

Multi-Municipal Wind Turbine Working Group

Thursday, August 10, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
Chesley Fire Hall
211 1st Ave N., Chesley, Ontario

MINUTES

A meeting of the Multi Municipal Wind Turbine Working Group was held on Thursday, August 10, 2017 at the Chesley Fire Hall.

Participating Municipalities Present:

Municipality	Name of Members in attendance
Arran-Elderslie	Mark Davis (Vice-Chair), Doug Bell
Bluewater	Dave Roy
Brockton	Steve Adams, Philip Englishman
Central Huron	Alex Westerhout
Chatsworth	Elizabeth Thompson, Tony Clark
Georgian Bluffs	Dwight Burley
Grey Highlands	Stewart Halliday (Chair), Larry Close
Meaford	André Den Tandt
South Bruce Peninsula	Ana Vukovic
West Grey	Carol Lawrence
West Lincoln	Dave Bylsma

Participating Municipalities Absent:

Huron-Kinloss
Kincardine
Northern Bruce Peninsula
Wainfleet

The following members of Staff were present:

Teresa Gowan	Arran-Elderslie	Secretary
Bill Palmer	Saugeen Shores	Technical Advisor

Others in attendance were:

Bonnie Roy	Bluewater
Warren Howard	North Perth
John Black	Ashfield Colborne Wawanosh
Joan Black	Ashfield Colborne Wawanosh
Bonnie Roy	Bluewater

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: Dave Roy
Seconded by: André Den Tandt

That the Revised Agenda for the Multi-Municipal Wind Turbine Working Group meeting of August 10, 2017 be received and adopted, as distributed by the Recording Secretary.

Carried

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS:

No disclosures of pecuniary interests were made by the Committee.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by: Dwight Burley

Seconded by: Dave Roy

That the Multi-Municipal Wind Turbine Working Group adopt the minutes of the last Committee Meeting held June 8th, 2017, as circulated.

Carried

4. DELEGATIONS

4.1 Dave Hemingway bought 100 DVDs of the Bus Tour hosted by Multi-Municipal Wind Turbine Working Group in June 2016 to the meeting and stated the DVD has been edited, 12 minutes has been removed from the original video. The name of the DVD is "Impacts of Industrial Wind Turbines." Dave said that they have added chapter settings, therefore, if people only wanted to view certain segments, you can select the particular segment. Dave estimated that the original cost would be \$500.00 however with the additional editing the bill came to \$621.50 which he presented to the Committee. The Invoice dated August 7, 2017 with invoice # 1930 is from ADD Analogue-Digital Duplications.

We previously had a resolution passed at the May 11, 2017 meeting stating that the Multi-Municipal Wind Turbine Working Group spend up to \$500.00 of the Committee funds on the DVD copies of the Bus Tour Video. The invoice that has been presented totals \$621.50

Moved by: Alex Westerhout

Seconded by: Elizabeth Thompson

That the Multi-Municipal Wind Turbine Working Group approve and pay from the Committee funds the invoice from ADD Analogue-Digital Duplication presented by Dave Hemingway for the videotaping and editing of the bus tour in June 2016 in the amount of \$621.50 for 100 copies.

Carried

The Invoice and Resolution will be provided to the Clerk of Arran-Elderslie for payment.

Dave suggested to the Committee that DVD copies could be provided to each Committee Member free of charge but additional copies could be sold for \$5.00 to recoup some of the cost. Dave feels that this DVD would teach people what is happening to citizens who live near IWTs. Dave

would like the opportunity to buy some DVDs and put them in the local library system. He suggested that the Committee consider creative ways in distributing the DVD. Dave stated that the International Plowing Match is in Huron County this year and he asked the Committee if he could buy some DVDs to sell in a booth under the Ontario Landowner's tent.

Dave distributed one DVD copy to each Committee member in attendance. The Chair stated that each municipality is entitled to 1 copy if a municipality wants additional copies please contact the Recording Secretary. The remaining DVD's were given to the Recording Secretary to distribute and collect money at a cost of \$5.00 per DVD.

There was some discussion regarding ownership of the DVD and ownership of the video. Dave stated that he had not been paid to do the video and said that he felt that we are working together on the project. A Committee member asked can we buy ownership or rights to the DVD?

There was a concern regarding selling the DVD at the Ontario Landowners tent at the International Plowing match, as the Ontario Landowners promotes no government involvement and the Green Energy Act took planning away from municipalities and it would seem that the Ontario Landowners would be agreeable to that, therefore, the DVD should not be sold at their tent.

There was a concern regarding having the persons in the DVD to sign releases. Dave Hemingway said he asked everyone in the DVD if they agreed to sign off and they all signed off.

A Committee member stated that perhaps the DVD could be sent to Grey County and Bruce County to let them know what these people are dealing with and to perhaps provide it to Global and get it out in the public as much as we can.

Stewart Halliday asked Dave Hemingway to let the Committee know if he buys 100 copies of the DVD from ADD Analogue-Digital Duplications.

Another Committee member said that the DVD could be given to Scott Miller of CTV London.

The Chair, Stewart Halliday, said that would be appreciated, please give the information to Teresa, our Recording Secretary.

A Committee member stated he was really impressed by the video when he watched it, and now I have something in my hands to take back to my community and perhaps they may want 5 to 10 copies.

The Chair stated to get copies from Teresa, our Recording Secretary and if we run out we'll get more. We will want to sell the DVD's for \$5.00 each.

The Chair stated the copies which were distributed to the Committee members tonight are for your own personal use. Please do not do a general distribution of the DVD until we get signed Releases from the participants in the video.

A Committee member suggested that we each review the DVD and discuss these issues at the next meeting. Once these issues are resolved we can determine the distribution of the DVD.

Mark Davis stated that we need to have a Release prepared for the participants to sign. We also need to determine who owns the DVD.

A comment was made that we should seek legal advice on this.

- 4.2 Dave Bylsma from West Lincoln stated that in their area we have a group of concerned citizens called the "West Lincoln Wind Action Group" who are concerned with IWTs and purchased their own noise monitoring devices and have collected data from various sites around wind turbines. The Group paid \$40,000.00 from their own funds to buy the equipment to do wind turbine noise readings for a period of 6 to 8 months. They have collected a lot of data and they want to know how best to proceed with this data. The Group has asked the Municipality for \$10,000.00 to fund a preliminary report using the data based on Andy Metelka's data and to put it in layman's terms. Dave wanted to ask the Committee how best to proceed with using this data and who to ask to do a preliminary report on the data.

Comments from the Committee members were that it may be difficult for an expert to come in and validate data if that expert didn't collect the data themselves. It would be very expensive to have someone review that amount of data and to generate a preliminary report. It would be much more than \$10,000.00 to do that work as there is data covering almost a year to review. May even be up to \$100,000.00 to interpret the data if someone can be found to do the lengthy work involved in preparing a report.

Other comments were credit should be given to the West Lincoln Wind Action Group to raise \$40,000.00 of their own money to do this, however, complaints from citizens to the MOECC is needed for the MOECC and wind turbine companies to respond to.

The Chair suggested that the Group hold on to the data until it can be used.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- 5.1 No item was brought forward from the last minutes.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- 6.1 The new Minister of the Environment and Climate Change is Chris Ballard. There was a review of a draft letter prepared to be sent to Minister Ballard

Moved by: Dave Roy

Seconded by: André Den Tandt

That the Multi-Municipal Wind Turbine Working Group approve the draft letter addressed to Chris Ballard the newly appointed Minister of the Environment and Climate Change and to mail the letter to Chris Ballard along with attachments.

Carried

- 6.2 Stewart Halliday, the Chair, received an email from Garth Manning Q.C. which is a member of CCSAGE Naturally Green who advised that they are proceeding with a Judicial Review. Mr. Manning provided copies of their court-filed Application documents for review. Their Application is based on infringements of the Charter of Rights and Freedom, violations of the principles of natural justice and discrimination against rural Ontario to overturn the Green Energy Act.

However they need additional municipalities to support their efforts. Garth Manning provided a draft Resolution in support of their Application for Judicial Review. This draft Resolution could be reviewed by local Councils and, if passed, to be forwarded to him.

The Committee agreed to this and instructed the Recording Secretary to forward a letter to the Clerks of all participating municipalities with the Draft Resolution and a cover letter to Garth Manning to accompany the passed local municipal Resolution. The municipalities should also forward a copy to the Recording Secretary so that the Committee will know which municipalities have approved the Resolution.

- 6.3 The Recording Secretary received an email of a letter sent from NAPAW to Premier and to two Ministers regarding safety issues at wind turbine projects dated June 22, 2017 which was circulated to the Committee members for review and comment. The letter was reviewed and no action was taken. The letter was noted and filed.
- 6.4 Article "Wind turbine noise & vibration causing harm to humans & animals alike" circulated to members on Aug 2/17 - discussion on steps to get concerns recognized. The article was reviewed and no action was taken. The article was noted and filed.
- 6.5 Review correspondence - email received from Jackie Vainik on June 30, 2017 and circulated to members. Jackie Vainik stated her frustration with the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change saying that he has

only received 1 complaint. The email was reviewed and the Committee understands Jackie's frustration however citizens still need to file their complaints.

- 6.6 Stewart Halliday brought a copy of the August issue of Municipal World magazine where there was an article written by Chad Walker "The Need for Community-based Approaches for Wind Energy" Stewart contacted Chad Walker and suggested that he was ill-informed about the issues and invited Chad Walker and a group of his colleagues to the area to have a tour of the area with wind turbines to broaden their perspective. Chad Walker agreed and a total of 9 academics will be attending the area on Wednesday, August 16th, 2017. Unfortunately Stewart will not be available so has requested Mark Davis, the Vice-Chair to meet with them and give them a tour of the area.

7. FOR INFORMATION

- 7.1 Confirmed that the letter addressed to Glen Murray Minister of Environment and Climate Change was sent on June 27, 2017 requesting update on MMWTWG letter sent to him dated May 6, 2017. However, now there is a new Minister of Environment and Climate Change as noted above.

- 7.2 Dave Roy from Bluewater stated that some IWTs appear to have been shut down.

Bill Palmer reviewed the aspects of the electricity contract that Ontario will entering into with Quebec Hydro and how that will affect pricing of electricity.

Warren Howard reviewed the status of various wind turbine projects around Ontario.

Stewart Halliday stated that in Grey Highlands Capstone is putting devices on the blades of turbines to keep bats away.

Stewart Halliday and some other Committee members will be attending the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) conference in Ottawa next week.

8. DATE AND LOCATION OF NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

The next meeting date is scheduled for Thursday, September 14, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at the Chesley Fire Hall, 211 1st Ave. N., Chesley.

9. RESOLUTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF (includes appointed Councillor(s) and citizen appointee)
Not Required

10. RESOLUTION TO RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION
Not Required

11. ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION (if any)
None

12. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Ana Vukovic
Seconded by: Doug Bell
That the meeting be adjourned to the call of the Chair.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Carried

Original Signed by

Stewart Halliday, Chair

Original Signed by

Teresa Gowan, Recording Secretary