

Multi-Municipal Wind Turbine Working Group

Thursday, May 16, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.
Chesley Fire Hall
211 1st Ave N., Chesley, Ontario

MINUTES

A meeting of the Multi Municipal Wind Turbine Working Group was held on Thursday, May 16, 2019 at the Chesley Fire Hall.

Participating Municipalities Present:

Municipality	Name of Members in attendance
Arran-Elderslie	Mark Davis, Doug Bell, Bill Palmer
Brockton	Steve Adams, Philip Englishman
Central Huron	Alex Westerhout
Chatsworth	Scott Mackey, Elizabeth Thompson
Georgian Bluffs	Carol Barfoot, Cathy Moore Coburn
Grey Highlands	Dane Neilsen, Paul McQueen
Huron-Kinloss	Don Murray
Kincardine	Randy Roppel
Northern Bruce Peninsula	Debbie Myles, James Mielhausen, Linda Weatherhead

Participating Municipalities Absent:

West Lincoln

The following members of Staff were present:

Teresa Gowan

Arran-Elderslie

Secretary

Others in attendance were:

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: Mark Davis

Seconded by: Bill Palmer

That the Agenda for the Multi-Municipal Wind Turbine Working Group meeting of May 16, 2019 be received and adopted, as distributed by the Recording Secretary.

Carried

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS:

No disclosures of pecuniary interests were made by the Committee.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by: Linda Weatherhead
Seconded by: Debbie Myles

That the Multi-Municipal Wind Turbine Working Group adopt the minutes of the last Committee Meeting held February 14th 2019, as circulated.

Carried

4. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations at this meeting.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- 5.1 Review of proposed working group as suggested by Bill Walker MPP and Lisa Thompson MPP when they had attended previous Committee meetings.

Originally, the members wishes to put their names forward to be a part of a proposed Provincial working group for Industrial Wind Turbines were:

Randy Roppel
Stewart Halliday
Mark Davis
Steven Adams
Bill Palmer

Bill Palmer withdrew his name for personal reasons.

The Chair asked whether any Committee member was willing to put their name forth to be placed on the list.

Don Murray, Deputy Mayor of Huron-Kinloss stated that he would be willing to put his name forth to be put on the list for this proposed group in place of Bill Palmer.

As no other Committee members were wanting to put their name forth, the Chair asked for vote by a show of hands if the Committee was in favour that Don Murray be placed on the list for the proposed Provincial working group.

The members voted by a show of hands in favour that Don Murray be added to the list for the proposed Provincial working group.

- 5.2 The Recording Secretary confirmed that the Clerk from the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie forwarded a cheque from the Committee's funds in the

amount of \$50.00 to the Durham Cemetery Board in memory of Carol Lawrence a long-time member of this Committee. Thank you to Phil Englishman for providing to the Committee the Lawrence family wishes for the donation to be made to the Durham Cemetery Board.

- 5.3 The Clerk raised the issue of the Recording Secretary's wage for the year 2019 with the Committee members present.

Moved by: Mark Davis
Seconded by: Scott Mackey

that the Multi-Municipal Wind Turbine Working Group agree that although the number of meetings and most likely the workload for 2019 is reduced, yet keeping in mind that our Secretary does a good job that the Secretary's wage for 2019 remain unchanged.

Carried

- 5.4 The Recording Secretary distributed USB sticks containing a compilation of by-laws and resolutions passed by various municipalities relating to Industrial Wind Turbines. The Recording Secretary has also uploaded the same data to Google Drive for member access. The link will be provided to the members not in attendance.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- 6.1 A discussion took place regarding further action to be taken as the Committee has not received any further information from Bill Walker, MPP Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound or from Lisa Thompson, MPP Huron-Bruce on their suggested proposed Provincial working group on Industrial Wind Turbines.

Various members put forth their views on what direction the Committee should take. One suggestion was that the Committee focus on changing the protocol for compliance regarding Industrial Wind Turbines. Some members suggested pressing the Conservative Government for more prompt action on IWTs and other members willing to allow the Provincial Conservative Government more time to deal with IWT issues,

There was a suggestion that this Committee connect with other IWT working groups across the Province. The issue is to how to locate other groups.

The Chair asked the Committee members to respond by a show of hands that the Recording Secretary send a letter to each local MPP stating that this Committee is still interested in engaging with the Government to work with their suggested Provincial working group and provide them with

the new list of names and also request that a response is provided prior to our next Committee meeting.

The Committee members, by a show of hands, agreed to have a letter be sent to the local MPPs.

- 6.2 The agenda item regarding whether the Committee consider becoming a member of Wind Concerns Ontario was dropped as only individuals can become members of Wind Concerns Ontario.

There was a discussion about other options the Committee could take, such as being a part of other groups, such as Mothers Against Wind Turbines to share information.

- 6.3 An article on CTV London which was circulated to members mentioned that the Mayor of Lambton County is proposing a new formula to increase tax assessments on Industrial Wind Turbines. There was a discussion regarding Lambton County's proposal. The members stated that while this is a good suggestion, it may be challenging to change the assessment rate that MPAC has already set.

7. FOR INFORMATION

- 7.1 The Chair asked for any updates from various municipalities.

Alex Westerhout mentioned that there has been some discussion in Central Huron Council as to whether they continue being a member of the Committee. They have agreed to remain a member of the Committee for one more year.

Bill Palmer responded to a question from Dane Neilsen about recent wind turbine failures in Ontario. The most recent failure was one of the Sumac Ridge turbines in Kawartha Lakes, where a RePower REturbine lost a blade. This was the ninth failure in Ontario in which significant sized blade pieces hit the ground.

8. DATE AND LOCATION OF NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

There was a discussion on when to have the next Committee meeting. The 2019 schedule is to be every other month commencing February 14, 2019, however, with the April meeting cancelled as neither the Chair nor the Vice-Chair was available, the April meeting was changed to May 16, 2019.

The Chair asked if the members wanted to have the next meeting to continue with the 2019 schedule which would be June 13, 2019 and the following meeting would be on August 8, 2019.

The members decided that as there may not be enough agenda items to have a meeting on June 13th as it would be only one month from today's meeting.

It was decided by the members that the June 13th meeting be skipped and the next meeting would be on July 11, 2019 and that the August 8th meeting would also be skipped as the AMO Conference is in August and members would be attending that Conference.

Therefore, the next meeting date is scheduled for Thursday, July 11, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at the Chesley Fire Hall, 211 1st Ave. N., Chesley ON NOG 1L0.

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: James Mielhausen
Seconded by: Debbie Myles

That the meeting be adjourned to the call of the Chair.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Carried

Original Signed By

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Randy Roppel, Chair

Teresa Gowan, Recording Secretary