



## Amherst Island Wind Energy Project – May 2016 Update

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### What's New?

There have been minimal new developments further to our April newsletter. The Township has received drafts of the following document updates:

- Emergency Response & Communication Plan - revised April 2016

These documents are component requirements of the Operations 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.

### What is the Status of the Document Reviews?

The Township and its consultant, AECOM, met with Windlectric on April 12, 2016, to highlight concerns with the lack of completeness of their submissions, and request them to improve upon providing information related to the status of this project.

The revised Emergency Response & Communication Plan remains incomplete. Furthermore, the document has merit as a component of a safety plan that can be shared with workers and sub-contractors, but it does not address safety issues and commitments made to residents of Amherst Island.

### What is the Schedule for Future Submissions?

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

At this time, the other portions of the Public Safety Plan and other components of the Operations Plan have not been received for review and/or updated per previous comments. The Township cannot complete its reviews until all of the documents are received in full, and can be reviewed as a whole. At this time, the Township has not completed its draft review of the Operations Plan due to the lack of details in the documents received to date. Accordingly, the current comments on the documents are only based on the information available at this time, and additional comments may result following reviews of the other Operations Plan components, once they are received.

The schedule for further submissions by Windlectric is not known at this time. The Township has requested a schedule of submissions from Windlectric, in order to better understand Windlectric's anticipated timing for the development of its documentation. These additional submissions are required before the review process can continue.

*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.*



## Amherst Island Wind Energy Project – May 2016 Update - Background Information

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The following is a summary of some background information on the documents and the process, as identified in the April 2016 newsletter:

### What is the 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.

### What is the 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:

- 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.

### Where Can I View the Documents?

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](http://www.loyalist.ca/go/amherstislandwindproject)