

Wainfleet Wind Energy



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Wainfleet Wind Project Community Liaison Committee Meeting

R.C.I. NO.: J3-63 / WWE

MEETING DATE: December 6, 2017

MEETING TIME: 07:00pm till 08:00pm

REPORT DATE: December 7, 2017

RECORDER: Jordan Beekhuis

MEETING REPORT NO.: CLC #04

Note: If any of the contents of this meeting report differ in any respect from your own recollection of the points discussed or decisions reached, please notify us immediately. In the meantime, we will proceed in accordance with the understanding described herein.

LOCATION: St. Elizabeth Catholic School, 31950 Sugarloaf Street, Wainfleet, Ontario

PRESENT:

John B. Armstrong	Facilitator
Dan Augustine	Public Member
George Dayboll	Public Member
Jordan Dayboll	Public Member
John Dekker	Public Member
Frank DeRuyte	Public Member
John MacLellan	Wainfleet Wind Energy (WWE) Member
Jordan Beekhuis	WWE Member
Attending Residents of the Community (2)	

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New Business

- 1.0 Agenda
- 2.0 Review the Terms of Reference – Act as a liaison facilitating two way communications between the Company and members of the public with respect *to issues relating to the construction, installation, use, operation, maintenance and retirement of the facility.*
- 3.0 Meeting Minutes from Dec 16, 2016 available on the project website were reviewed. No questions were raised with respect to the minutes. Motion to accept minutes Passed.
- 4.0 Business arising from the Minutes – None
- 5 Questions from CLC Members
 - Dan Augustine asked if the turbine production was meeting expectations.
 - 1 . WWE noted that the 26GWh posted on the website is a conservative estimate developed when determining project viability. While the production varies from year to year it has consistently exceeded this estimate.
 - Dan Augustine asked why cranes had been brought to site and blades removed/reinstalled on one of the turbines.
 - 1 . WWE explained that the turbines monitoring system determined the blade pitch bearings on this unit were wearing prematurely and could eventually cause the blades to no longer be able to change pitch. The bearing on each blade was replaced as a preventative measure during the low wind summer season.
- 6 Questions from the Public
 - Local resident asked who would be responsible for removing the wind turbines when they are no longer in use. He stated his concern that the town would be made responsible for them and his belief that funding should have to be set aside by the owners for decommissioning.
 - 1 . WWE confirmed that WWE would be responsible for turbine removal should it ever be required and that a decommissioning plan is posted on the project website. It was also made clear that there is significant opportunity for extending the life of these turbines or replacing them and that established sites would likely remain in active use for the foreseeable future. It was discussed that set aside funds are not required for businesses or industries with much greater potential decommissioning costs than wind turbines and that the scrap value of the turbines is sufficient to fund their removal making it unnecessary even if it was common practice.
 - Local resident shared with the committee that the noise from the wind turbines bothers him at his home. He indicated that while he could not hear them at all times that, like the rail road nearby, under many weather

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conditions he can hear them. He described how he had actively opposed the development from early on but had not been able to stop the project from being built. The noise from the turbines now that they are running can sound like a “jet” forcing him to close his windows in some instances and at other times the noise keeps him up at night. The resident mentioned that he keeps notes for each of these events.

1. WWE explained that the turbines are not held to a standard of inaudibility but rather a sound level limit so at times they will be audible. WWE asked the resident if he would be willing to provide the company with a copy of his log to review if any abnormal conditions were present during the times that identified excessive noise. Contact information was exchanged for follow up after the meeting.

7 The Facilitator noted that, as the CLC first met in April of 2015 this 4th meeting meets the requirements set out in the project REA that the company endeavor to achieve. The CLC members were asked how they would like to move forward with the CLC in the future.

- The CLC members noted they are active and well known in the community and can bring questions/issues that arise to WWE without the need for formal meetings.
- It was noted that public interest/attendance at these meetings has been very low.

Motion put forward to disband the CLC as follows:

- Routine meetings of the CLC will no longer be held and a notice will be sent to the MOECC for their comments.
- WWE and the current CLC members will remain in communication in a more informal capacity and will reevaluate the need for a more structured community engagement if the level of public interest increases.
- If the MOECC requires the continuation of the CLC meetings the current members confirmed their willingness to continue to participate provided the frequency of the meetings is reduced.

Motion passed.

Minutes prepared by: Jordan Beekhuis

Attachments: Nil

Distribution: CLC members, Project Website, MOECC Director