

Final Meeting Minutes

Bow Lake Wind Project Community Liaison Committee Meeting #4

Date/Time:	September 28, 2015 / 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Place:	Obadjiwan Conference and Convention Centre Hwy 563 & Hwy 17, Batchawana Bay
Attendees:	George Browne (CLC Member), Ruth Fletcher (CLC Member), Geoff Carnegie (Nodin Kitagan), Moe Hickey (BluEarth), Deyong Cha (BluEarth)
Absentees:	Dominique Eckhardt (CLC Member), David Euler (CLC Member), Justus Veldman (CLC Member), Karen Bird (BFN)
Others:	Ward Conway (Montreal River resident)
Facilitator:	Michael DiAngelo

Item:

Greetings

- Michael DiAngelo welcomed everyone to the meeting. Without an Elder present, no blessing was given for the opening of the meeting.

Welcome Remarks

- As this is the final meeting for the Committee, Michael DiAngelo thanked everyone for their time, interest and participation and reviewed the purpose and objectives of the Committee agreed to during the first meeting in July 2014.
- Michael suggested that feedback or questions should be provided during the project update.

Project Update

- Geoff Carnegie opened by informing those present that Bryan Tripp is no longer with BluEarth or the Nodin Kitagan and now working with a consulting firm in Southern Ontario. Geoff complimented Bryan for his work on the project.

- Geoff introduced two BluEarth employees who will have continued involvement in the project after commissioning. They included Moe Hickey, Director of Operations (who will have continued involvement in the project after commissioning) and Deyong Cha, Director of Construction. He also noted that fulltime staff would include a Site Supervisor and four Technicians.
- Geoff outlined the Phase I construction activities that have been completed. These include, among others, interconnection to the provincial electrical grid, testing and commissioning of the wind turbines and installation of 17 bat roosting boxes.
- Phase II construction activity included an upgrade to the Negick Creek Bridge, completion of project roads, wind turbine erection, collector and communications systems installation, as well as initiation of the Operations and Maintenance building construction.
- Geoff noted that public use/access via Dump Road will be possible once the project is commissioned. This is a shared public road so caution should always be used. It is presently the project's intention to keep Dump Road open during the winter.
- A discussion took place at this point with George Browne voicing some questions of camp owners regarding exactly how far the road would be maintained during the winter. Those camp owners had an access problem last winter with kilometer 14 to 18 being plowed and sanded. This caused problems for their snow machines but was the only way to access the camps. Parking will also be considered for any camp owners travelling to their property over the winter months (i.e., a wide-out will be able to accommodate parking)
- The group reviewed a map of the area and George outlined how camp owners typically accessed their properties. Dump/Hogg Road would be open no matter. George requested confirmation of the project's intended winter plough areas. When available, this information will be posted on the BluEarth website.
- Geoff confirmed to Ruth that while plowing the road is required, no contracts have been let at this time. Moe noted that for many of the spur and other non-core roads, the issue is not necessarily the day-to-day operation, but if a major component failed during winter months, they may need to bring a crane using a road that will not be easy to clear and navigate if it had been snow packed for a few months.
- Geoff confirmed that any gates removed at the former "Radon" aggregate site during construction would be replaced and access would return to the pre-construction route.
- Hunting restrictions approved by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry are in place. Hunting is prohibited from September 15 to December 31, 2015 in the areas adjacent to the project.
- There was discussion about whether or not turbine speed could be increased during the bat mortality studies or once studies were completed. George referenced the tribunal report's recommendation indicating that any adjustment to speed would follow the study. Geoff will refer the question to BluEarth to determine requirements for compliance.
- Geoff thanked the Committee for their participation and contributions over the past two years. He noted that Nodin Kitagan remains committed to being a good neighbour and provided the following contact information. Telephone 1-844-215-2578 or Internet - bowlakewind@bluearth.ca
- Ruth asked what kind of ongoing presence there would be in Montreal River. Moe confirmed the team, based in Sault Ste. Marie, includes a Site Supervisor and 4 Technicians. He outlined the normal service plan and noted that specific expertise requirements would be provided through third party contracts.

- Ruth noted that Algoma University is involved with bird listening and there may be an opportunity to co-ordinate that with the bird studies taking place as part of the project. Moe will pass the information on to the proper BluEarth contact.
- Ruth enquired whether Geoff would consider speaking to a Standing Advisory Committee she and Ward are involved in. The Committee meets twice a year and is looking at impacts on the Montreal River. Geoff will check for a fit for this committee and will consider asking a BluEarth representative to attend a meeting next year.
- **Geoff suggested that any questions, issues or concerns post the CLC meetings could be directed to site staff once the project ends and the wind farm is operational. Messages can be sent to BluEarth by email to bowlakewind@bluearth.ca or by phone at 1-844-214-2578.**

Next Steps

- Michael noted that the minutes of this final meeting would be posted on the BluEarth website and once again thanked everyone for their participation.

Adjourn

- The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.