



Grand Bend Wind Farm

Community Liaison Committee (CLC) Record of Meeting

Date: December 9, 2015

Location: Oakwood Resort, Room – The Loft, 7 pm - 8:30 pm

Attending:

<u>CLC:</u>	Jim Mulvale	Northland Power Inc. , GBWLP Partner
	Ben Becking	Northland Power Inc. , GBWLP Partner
	Graham Hoogterp	Giiwedin Noodin, GBWLP Partner
	Walter McKenzie	Mayor, West Perth
	Kevin Wilbee	Councillor, Huron East
	Allan Nigh	Participating Landowner
	Tony Soer	Participating Landowner
	Keith Locking	Resident (Alternate)
	Thomas Beeler	Participating Landowner
	Drew Hendrick	Participating Landowner
<u>Public:</u>		
	Charlie Ducharme	Participating Landowner
	Dave Dejardine	Resident
	Alexander MacDougall	Resident
	Tony McInally	ABMD, Project Contractor
	Paul Kaminski	Northland Power Inc. , GBWLP Partner
	Stan Stret	Northland Power Inc. , GBWLP Partner
	David Furlano	Northland Power Inc. , GBWLP Partner

Proceedings:

- Welcome and Introductions
- Community Liaison Committee (CLC) Purpose
- Grand Bend Wind Limited Partnership – Who We Are
- Project Development
- Project Construction
- CLC Member Q&A
- Next Steps

Welcome and Introductions

Jim Mulvale welcomed the CLC members and thanked them for their participation. Those attending in the audience were also welcomed.

The presentation materials were provided in hard copy to the CLC members and were displayed on a screen. The PowerPoint presentation for this meeting is available at:
http://grandbend.northlandpower.ca/index.cfm?pagepath=Reports/Community_Liaison_Committee&id=63808

Community Liaison Committee (CLC) Purpose

The creation of the Grand Bend Wind Farm CLC is requirement of the facility's environmental Renewable Energy Approval (REA) permit issued by the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, and the purpose of the CLC was discussed. The CLC's key objectives are:

1. To act as a liaison facilitating two way communications between GBWF and the members of the public with respect to issues relating to the construction, installation, use, operation, maintenance and decommissioning or retirement of the Facility;
2. To provide a forum for GBWF to provide regular updates on matters relating to the wind farm, as the project progresses or as issues arise.
3. To encourage input from the public to identify opportunities for improvements or mitigation measures, enabling both parties to work together to resolve or minimize concerns.

Grand Bend Wind Limited Partnership – Who We Are

The composition of Grand Bend Wind Limited Partnership (GBWLP) was presented indicating that it is a 50-50 partnership between Northland Power Inc. (NPI) and Giiwedín Noodin FN Energy Corporation. The Limited Partnership is a single purpose company owning Grand Bend Wind Farm (GBWF).

Giiwedín Noodin FN Energy Corporation was formed by Aamjiwnaang First Nation (Sarnia) and Bkejwanong Traditional Territory (Walpole Island FN).

NPI is a Toronto based company and has been developing and operating facilities since 1988.

Project Development

The Project's development was discussed including that the land selection process had started back as early as 2003. Key criteria in the overall selection of the Project's location included a good wind regime, a connection point to the provincial electricity grid and available land which was not overly constrained by wetlands, species at risk or other natural heritage resources (ie. plants, animals, birds and aquatic life).

Project Construction

Project construction started in early summer with the preliminary focus on the electrical switching station and the main transformer sub-station to meet the project timelines that Hydro One Networks Inc (HONI) had for the interconnection facilities. The buried transmission line and collector lines installation also started early in the summer.

Turbine foundations were being constructed starting in the mid-summer and delivery of wind turbine components started in October.

Weather permitting all turbines are to be fully erected (mechanically) by early February 2016. Electrical connections installation, testing and commissioning will continue through March 2016.

Specific installation details about the size of the wind turbines and associated wind farm equipment are included in the presentation PowerPoint.

CLC Members Q&A

D Hendricks – How much does it cost per day for the idle cranes (wind days when they are not lifting. How will the Project make repairs to the damaged municipal roads.

K Locking – Raised concern about noise from the turbine blades. Will the radar system, which is being used to hold off the navigation lights on the turbine towers, ignore high altitude planes.

A MacDougall – what precautions were used to protect and identify the location of buried collector lines and transmission cables

Next Steps

The CLC will meeting again in 2016 to review the final stages of the Project's construction and discuss aspects of the Facility's operations.

Conclusion of meeting.