



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

AGENDA

Date: Monday, January 31st, 2022

Time: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM ADT

Location: Video Conference Call (details below)

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Attendees – by invite only

CLC Chair: Garfield Moffatt

CLC Members: Mary Beth Bowie, Adrian Dobson, Mike Eddy, Craig Harris, Rene LeClerc,
Councillor Victoria Lomond, Gregor Wilson

Higgins Partnership: Dan Eaton (Elemental Energy), Maryam Baksh (Elemental Energy), Paul
Pynn (Stevens Wind), Graham Findlay (3G Energy)

Regrets: Mayor Murray Scott (Guest), Rene LeClerc

Agenda

6:00pm Welcome and introductions

6:05pm Approval of agenda – approved

6:10pm Review of notes from previous meeting – approved

6:15pm Project update

- Dan provided an RFP update
 - Study is done based on applications submitted prior. Nobody gets

- precluded. Study is based on whoever is in front of you in the queue.
- Timelines on interconnection studies for bid are uncertain.
- EA submission timing in late Q3/early Q4
- Victoria commented on late open house invitations delivered and suggested to not use Canada Post next time. Also suggested to do the next open house in Londonderry.
- Mainland moose recovery plan – Strum is reviewing this in context of the EA, reporting to be done in a few months.
- Community benefit fund – presentation by Dan
 - \$100,000 per year
 - Committee made up of community members who meet and decide on how to allocate funds
 - Ideas?
 - Underrepresented groups
 - Not much feedback to date
 - Dan presented community benefits deck
 - Discussion on benefits compared to the scale of the project and community benefits on other projects, allocation of funds between counties and the scope of community
 - Discussion around how commitments are honored with the community benefit fund
 - In the past Elemental has done binding agreements with the County of Innisfail and County of Newell in Alberta – this binding commitment goes through the AUC
 - The community are those surrounding the project regardless of county
 - Higgins team to give more thought on how to structure the community benefit fund to ensure that potential future owners follow through with the commitments
- Decommissioning security
 - Exploring options to prepare for what's to come in the development permit process
 - Higgins team is committed to providing decommissioning security
 - Decommissioning securities are atypical for wind. Because of the pause on wind development in Cumberland for the bylaw review and since decommissioning is being reviewed, need want to make sure the project's decommissioning security is in alignment

- Decommissioning is currently covered in the EA
- Status on the three turbines on Higgins Mountain – The plan is that generators will either be refurbished/rewound or taken down in spring when road access is open. These turbines have a PPA with NSPI.
- Higgins team will come up with the fund to cover a decommissioning circumstance, but want to work through this in consultation with the county
- Project commitments
 - Higgins team spoke with counsel about options to provide comfort to community on restricting development in visual impact zone
 - Awaiting some feedback and need to follow up with landowner
 - Higgins team committed to no turbines in the red zone of visual impact area – land can only be leased by Higgins team for the duration of the lease
 - It would take a couple of months to get something together with the landowner
- Environmental studies (EMI)
 - Completed preliminary assessment
 - Providing details on turbines and soliciting input on the study
 - Outreach process has commenced, and all telecommunications operators are expected to have received consultation materials and information within the next week or two
 - Maryam spoke briefly on Strum’s preliminary assessment and Graham spoke to the specifics on the EMI study and consultation process

7:45pm

CLC annual update

- Annual CLC review as outlined in the Terms of Reference
- Higgins teams will send out a survey on the CLC

8:00pm

Next CLC meeting date and proposed agenda

8:10pm

Adjournment

Adjourn at 8:10pm