

Napier Community Liaison Committee (CLC) Meeting



- Type:** wpd Canada – Napier Project Local Community
- Date:** September 24, 2015 | 6:30-8:00pm
- Location:** Adelaide Metcalfe Township Office, Lower Hall, 2340 Egremont Drive, RR#5 Strathroy
- Attendees:** Adelaide Metcalfe: His Worship Kurtis Smith, Mayor
wpd: Ray Currie, Jennifer Ng, Jonathan Clifford
Hatch: Andrew McLean
- Reference:** Napier Wind Project Development
- Agenda:**
- Introductions
 - Purpose of the meeting
 - Project Presentation
 - Discussion
 - Next Steps

Meeting format and considerations for the next meeting:

- A formal presentation was planned; a round table discussion about the project occurred.

Meeting Summary:

- The only local attendee was Mayor Smith.
- At 6:45, Jonathan initiated the presentation. The discussion was informal, and went over the basic purpose of the CLC, provided a summary of the project's progress, wpd Canada's obligations regarding the CLC, and then opened the table to discussion.
- Andrew spoke about the construction process in more detail, regarding the general process of turbine installation, as well as the current status of the wpd Napier Wind Project site, and what was to come in the following months.
- Mayor Smith left around 7:15pm. wpd staff remained at the venue until 8:00pm in case any other residents came in later.

General Questions about the Napier Project:

- Q: Did wpd advertise the CLC meeting in the Strathroy Dispatch?
- A: Yes, wpd Canada did a maildrop, and posted notices for the meeting and a call for applications for the CLC in the Strathroy Dispatch. wpd had published a call for membership in the previous year, and continues to look for applicants.
- Q: Have there been any questions or comments from the public?
- A: To date, wpd Canada has not received any formal complaints about the project construction.

- Q: What delivery route will the turbine components take?
- A: Explained that the manufacturer will make the ultimate decision for the haul route, but wpd Canada would be notifying nearby landowners before it occurs.
- Q: Will wpd Canada have a community vibrancy fund?
- A: wpd is open to hearing requests and/or submissions from the township.

Construction and Operation Information:

- **Works completed:** Electrical lines have been buried, and the foundation is curing.
- **Works to come:** Turbine installation, completion of the electrical infrastructure, and commissioning. The estimated Commercial Operation Date (COD) is the end of 2015.
- **After construction:** Operation and testing of the turbines may begin in early 2016. Bird and bat monitoring and acoustical testing will also begin during the operations phase of the project.

Next steps:

- Meeting minutes
- Next meeting suggested to be held after project is operational
- Post-construction monitoring to be discussed
- Local landowners to be notified of haul route
- Possible venue change (Fire hall)
- Review and Discuss community benefit proposals.
- Any feedback on how we are doing this, please let us know!