

Appendix D

Notices and Newsletters

NOTICE OF PROPOSAL AND PUBLIC MEETING

by Bow Lake to Engage in a Renewable Energy Project

Project Name: BOW LAKE WIND FARM

Project Location: Townships of Smilsky and Peever, District of Algoma

Dated At: the District of Algoma this the 1st of August, 2012

Bow Lake Phase 1 Wind Farm Ltd. and Bow Lake Phase 2 Wind Farm Ltd. (collectively "Bow Lake") are proposing to develop the Bow Lake Wind Farm (the "Project") and are planning to engage in this renewable energy project in respect of which the issuance of a Renewable Energy Approval (REA) is required. The distribution of this Notice of a Proposal and Public Meeting, and the Project itself, are subject to the provisions of the *Environmental Protection Act of Ontario* (Act) Part V.0.1 and Ontario Regulation 359/09 (Regulation). This notice is being distributed in accordance with Section 15 of the Regulation prior to an application being submitted and assessed for completeness by the Ministry of the Environment.

Meeting Location:

DATE: Thursday September 6th, 2012
TIME: 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm
PLACE: Aweres Public School,
185 556 Highway, RR2,
Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario

There will be no set time for any formal presentation. Members of the community are welcome to arrive anytime between 5:00-8:00pm.

Project Description:

Pursuant to the Act and Regulation, the facility, in respect of which the project is to be engaged in, is considered to be a Class 4 wind facility. If approved, this project would have a total maximum name plate capacity of 58.32 MW and include up to 36 wind turbines. The project location is described in the adjacent map.

Proposed changes to the Regulation were posted to the Environmental Registry in April 2012. Since April, Bow Lake has been working to understand and ensure compliance with the proposed changes to the Regulation. The Regulation was formally amended on July 1, 2012, and as a result of this amendment, going forward Bow Lake will be combining both phases of the Project under one REA application. This approach represents a departure from the former pursuit of separate renewable energy approvals for each phase of the Project. It is important to note that there have been no material changes to the project location or design of either phase, and the Project is not being expanded beyond the original Phase 1 and Phase 2 proposals; the original proposals are being combined into a single REA Application. Bow Lake will be re-initiating the REA process for the combined Project, including continuation of the natural heritage reporting and the consultation program.

Documents for Public Inspection:

The Draft Project Description Report describes the facility as a Project that will include up to 36 wind turbines. The proposed Project would also include access roads, up to three meteorological towers, electrical collector lines, and a transformer station. A written copy of the Draft Project Description Report is being made available for public inspection at the Sault Ste. Marie North Planning Board office (669 Wellington Street East, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario) and on the Project website at www.blueearthrenewables.com/bowlakewind.

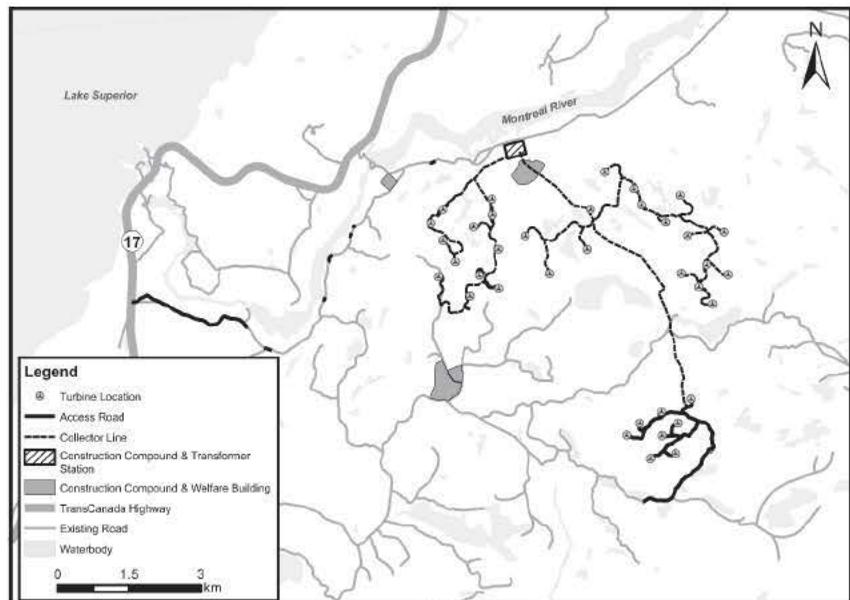
Further, Bow Lake will prepare additional supporting documents in order to comply with the requirements of the Act and Regulation. Written copies of additional draft supporting documents will be made available for public inspection at least 60 days before the final public meeting.

Project Contacts and Information:

To learn more about the project proposal or to communicate concerns please contact:

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October 5, 2012

Reference: Bow Lake Wind Farm – Project Update

This Project update is to inform Aboriginal communities and public stakeholders about two recent changes to the proposed Bow Lake Wind Farm (the "Project"), located approximately 80 km north of Sault Ste. Marie and roughly six kilometres east of Montreal River Harbour. One change is administrative in nature, and the other related to regulatory process.

1. Change of Proponent Name

Understanding that the proposed Project falls within the territory of the Batchewana First Nation of Ojibways ("BFN"), Bow Lake Phase 1 Wind Farm Ltd. and Bow Lake Phase 2 Wind Farm Ltd. (collectively "BLWF") have engaged directly with the BFN over the last several years. Both the BFN and BLWF have contributed significant resources toward this engagement, and are pleased to confirm that they are in the final stages of completing partnership agreements that will see the BFN become economic partners in the Project. As a result of this partnership, going forward the project proponents will be Nodin Kitagan Limited Partnership (for Phase 1) and Nodin Kitagan 2 Limited Partnership (for Phase 2), on behalf of their respective general partners Shongwish Nodin Kitagan GP Corp. and Shongwish Nodin Kitagan 2 GP Corp. BLWF and BFN will own these corporate partnerships.

The BFN will also be:

- entering into various business and relationship agreements with the Project to guide Project activities; and
- issuing a Development and Power Generation Permit, which provides the BFN's approval to construct, operate, repower, and decommission the Project.

The English name of the Project is the *Bow Lake Wind Farm*, however, the BFN know and refer to the Project as *Chinodin Chigumi Nodin Kitagan*.

2. Migration of Phase 1 Class EA Works to REA Process

On February 29, 2012 the Project issued a *Public Notice for a Category B Project Evaluation* under the Ministry of Natural Resources' Class Environmental Assessment ("Class EA") Process for MNR Resource Stewardship. This notice was with respect to proposed upgrades to existing roads and the construction of three "spur" roads (the "works") in Phase 1 of the Project, to allow access for cranes, turbine components, and other equipment and materials related to the wind plant development. The roads proposed for upgrading were public roads, with multiple users, and because the proposed upgrades were to continue to support public, multi-use access, these works were therefore previously required to be assessed under the Class EA process as opposed to the Renewable Energy Approval ("REA") process.

On the 29th of June 2012 amendments to Ontario Regulation 359/09 (the Renewable Energy Approval (“REA”) Regulation) and to Ontario Regulation 334 (under the *Environmental Assessment Act*) came into force. The amendments to O. Reg. 334 allowed the assessment of public, multi-use access roads that are to be used to access renewable energy projects to occur through the REA process, removing the requirement to evaluate these components under a separate and parallel Class EA process under the *Environmental Assessment Act*.

In order to meet the June 2012 amendments to the REA Regulation, Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the project have been combined into one Renewable Energy Application. There have been no material changes to the project location or design and the Project is not being expanded – the two phases are merely being combined into one REA process.

The amalgamation of both phases of the Project into one REA Application is considered a change to the scope of the work and project initially captured in the Class EA Notice, which only considered Phase 1 of the Project. As a result of this change, the Project has terminated the Phase 1 Class EA process that was initiated in February 2012. The Project is still proposing to undertake the multi-purpose road works described in the former Phase 1 Class EA, however because of the June 2012 amendments to O. Reg. 334 described above, the environmental and cultural assessment of these works will now be evaluated under and in accordance with the REA Regulation.

Evaluating these multi-purpose road works together with the rest of the Project activities will ensure all potential Project effects will be considered under the rigor of the REA Regulation, and in a cohesive manner. The assessment of the complete Project, including both phases and multi-purpose roads, under the REA regulation will make it easier for the public to access and understand comprehensive Project information focused on a single, in depth review process.

Comments from the public have been received in response to the Phase 1 Class EA Public Notice issued in February 2012. The Project has considered this feedback, and will incorporate these comments as applicable in the REA assessment.

Should you have any comments or concerns about the former Phase 1 Class EA works, or any other proposed Project activities, you may continue to contact us at any time at the coordinates listed below.

Project contact information has not changed. Interested parties may still obtain up to date project information on the Project website (www.blueearthrenewables.com/bowlakewind), may send their questions to or directly contact either of the following project representatives:

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Bow Lake Wind Farm

Newsletter No. 1



New Partnership, New Name

Bow Lake Phase 1 Wind Farm Ltd. and Bow Lake Phase 2 Wind Farm Ltd. (collectively "BLWF") have been working closely with the Batchewana First Nation ("BFN") over the last several years, and are pleased to confirm that they are in the final stages of completing partnership agreements that will see the BFN become economic partners in the Bow Lake Wind Farm ("Project"). As a result of this partnership, going forward the project proponents will be Nodin Kitagan Limited Partnership (for Phase 1) and Nodin Kitagan 2 Limited Partnership (for Phase 2), by their respective general partners Shongwish Nodin Kitagan GP Corp. and Shongwish Nodin Kitagan 2 GP Corp. BLWF and BFN will own these corporate partnerships. BluEarth Renewables, a shareholder in BLWF, will continue to lead the development of the Project on behalf of all Project partners.

The English name of the Project will continue to be *Bow Lake Wind Farm*, however the BFN know and refer to the Project as *Chinodin Chigumi Nodin Kitagan*.

BluEarth Renewables is also a partner in the Nodin Kitagan companies, and is leading the development of the Project on behalf of the partnerships.

Update & Timeline

The Nodin Kitagan Partnerships have undertaken rigorous design and study work to prepare a complete Renewable Energy Approval ("REA") application. Draft REA documents, including Natural and Cultural Heritage Assessment documents, are available for review on the project website (www.blueearthrenewables.com/bowlakewind), and hard copies are available at the Sault North Planning Board Office (669 Wellington Street East, Sault Ste. Marie).

We welcome your questions or feedback at any time. Contact information is available on the Project website and on the back side of this newsletter.

The Final Public Meeting is scheduled for December 13, 2012, 5:00 to 8:00 pm at the Aweres School – details are available on the Project website. Subsequent to that meeting, the proponent will work to update and finalize its REA application documents based on feedback received leading up to and at that final meeting, and to submit an REA application to the Ministry of Environment early in 2013. Should the Project be successful in receiving environmental approvals, construction could start in the summer of 2013.



Regulatory Changes

On the 29th of June 2012 changes to Ontario Regulation 359/09 and Ontario Regulation 334 (regulations pertaining to the permitting and approval or renewable energy projects) came into force. In order to meet the requirements of these 2012 amendments, Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the Project have been combined into one Renewable Energy Approval application. While this is a change from the former pursuit of two separate REA approvals, there have been no material changes to the Project location or design, and the Project is not being expanded beyond the original Phase 1 and Phase 2 proposals – these proposals are merely being combined into a single process.

The amalgamation of the two phases into one REA application changes the scope of the project that was initially described in the Public Notice for a Category B (Class Environmental Assessment) Evaluation issued on February 29, 2012. The works assessed in the Class EA were proposed upgrades and construction of multi-use, public roads in Phase 1. As a result of the change in scope, the Phase 1 Class EA has been terminated. Because of the June 2012 changes to O.Reg. 344, the Class EA will not be re-started, but rather the proposed multi-use road works originally described in the Phase 1 Class EA will now be evaluated under and in accordance with the REA Regulation.

The environmental and cultural assessment of the complete Project, including both Phases and multi-use roads, will allow for all potential Project effects to be considered under the rigorous REA Regulation, and make it easier for the public to access and understand comprehensive information with respect to the Project, and to understand the Project in its entirety.

Additional information on this change is available in the October 5, 2012 Notice of Change available on the Project website.

Activities on Site

Throughout 2012 Stantec has had a number of biologists and ecologists out in the Project area, studying the flora and fauna and collecting data to complete the Natural Heritage Assessment. The results of those studies are now available in the draft Natural Heritage Assessment documents on the Project website. The BFN were also out in the Project area, conducting natural and cultural heritage studies to inform their own permitting process.

Through October and November, workers will be on site conducting investigative geotechnical studies. This work involves drilling small boreholes in order to provide information that engineers require in designing turbine foundations. This work is commonly done in early project development stages, and all necessary approvals have been obtained from the Ministry of Natural Resources to undertake this work.

So, where does the power go?

One of the most common questions we heard at the September 6 Public Meeting was, where is the power from the Bow Lake Project going to go? The Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) balances the supply and demand for electricity in Ontario and then directs its flow across the province's transmission lines. According to the IESO, the power produced by the Bow Lake Wind Farm will be consumed in and around Sault Ste. Marie. Currently, Sault Ste. Marie receives a portion of its electricity via transmission lines from southern Ontario, although other energy projects in the region, including wind, hydro and solar, can significantly contribute towards meeting the local energy demands. The energy from the Bow Lake Wind Farm will further contribute towards local energy self-sufficiency, reducing reliance on energy generated in other regions of the province, and improving the efficiency of Ontario's electrical system.



NOTICE OF FINAL PUBLIC MEETING - BOW LAKE WIND FARM

To be held by Nodin Kitagan Limited Partnership and Nodin Kitagan 2 Limited Partnership (formerly Bow Lake) regarding a Proposal to Engage in a Renewable Energy Project

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Project Location: Townships of Smilsky and Peever, District of Algoma

Dated At: the District of Algoma this the 10th of October, 2012

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