



Amherst Island Wind Energy Project – Document Reviews Status: April 2016

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Documents Received to Date

As we noted in the Project Update newsletter, the Township has received drafts of the following documents to date:

- Emergency Response & Communication Plan
- Traffic Management Plan
- Drawings of the Proposed Electrical Collector System in the Municipal Right-of-Ways
- Geotechnical Work Plan

These documents are component requirements of the Operations Plan (Plan) that Windlectric is to develop for review and comment before the Township can be satisfied and consider approving the documents. The Township expects Windlectric to resolve the deficiencies noted and communicated to Windlectric through the process before implementation occurs.

Operations Plan

The purpose of the Operations Plan is to demonstrate how prudent and reasonable practices will be utilized to minimize the level of disruption, disturbance and inconvenience to the Municipality's residents, given the scope of the project. The Operations Plan is also to demonstrate how the continuing functioning of its roads and other

municipal services and facilities will be maintained to the extent reasonably possible, and how the Municipality's residents' access to emergency services will be maintained at all times. The Road Use Agreement defines the specific items that the Operations Plan must address in detail.

Document Reviews

The submissions received to date for the Traffic Management Plan, Emergency Response & Communications Plan, and Drawings of the Proposed Electrical Collector System in the Municipal Right-of-Ways are insufficient. The documents have lacked considerable amounts of details which are required to complete the reviews. In particular, the draft Traffic Management Plan was found not to have included or addressed many of the items as set out in the Road Use Agreement.

Loyalist Township and its consultant, AECOM, have issued comments to Windlectric on each of the submissions, noting these deficiencies.

Review Process

Following the Township's review and comments on the draft document, the process as defined through the Road Use Agreement is as follows:



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Review Process (Continued)

- Windlectric is to host a town hall meeting to receive the public's feedback and make every effort to address any reasonable and valid concerns regarding the Operations Plan arising from the town hall meeting.
- Following this, Windlectric is to deliver a final Operations Plan to the Township, whereupon the Township will have thirty days to review and either approve, or identify in writing any deficiencies. Windlectric shall submit documentation in response, and the Municipality shall review and notify that they have no further comments or identify in writing deficiencies in the response. Such process shall continue until staff of the Municipality or Windlectric requests that the Operations Plan be put before Council for approval.
- Following a request to put the Operations Plan before Council, the Operations Plan shall be put before Council at the next scheduled meeting of Council (subject to adequate time/notice of such meeting). If Council does not approve the Operations Plan or approves the Operations Plan with amendments that are not acceptable to Windlectric, either party shall then have the right to submit the matter to arbitration pursuant to Part X of the Road Use Agreement.

Review Status

At this time, the Township has not completed its draft review of the Plan, due to the lack of detail in the documents received to date. Loyalist Township has not received responses or submissions of documents in response to its comments, and the schedule for further submissions by Windlectric is not known at this time. These additional submissions are required before the review process described herein gets underway.

Loyalist Township is committed to ensuring that Windlectric Inc. delivers on its commitments made during the REA process to the Township and residents, and that all local requirements such as building permits for docks, site access, geotechnical work and other matters are satisfied.

The documents received to date and the Township's responses to these documents are available on the Township's website at the following link:

www.loyalist.ca/go/amherstislandwindproject