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Romney Wind Energy Centre

Community Liaison Committee (CLC)

Meeting #1 – Held on 4 October 2018, from 6-8pm at the Wheatley United Church (59 Talbot Street West, Wheatley, ON).



## 1 ATTENDANCE, INVITATION AND AGENDA

The following people attended the CLC Meeting:

**Table 1-1: CLC Meeting Attendees**

Organization	Name	Presence
Host Community	Darlene Hickson	Present
Host Community	Donna Matier	Present
Host Community	Randy Robinson	Present
Host Community	Grant Bowman	Present
Host Community	Wendy Belisle	Present
Host Community	Roger Quenneville	Present
Host Community	Lauren Anderson	Present
EDF Renewables	Fabiola Oribe	Present
EDF Renewables	Kevin Campbell	Present
EDF Renewables	Mathieu Lespérance	Present
Aamjiwnaang First Nation	Ed Gilbert	Present
Aamjiwnaang First Nation	Marina Plain	Absent
DNV GL	Gabriel Constantin (Moderator of the CLC)	Present
Consultant	Kimberly Grant (Community Liaison Agent)	Present
Consultant	Phil Larade (Land Liaison Agent)	Present
Black & McDonald	Amanda Stieva (General Contractor )	Present
EDF Renewables	Ariane Côté (Guest)	Present

No member of the public attended the CLC meeting.

Approximately two weeks before the meeting, an invitation notice was published in the following papers:

- Lakeshore News (September 20, 2018)
- Wheatley Journal (September 19, 2018)
- Tilbury Times (September 18, 2018)

The notice is included in the Appendix A.



An agenda was distributed to the CLC members prior to the meeting, as shown in Appendix A. The agenda of the meeting was as follows:

1. Introducing the Community Liaison Committee (CLC) and the team members;
2. Review of CLC Guidelines;
3. Project overview and development update;
4. Community engagement and local benefits;
5. Construction planning;
6. Public delegations - delegations, questions and discussion from the public; and
7. Proposed topic/agenda for the next meeting.

## 2 INTRODUCING THE CLC AND THE TEAM MEMBERS

The meeting began with the introduction of the CLC members and supporting staff. Each member was asked to share the following information to the CLC:

- Name;
- Involvement in the Project to date;
- Their location relative to the Project;
- Organization represented; and
- Interests/concerns associated with this Project.

Interest shared by the CLC members includes the following:

- Darlene Hickon: Wheatley resident, new to the community, she was told about the Romney Wind Energy Centre (Project) from Grant Bowman and was interested in being involved.
- Donna Matier: Wheatley resident, President of the Horticultural Society of Wheatley. Involved with the Butterfly Garden that EDF Renewables sponsored. Would like to make sure the groups and public she is involved with has the correct information about the Project;
- Wendy Belisle: represents the landowner;
- Roger Quenneville: landowner, advocate for the Project, wants to help communicate and solve issues from other wind projects;
- Grant Bowman: Wheatley resident and retired business owner, belongs to many groups, including "Trails". Interested in how the Project develops and communicate Project updates to the residents of Wheatley; and
- Lauren Anderson: President of Concerned Citizens of Wheatley. Mother of a young family and wants to understand the details of the Project.



### 3 REVIEW OF CLC GUIDELINES

The committee plays an advisory and participatory role to support the community's interaction with the Project. The CLC members include 12 permanent members, one moderator, one or two consultants, guests and part-time members.

Gabriel Constantin indicated that as the moderator, he is responsible for the following:

- Opening the meeting;
- Regulating the right to speak and directing discussions to ensure the respect of the guidelines and, more generally, cordial exchanges within the committee;
- Oversee the vote, recommendations and adoptions (agenda, minutes, etc.); and
- Declaring the meeting closed.

Before each meeting, an invitation and an agenda are sent to CLC members. The meeting invitation (notice) is also shared in the local newspapers and published on the Project website. After each meeting, a meeting summary report will be prepared and shared amongst the CLC members, and published on the Project website. A total of four meetings will be held within the first two years of the Project REA taking effect (i.e. April 2018 to April 2020).

Gabriel shared a few reminders of what members should do, what members shouldn't do, and what members can do.

## 4 PROJECT OVERVIEW AND DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

### 4.1 Summary of Presentation

Kevin Campbell provided an overview of the Project status as well as a development update. The Project is being developed by EDF Renewables, a leader in renewable energy in Canada with more than 1,680 MW of wind and solar energy projects under construction or already completed construction and now in operation. The Project has a nameplate capacity of 60 MW and is planning to install 17 turbines. 16 of 17 wind turbines will be sited in the municipality of Chatham-Kent, one turbine and the substation in the Town of Lakeshore.

The Project received its REA in April 2018 and is the largest wind energy project in Ontario to not have its REA appealed. Several studies were completed and approved as part of the REA, and they are available online on the Project website (<https://www.edf-re.ca/project/romney/>).

Several local permits are currently being obtained in consultation with the municipalities such as the municipal drain permits, entrance permits, building permits, road use agreements and utility crossing permits. Surveying work has also begun for features such as the road right of way and construction disturbance areas.

Kevin also addressed the concern related to water wells. The Project engineering team examined the issue closely and conducted a geotechnical site investigation at each proposed turbine location. The results conclude that there is no risk to water wells related to the Project because of the following reasons:

- The Project is not located within the Kettle black shale geological formation;
- Geotechnical tests conclude that no piles will be required and therefore, there is no disturbance; and
- In general, the Project area is served by municipal water supply and residents do not rely on water wells for their potable water.

### 4.2 Related Questions and Answers

***In order to answer the questions raised by the members, EDF Renewables' team shared the following information:***

***Q: How will the municipal taxes be charged to participating landowners that have a revenue from the Project?***

A: EDF Renewables is reimbursing the landowners for any increases in taxes attributed to the Project, as the landowner is expected to be billed by the municipality for its share of Project related property taxes. EDF Renewables will reach out to the host municipalities to determine if it is possible for EDF Renewables to pay the municipality directly for the increase in taxes.

***Q: Can you please elaborate on potential curtailment?***

A: Wind turbines are sometime curtailed in order to complete maintenance or the blades do not turn because the wind is not strong enough. When there is a surplus of electricity on the grid, wind energy facilities can be curtailed as they provide the flexibility to shut down rapidly. Despite Ontario currently



having an electricity oversupply, it is expected that in the next few years, new electricity generation will need to be procured as there is a shortage of electricity forecasted in the mid 2020's.

***Q: Will there be compensation for damaged bridges and roads from the Project construction?***

A: The Project is entering into a Road Use Agreement (RUA) that will ensure that any damage to municipal roads or bridges will be repaired and/or compensated appropriately.

***Q: What will be the material used for roads on agricultural fields?***

A: Gravel, or gravel with stabilized cement is proposed for the roads to be constructed within agricultural fields.

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## 5 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND LOCAL BENEFITS

### 5.1 Summary of Presentation

Fabiola Oribe discussed the community engagement and local benefits that the Project has committed to. EDF Renewables is anticipated to contribute approximately \$25,000,000 in new revenues to the local community over the 20-year life of the Project, including \$200,000 annually for local initiatives. This number does not include material supply and labor during construction and operations. Funds for local initiatives are expected to be directed towards infrastructure improvements, recreational facilities, environmental projects and educational programs. Moreover, the Project will result in increased job opportunities for the local area. An increase in meals and accommodation for construction personnel, products, services and supplies will also occur.

Fabiola also discussed how the Project has received host community support since 2015:

- Council support resolutions in place with host municipalities (Municipality of Chatham Kent and Town of Lakeshore);
- 75% of abutting neighbors signed forms to show their support for the Project;
- Community Benefit Agreements signed with both host municipalities;
- Working closely with residents and groups to support local initiatives and charities; and
- Addressing concerns early and meeting face to face with the community wherever possible.

For stakeholder engagement, the Project retained Kimberley Grant from Wheatley as the Community Liaison Agent and Phil Larade will remain as the Land Liaison Agent. Both will assist with being a voice between EDF Renewables and the Project, and the local community. Any members of the public who have feedback are encouraged to reach out to Kim or Phil who will relay any communication to EDF Renewables. Members of the public can also contact EDF Renewables directly. Vice-versa, Kim and Phil will help communicate messages to the public, as directed by EDF Renewables. An information session for local contractors with an interest to offer their services during the Project construction phase will be held on 18 (Wheatley) and 19 (Aamjiwnaang First Nation) of October 2019.

Fabiola indicated that the Project is sponsoring several community initiatives in areas such as education, recreation, sports, local infrastructure and charity events. A Romney Fund exclusively providing funds (approximately \$25,000 annually) to the Wheatley and Comber areas will be initiated soon.

Environmental initiatives include the installation of an eagle nest in consultation with Walpole Island First Nation and the installation of 22 bat houses, to create new habitats for bats whose numbers are in decline because of the White Nose Syndrome.

### 5.2 Related Questions and Answers

***Q: Can you suggest appropriate location to include the notice for the information sessions for local contractors?***

A: The notice could be shared at local businesses in Wheatley and Comber.



**Q: *Can additional bat houses be installed if there is an interest?***

A: It is a possibility. Please reach out to Kimberly Grant (Community Liaison Agent) or Fabiola Oribe (Lead Advisor – Community engagement) if you are interested to inquire about a bat house.

## 6 CONSTRUCTION PLANNING

### 6.1 Summary of Presentation

Mathieu Lespérance presented the anticipated Project timeline and indicated that the start of construction is anticipated for November 2018. Installation of culverts, roads, and turbine foundations are the first construction activities and will begin in the fall of 2018, and be completed in the spring/summer 2019.

Table 6-1 presents the anticipated construction schedule for the Project. The construction schedule will be refined and updated as needed as the construction phase progresses. The most up to date schedule will be posted on the Project website (<https://www.edf-re.ca/project/romney/>) for public consumption.

**Table 6-1: Anticipated Project Schedule**

Activity	Anticipated Timing
Culverts and installation of roads	November 2018 to spring 2019
Turbine foundations	November 2018 to July 2019
Collector system	Spring/Summer 2019
Project substation and transmission line	November 2018 – October 2019
Turbine deliveries	Summer/Fall 2019
Erection of wind turbines	Summer/Fall 2019
Project commissioning	Fall 2019
Start of operation	December 2019

Mathieu explained that a temporary turbine pad area of about 80m in diameter will be created at each turbine location to deliver required turbine components. After construction, access road width and turbine pad will be reduced to limit impacts on agricultural use.

The electrical system will consist of underground cables, a Project substation and approximately 700 m of overhead transmission line on private property and crossing Richardson Sideroad between the Project substation and point of interconnection to the existing Hydro One transmission line. Ploughing, trenching, and directional drilling will be used to install underground cables and buried at a depth that will not interfere with normal agricultural practices.

Turbine assembly will require 13 loads for delivery of a complete turbine. The turbines will consist of seven tower sections, a nacelle of approximately 70 tonnes, and three blades that will be lifted one at a time.

Mathieu will continue to provide details on construction activities at the next CLC meetings. The construction team will have a site trailer set up at the temporary laydown area, located at 1584 5TH CONCESSION LINE ROMNEY TWSP near Zion road and 5th Concession.).



The public will be able to visit the site trailer to communicate any concerns with the construction team or ask any question. They can also contact a member of the EDF Renewables team at RomneyWind@edf-re.com and 1-833-766-6391 | 1-833-ROM-NEY-1.

## 6.2 Related Questions and Answers

***Q: Where will the concrete used for the turbine foundations come from?***

A: The concrete for the turbine foundations will be supplied locally, ideally within 35 minutes from the site.

***Q: Will the gravel around the foundation be sloped?***

A: Yes, compacted gravel with a downwards slope of 2 to 3% from the base of the turbine foundation extending outwards 3 m from the base of the turbine to provide adequate drainage of the area around the turbine.

***Q: Will there be security on site?***

A: There will be full time security during construction starting when the first turbine components will be delivered to site.



## **7 PUBLIC DELEGATIONS - DELEGATIONS, QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION FROM THE PUBLIC**

No member from the public attended the first CLC meeting. Therefore, no delegations or questions from the public were brought forward.



## 8 PROPOSED TOPICS/AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING

In discussion with the CLC members, it was decided that the following topics should be considered for the next CLC Meeting:

- Feedback on construction activities to date from all members and other stakeholders will be shared;
- A look-ahead schedule will be published on the Project webpage regularly;
- One expert will be invited for the next CLC meeting, either a biologist or a noise expert. Depending on who is present at the second CLC meeting, the other expert will be invited to the following meeting.
- Complaint response protocol is a potential topic for the second CLC meeting; and
- The activities related to environmental monitoring during the operational phase is a topic of interest, and will likely be discussed at the third CLC meeting, prior to the start of project operations.

The exact list of topics will be confirmed through an agenda shared by the CLC members prior to the second CLC meeting. The second CLC meeting is anticipated to occur in March or April 2019.



## 9 REFERENCES

- [1] Ontario Regulation 359/09, made under the Environmental Protection Act, Renewable Energy Approvals under Part 1.0 of the Act.



## **APPENDIX A – INVITE NOTICE AND AGENDA**

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# Romney Wind Energy Centre

## NOTICE OF COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE

### MEETING #1

On April 16, 2018, the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) granted a Renewable Energy Approval ("REA") for the Romney Wind Energy Centre (the "Project"), a 60-megawatt wind energy facility located on private and public lands in the Town of Lakeshore, County of Essex and Municipality of Chatham Kent, south of Highway 401, and extending along Richardson Side Road and east of Wheatley Road north of the community of Wheatley, Ontario.

The REA approval is an important milestone for the Project as it demonstrates that it is **compliant with provincial government requirements**. The construction phase of the Project is anticipated to **begin at the end of 2018 and eventually leading up to the erection of seventeen (17) wind turbines in the summer and fall of 2019**. The REA (REA #3397-AV3MVX) and all REA reports and notices are accessible on the Project website (<https://www.edf-re.ca/project/romney/>). The REA requires that a Community Liaison Committee ("CLC") be established for the Project. A notice was published on the week of June 11, 2018 to invite residents living within 1 km of the Project and other interested parties to apply to be CLC members by June 30, 2018.

The CLC has now been established and the first of at least four meetings to be held over the next two years has been planned as follows:

#### CLC MEETING #1

Date: October 4, 2018

Time: 6-8pm

Location:

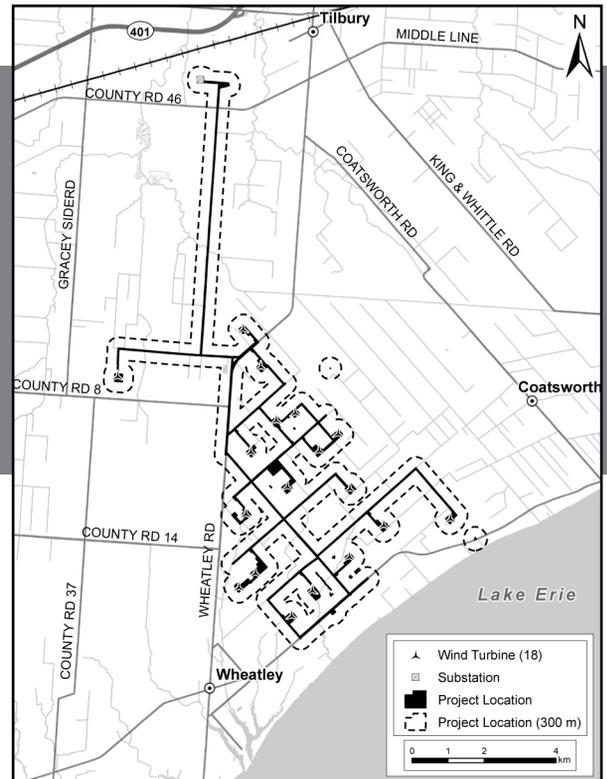
Wheatley United Church

59 Talbot Street West

Wheatley, Ontario N0P 2P0

The goals of the first CLC meeting are to introduce CLC members, provide project updates, discuss community interests, review and discuss the CLC Guidelines and establish functional procedures and content for the next meetings. The meeting will be open to the public for observation.

In general, the CLC meetings will provide a venue to share project updates relating to the construction, installation, use, operation, maintenance and retirement of the Project, discuss potential issues, and hear community interests, as provided by CLC members. Meeting materials will be available on the Project website after each CLC meeting.



For questions related to the Romney CLC, please contact us or visit our website.

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# Agenda

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