

## Napier Community Liaison Committee (CLC) Meeting



- Date:** April 20, 2017 | 6:30-7:30pm  
**Location:** Adelaide Metcalfe Fire Department 27817 Kerwood Rd, Kerwood  
**Attendees:** Adelaide Metcalfe: Mary Ann Hendrikx, Chief Noordhof  
wpd: Jonathan Clifford, Martin Heffner  
General Public: three attendees  
**Reference:** Napier Wind Project Development  
**Agenda:**
- Purpose of the meeting
  - Project Timeline
  - Project Update
  - Operational Monitoring
  - Comments, Concerns, Questions, Suggestions
  - Next Steps

### Meeting format:

- A power point presentation and discussion took place with a representative from the Municipality and public present.

### Meeting Summary Highlights:

- The meeting had five attendees including Councilor Hendrikx. Mayor Smith was unable to attend.
- Presentation started around 6:30 pm.
- Provided an update on the project history and milestones reached since the beginning of the project in spring 2011.
- Operational monitoring was discussed, including acoustic testing and bird and bat mortality monitoring results from 2016
- Questions and next steps were discussed.
- The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

### Presentation and General Discussion:

- Project Timetable
  - Reviewed the project timeline from 2011 to 2016
  - An attendee asked how long the turbines will be working for and when the decommissioning will start.
    - wpd indicated the contract term is 20 years, money is already set aside to fund decommissioning which will commence after 20 years if the project is not repowered.
  - An attendee asked what will happen with the foundations.
    - wpd replied that usually some of the foundation will be removed. Parts will likely stay in the ground. There has to be at least one meter of soil on top of the foundation. Agreements with the landowners are met independently.

### Immission Testing

- wpd explained the purpose of the immission test and the results of the Phase One test conducted fall/winter 2016/2017. It was explained that the audit had not been accepted by the ministry as of yet, but the preliminary results showed the test had passed.
- Jon also noted the Phase Two test was currently underway.
- An attendee asked if there was going to be a change to acoustic noise emitted from the turbines.

- Jon explained that there are some sounds that may be audible. wpd and the turbine supplier, Senvion, would continue to track and deal with acoustic issues if they should arise. wpd reiterated that a second Phase Two immission test was underway.
  - wpd also provided the contact number for wpd and that of the Ministry's Spill Action Centre if there were questions or concerns about acoustic noises from the turbines.
- Emission Testing
  - wpd explained the Emission Test and results of the test completed the previous fall.
    - Results have not been accepted by ministry, but the turbine passed the sound requirements.
- Birds & Bats
  - wpd explained mitigation measures involved in the Bird and Bat Monitoring Program
  - Results after one year of monitoring:
    - Bird mortalities were low, well under thresholds of 14/turbine/year (no SAR)
    - Bat mortalities were higher, over 10 bats/turbine/year (no SAR)
  - As bat mortality went past thresholds, operational mitigation was to be introduced:
    - Sunset to sunrise from July 15 to Sept 30 with a higher cut in speed (5.5 metres/second from 3.5m/s) for life of the project.
    - Effectiveness monitoring would begin in 2017 and last for 3 years
    - Further mitigation would be introduced if mortality levels continue to be exceeded.
- General Discussion and Questions
  - An attendee asked how to follow up the Bat Monitoring.
    - wpd indicated they will look at posting a summary of the Bird and Bat Mortality monitoring report online.
  - The Fire Chief asked if local events can be sponsored by wpd-Canada.
    - Jon responded that they can forward specific proposals for consideration but was not in a position to commit to anything at the moment.
- Future Meetings
  - Jon explained that this was the last of the mandated meetings required to be held, but if there was ongoing community interest, future meeting could take place.
  - There were no strong preferences communicated about future meetings either way.
  - wpd has committed to providing the Municipality with regular written updates on the project

**Next Steps:**

- Meeting minutes posted to website.
- A summary of each of the four CLC meetings will be forwarded to the MOECC for review. Further meetings were possible if there continue to be interest
- Project updates summary to be distributed to the Municipality.