

## CLC MEETING MINUTES

CLC Meeting – November 11, 2015; 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Pioneer Rooms – 714519 Middletown Line Woodstock, ON

Members Present: Susan Shaw  
Alan Dale  
David Steenburg  
Larry Martin

Administrative: Carr Villabroza, Prowind

Regrets: Amy Lickers  
Evert Veldhuizen

Guests: Faris Sha'ban, RES (The wind farm general contractor)

### **1. Introductions:**

The Committee members introduced themselves to each other and the audience. The guest Faris Sha'ban was introduced by Susan Shaw.

The committee discussed the process of posting the minutes from last meeting on the Gunn's Hill website. Since those minutes were written there has been an update on one of the open items, with respect to the Environmental Review Tribunal. The Tribunal issued a decision in October. The appeal was denied and the project is moving forward.

Construction update:

An update was provided by Mr. Sha'ban: Access roads and the entrances to those roads have already started and almost completed. Half of the turbine areas are being prepared this fall. Roads should be completed by end of November. Mobilizing for work at the sub-station work will soon be started. The ground at the substation will be stripped, leveled, and a grounding system and foundations for the building installed. From January to April there will be a winter break in the construction.

A question was asked about how long it takes to put up a turbine? Susan responded about a week.

A question was asked about what roads will be used. Is Hwy 59 being used? Susan Shaw replied that the roads that will see the traffic are Highway 59, and the area between Highway 59 and Middletown Line, between Firehall Road and Curries Road, starting in April.

Another question was about the width of the roads for large components. Are the road allowances big enough? Are the roads going to be brought back to its original state? Susan – on a temporary basis, gravel will be added to corners to make it easier for turns. These are to be removed afterwards, unless the Township decides otherwise. [After the meeting, it was determined that the intersections that require temporary improvements are Highway 59 at Curries Road, Curries Road at Middletown Line, and Highway 59 at Firehall Road. As all of these involve a county road, Oxford County is the approving authority.]

The number for the complaint hotline is posted on each entrance road as well as on GH website. The hotline number is 1-888-702-6915. We have had one call to date and it was a tradesperson looking for employment.

## **2. Input for Community Fund:**

Prowind will be funding \$ 25K a year towards community project. The Oxford Community Energy Co-operative is designated as administrator for the fund.

There was a question raised if this group was interested in taking input from the public and deciding which project has merit and to bring those to OCEC? There was general agreement that this was a good activity for the committee to engage in.

There were general questions and discussions around the types of proposals to be considered and the timing. As funding will not start for quite some time yet, these can be worked out at the next meeting. Other than that the projects be local and for the community, there are no stricter requirements.

One member of the audience spoke about this and opined that Ward 4 is where the community funding should go, since it is where the turbines are situated. She provided some examples of potential Ward 4 projects, including the firehall next door looking for new extraction equipment, the Pioneer Rooms needs a podium, a small speaker system, and Curries Park.

Larry Martin mentioned that it will also be important to decide how to inform and engage the public in the process, and decide the best ways to do that, whether it be word-of-mouth, a website or newspaper ads.

## **3. Administration of the Committee**

Does the Committee need to elect a Chair? Does the committee feel the need for a chair or leave Prowind to be the administrator of the committee?

These questions led into a discussion of including the members not present, and trying to include them more in the next meeting. As a result, the Committee determined that the next meeting should be June 27, 2016, at the same place and time, as that week night might enable better attendance.

## **4. Questions from the Audience**

- a. Regarding construction so far, have there been any issues with traffic? Disruption has been kept to a minimum. A couple of days on Firehall Road, they were working right on the edge of road, and have had to close one lane.
- b. Comment from someone in the audience: On the Firehall Road, can we leave it wider, instead of putting it to the original state for the benefit of wide vehicles? Normally, In order to fix, the township would have to buy property on both sides of the road. RES can leave it to be more permanent if that is what the residents want (if the township

and county is in agreement). Larry Martin will check with Ron Smith, the Public Works Superintendent.

- c. Will there be signage of the owner on the turbines? Not yet decided at this point.

**5. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.**