



### **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by: Alex Westerhout

Seconded by: Mark Davis

That the Multi-Municipal Wind Turbine Working Group adopt the minutes of the last Committee Meeting held March 8th 2018, as circulated.

**Carried**

### **4. DELEGATIONS**

4.1 Dave Hemingway advised the Committee that there was a Statement of Claim filed by Stefanos Karatopis, Alexandra Karatopis-Sherman, Raymond Sherman, Kalliopi Sherman, Dimitra Sherman and Dimitrios Sherman against FWRN LP, 1021702 B.C. Ltd., Enercon Canada Inc., Boralex Inc., Six Nations of the Grand River Development Corporation, Borea Construction ULC, Stabilization Canada Inc., Laidlaw Construction Limited, Lafarge North America Inc., St. Mary's Cement Inc., The Corporation of the Township of West Lincoln and Regional Municipality of Niagara together with the named leaseholders responsible for the wind development project, for general and special damages in the amount of \$10 Million. The law suit was relating to silicone dust being put on the roadway leading to the wind turbine project. The roadway's location changed and the resulting roadway was put too close to the Karatopis' and Sherman's home. The wind development company and construction company put silicone in the dust on the road to the IWTs. Silicone is health damaging. It is a carcinogen causing silicosis in the lungs. The dust got into the Plaintiff's house and the family had to spend a number of days in the hospital in a quarantine unit. The family told the supervisor of the job site to stop working on the road, however, the work continued.

Dave stated that the Dutton Dunwich project in Renfrew County may be going to court or might be ERT

Prince Edward County is fighting IWT projects because of the Blandling Turtle population

### **5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

5.1 Following the attendance of Rick Chappell and Andrew Barton from Owen Sound district MOECC, André den Tandt's forwarded Rick Chappell an email of a website link [www.wind-watch.org/documents/summary-of-the-effect-of-the-medical-and-scientific-evidence](http://www.wind-watch.org/documents/summary-of-the-effect-of-the-medical-and-scientific-evidence) written by Richard White and Katherine Bean and posted December 9, 2017 Australia, Health, Law, Noise.

Rick Chappell responded to André den Tandt's email by stating the link is a repeat of an Australian Tribunal decision and the ministry noted several references to the Health Canada study in the Decision that stated Health Canada Study reflected an established association between wind turbine noise annoyance and adverse health effects.

Rick went on to state a response from Health Canada that:

"Health Canada would not agree with the assertion that there is an established association between noise annoyance and cardiovascular diseases, including hypertension. However, there is significant research suggesting that chronic sleep disturbance (for any reason) may be a risk factor for developing cardiovascular conditions, such as hypertension. When evaluated in the context of the myriad of factors that are known to adversely impact sleep, there is no conclusive evidence that would establish noise annoyance as a causal contributor to disease by way of sleep disturbance/psychological stress."

Rick stated that based on the response from Health Canada that is consistent with the ministry's understanding of this subject, the conclusions reached in the Decision appear to be incorrect and the article is likewise incorrect in its assertions based on the Decision.

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

- 6.1 There was a discussion on what the Committee will focus on after the Provincial Election. There was a request to invite Bill Walker, MPP for Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound and Lisa Thompson, MPP for Huron-Bruce back to the Committee to provide a government update for the July meeting. The Recording Secretary was asked to send invitations to these two MPPs.

It was suggested that the Committee obtain 100 more DVDs of Impacts of Industrial Wind Turbines through Dave Hemingway and with the existing number of DVDs which the Committee still has, that the Committee forward one DVD to each new member of the provincial government.

Moved by: Stewart Halliday  
Seconded by: Mark Davis

that the Multi-Municipal Wind Turbine Working Group hereby authorizes payment of approximately \$600.00 to be paid to Dave Hemingway or the company providing DVDs to supply 100 DVDs for July 12, 2018 meeting.

**Carried**

- 6.2 WCO filed charges against MOECC Minister Chris Ballard for violating Ontario's Environmental Protection Act court date May 17th, 2018. Jane Wilson from Wind Concerns Ontario provided a summary to the Committee by email. WCO President, Jane Wilson, recently filed a summons to Mr. Chris Ballard, who is the Minister of Environment and Climate Change. The information submitted under Section 23 of the Provincial Offences Act is that Mr. Ballard "did commit the offence of causing or permitting the discharge of a contaminant, namely noise, into

the natural environment that has caused, or may cause, or was likely to cause an adverse effect."

The charge is related to Section 1(1) of the Environmental Protection Act which describes "adverse effect" and includes "harm or material discomfort to any person", an "adverse effect on the health of a person" "impairment of the safety of any person" "impairment of the quality of the natural environment, and "loss of enjoyment of normal use of property"

The court appearance on this matter is set for May 17, 2018 in Toronto.

- 6.3 The Chair commented on the fact that there are not as many municipalities attending the meetings and that the Committee requires a quorum be present for meetings to occur. The Committee asked the Recording Secretary to send an email to the Clerks and the municipal members to remind them to attend the meetings to ensure quorum.
- 6.4 The Chair suggested and the Committee decided that since the provincial election is scheduled for June 7, 2018, that it was agreed among the members present to cancel the June 14, 2018 meeting as it is too close to the election date. The Recording Secretary was asked to send an email to the Clerks and members to advise them that the meeting in June has been cancelled. The next meeting will be July 12, 2018.
- 6.5 There was a request from some Committee members to obtain the 2017 Statement of Operations sent out. The Recording Secretary will request the 2017 Statement of Operations from the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie and will send to the Clerks and the members by email.
- 6.6 The Vice-Chair, Scott Mackey, suggested that we put together a list of By-laws that have been passed by various municipalities and to distribute same to all the members of the Committee.

## **7. FOR INFORMATION**

- 7.1 Carol Lawrence from West Grey will be away from the next number of meetings due to a health issue. The Committee asked the Recording Secretary to send a card to Carol Lawrence from the Committee.
- 7.2 Dave Hemingway advised the Committee that he attended an event in Smithville, Ontario on April 21st called "Understanding Stray Voltage & Industrial Wind Turbines" where the speakers were David Stetzner, Carmen Krogh, Alan Whitely, and Barb Ashbee.

## **8. DATE AND LOCATION OF NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING**

The next meeting date is scheduled for Thursday, July 12, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at the Chesley Fire Hall, 211 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. N., Chesley.

**9. RESOLUTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF (includes appointed Councillor(s) and citizen appointee)**  
Not Required

**10. RESOLUTION TO RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**  
Not Required

**11. ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION (if any)**  
None

**12. ADJOURNMENT**  
Moved by: Dwight Burley  
Seconded by: Carol Barfoot  
That the meeting be adjourned to the call of the Chair.

**Carried**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

*Original Signed by*

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Randy Roppel, Chair

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Teresa Gowan, Recording Secretary