is not aware of any other incident occurring during these dates. Windlectric noted their commitment to following the rules set out for the project and that they do not condone the breaking of the rules and regulations set out for the Project. Any other situation brought forward will be investigated thoroughly.</p> <p>Q.4 How does the archeological survey that was undertaken a few years ago related to the bounds of the project? Is the project required to take place entirely within those bounds as was indicated at the time? If not, what then was the purpose of the original archeological survey?</p> <p>A.4 All project work is required to stay within the surveyed archaeological boundaries, as stated in the regulatory guidance.</p> <p>Q.5 What measures are being taken to ensure that no contamination of the environment occurs from remnants of silt fence, or other construction debris left behind on either public land or private? What authorities regulate and should be made aware of any such contamination left in the environment?</p> <p>A.5 Silt fences are project components that are constantly being repaired and fixed. Any construction debris is to be collected by construction staff, as per the requirement. After the project construction is complete, restoration activities will take place that would catch these remaining items.</p>	



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<p>the general store. Discussions can be held with the Island businesses to generate interaction. A designated individual can be appointed from the company/construction staff.</p> <p>Q.10 Has there been any developments on the forest roads issue? Remediation, gravel etc.?</p> <p>A.10 Together with the Township the company has been working to resolve the issue. Individual cases have been addressed as required.</p> <p>Q.11 Is the upcoming newsletter going to address the project related benefits to the community?</p> <p>A.11 The community benefits have been incorporated into previous newsletters and in the email blasts, and these efforts can continue to be made to note the benefits of the project to the community. This newsletter will not be addressing the community benefits, as there are many other activities going on currently, but community benefits will be noted in upcoming notifications.</p> <p>Q.12 Can the CLC be expanded to occur 3 or 4 times a year?</p> <p>A.12 This request has been discussed by the CWG/CLC members. Windlectric will continue to follow the REA regulations and guidelines.</p>	<p>solution moving forward.</p> <p>5. Windlectric will include benefits to the community in future newsletters and email blasts.</p>
<p><b>Meeting Concludes – the meeting adjourned at 9:20 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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