



**Community Liaison Committee for
Higgins Mountain II Wind Farm Project**

MEETING NOTES

May 6th, 2019 - 6.00pm - 8.00pm
Wentworth Recreation Centre, Wentworth

In attendance:

Interim CLC Chair: Helen Browne (Verterra)

CLC Members: Gregor Wilson, Garfield Moffatt, Bob MacLean, Karen Henderson, Mike Eddy,
Councillor Barbara Palmer and Adrian Dobson

Higgins Partnership: Graham Findlay (3G Energy), Paul Pynn (Katalyst Energy), Jamie Houssian
(Elemental Energy) and Jake Jones (Elemental Energy)

Action items:

- **Graham Findlay:** Circulate post construction monitoring report from 2007 development
 - **Higgins Partnership:** Ask if Northern Pulp wish to be CLC member
 - **All:** Work to identify and recruit a CLC member to represent Sutherlands Lake –
continued action from previous meeting in March
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1. Welcome and refreshments

- Jamie Houssian and Jake Jones from Elemental Energy introduced themselves and Elemental Energy.

2. Review of Agenda

- Agenda was reviewed, Helen suggested that a standing agenda item be

added for Community Update.

- Agenda was approved with the addition of community update

3. Approval of Notes from March 13th Meeting and Update on Actions

- There were no comments on the Notes from the previous meeting

- Action Item: County By-law Decommissioning Requirements for Turbines.

Helen had circulated a summary of the Cumberland and Colchester County By-laws for wind turbine decommissioning prior to the meeting. Councillor Barbara Palmer bought a copy of the by-law for wind turbine decommission for Cumberland County.

Paul Pynn confirmed that the three Vensys turbines that are not currently operating are not owned by the Higgins Mountain Wind Farm developers but by a different company that Paul is affiliated with. He confirmed that he had spoken to and emailed Nelson Bezanson, the Planning and Development Officer for the County of Cumberland, regarding his future plans for the existing three Vensys turbines. Nelson was happy with Paul's email and at this time no further action is required.

Gregor asked whether a Decommissioning Plan has been written for the three turbines. Paul confirmed that no Decommissioning Plan is in place as it was not a requirement for the county when the turbines were first erected 13 years ago. Should the three turbines be decommissioned then a Plan will be written and submitted to the County of Cumberland prior to decommissioning work beginning.

- Action Item: Sutherlands Lake representative for the CLC.

The group had reached out to a number of residents from Sutherlands Lake to see if they would be interested in joining the CLC. Unfortunately, none accepted.

Through group conversation a few other residents came to mind who may be interested in joining. The group committed to reach out to them to gauge their level of interest.

Karen also suggested that a Councillor from the County of Colchester should also be present to represent that County. Barbara said that she would be seeing Councillor Tom Taggart in the near future and would ask him if he

would also attend as well as if he could suggest a resident from the Sutherlands Lake area.

4. Project Update

- The Higgins Mountain Partnership confirmed that there are no new activities or updates on the project

5. Community Update

- No updates from the Community
- Gregor asked questions on the company ownership. The Higgins Partners confirmed that the proposed development was owned by Katalyst Wind Energy Inc, 3G Energy Corp. and Elemental Energy Renewables Inc.
- Gregor asked for the post construction monitoring report that was required as part of the EA conditions for the three existing Vensys turbines.

6. Formation of CLC, approval of members and formal adoption of Terms of Reference (TOR)

- A motion to form the CLC was put forward and seconded, the group voted to form the CLC.
- The group reviewed the latest TOR and agreed that the following changes should be added to the TOR:
 - 3.3, add note that a space for a member from Sutherlands Lake will be left open.
 - The group discussed how the TOR should evolve as the CLC matured and should be reviewed at least every year.
 - Section 5.17, 1st sentence should be amended to read, The TOR will be reviewed and amended by the CLC annually **or earlier if required**.
 - Jamie said that although a representative for the Proponent (Higgins Partnership) will always be present at future CLC meetings, he cannot commit to a representative from Elemental Energy being present at all meetings.
- A motion to adopt the TOR with the above noted changes was put forward and seconded, the group voted to adopt the TOR.

7. Suggestions for future meetings – guest speakers, topics of interest, review of template agenda and meeting notes

- The group discussed future agenda items.
- The Higgins Partners answered the questions that were previously submitted

by Bob MacLean, this served two purposes 1) it answered Bob's questions and 2) it generated discussion and helped the group identify other areas/subjects that they may want to cover in more detail in future meetings.

- A list of potential agenda items for future meetings can be found at the end of these notes.

8. Next CLC meeting date and proposed agenda

- Everyone agreed that the next CLC meeting should be in the Fall (late September/early October) unless something happened in the meantime that warranted a meeting i.e. a procurement process announced.
- Helen said that she would contact everyone in late August to find a suitable date and get suggestions on the agenda items.
- Gar suggested that the group review wind turbine placements as part of the agenda.
- Helen recommended that the group elect a new Chair as her term would expire after the next meeting.

9. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 8.10pm

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#### **List of Future Agenda Items/Guest Speakers**

Environmental Assessment:

- Invite a representative from Department of Environment to explain the EA process

Land Use:

- Invite the current landowners, Northern Pulp as guests
- Discuss land use in general i.e. what future uses are allowed alongside wind turbines, clear cutting, recreational activities etc.

County By-laws

- Invite Nelson Bezanson from County of Cumberland to talk about county by-laws for wind turbines.

#### Wind Turbine Insurance:

- Understand developer/county/landowner/insurance liabilities and limitations for various scenarios.

#### Community Consultation:

- CLC role should circumstance change i.e. change of ownership, project is built and becomes operational
- Community consultation plan as the project evolves.
- Recommendation from the CLC on how to best contact community members.