

## South Kent Wind Community Liaison Committee

*Meeting 1—November 14, 2012—Completed*

*Meeting 2—February 6, 2013—Completed*

*Meeting 3—June 11, 2013—Completed*

*Meeting 4—November 19, 2013—Completed*

## Objectives

Our objectives for the evening are as follows:

- Continue to learn about the Project and the construction process and schedule
- Continue an open dialogue relating to potential community concerns regarding construction, operation and decommissioning of the Project
- Discussion on any other topics or questions from CLC Members

## Agenda

### Regular Agenda—7:00-9:00

- Project News and Construction Update
  - ◆ Follow-up Items from last CLC Meeting and any key issues
  - ◆ Construction Schedule
- South Kent Wind Community Fund Update
- Discussion Topics or Questions from CLC Members

# MEETING #4 ATTENDANCE

## Members

Gary Brooking—Neighbouring Landowner  
Ken Chittim—Neighbouring Landowner  
Manley Jackson—Participating Landowner  
Dean Jacobs—Consultation Manager, Walpole  
Island First Nation  
Kevin Kerulcin—Participating Landowner  
Angela Maskell—Neighbouring Landowner  
Tom O’Shea—Local Business Owner  
Jamie Pickering—Neighbouring Landowner-  
President of Blenheim Community Task Force  
Marion Smith—Airport Manager, C-K Municipal  
Airport  
Wayne Myers—Neighbouring Landowner  
Walter Spence—Participating Landowner  
Fallon Burch—Chippewas of the Thames First Nation  
Gary Zavitz—Friends of Wind Ontario  
John Cofell—Neighbouring Landowner  
Glenn Anderson—Operations Manager, Talbot Wind  
Farm

## Regrets for Meeting 4

Daniel Joseph Amerlinck—Participating Landowner  
Andrew Duquette—Neighbouring Landowner  
Gordon Fadden—Neighbouring Landowner  
Lynn Girty—Neighbouring Landowner  
Ryan Jacques—Planner, Municipality of Chatham-  
Kent  
Chris Maskell—Neighbouring Landowner  
Herbert McDougall—Neighbouring Landowner

## South Kent Wind Team

Pat Murray—Stake Holder Relations, Pattern Energy  
Al Morton—Civil Technical Specialist, Niagara Hub  
Hatch Ltd., Onsite Representative for the Joint  
Venture  
Alex Dejanovic—Land Manager, Pattern Energy  
Liam Duffy—Project Manager, RES Canada  
Construction LP, South Kent Wind Project

## Dillon Consulting Limited

Karla Kolli—Facilitator  
Bruce McAllister—Notes

# What's happening on the South Kent Wind Project?

## **A Project Update will be provided from SKW Project Team (SKW)**

- *Project News and Construction Update*
- *Follow-up Items from last CLC Meeting and any key issues*
- *Construction Schedule*
- *South Kent Wind Community Fund Update*

## **Project News and Updates**

- *Overall construction is going well with a lot of progress since the last CLC Meeting in June:*
  - *Roads are now complete - finished in early November 2013.*
  - *Foundations almost complete with the last to be poured the week of November 25, 2013.*
  - *Collection System - approximately 190 km of the 270 km of underground cabling now completed. A bit behind on this and will continue into January 2014.*
  - *Transmission Line along the railway corridor - all structures south of the 401 are now constructed with the goal to have the remaining line north of the 401 and all of the conductors completed by the end of 2013.*
  - *Sub-Stations are currently being erected and the O&M building is under construction as well.*
  - *Switchyard just north of 401 along Communication Road is also being constructed.*
  - *Turbines - 68 of 124 are now erected with 61 being mechanically completed. There have been recent wind delays and turbine stacking will continue into January 2014 as planned. May require a night shift until the holidays to make up for the lost days due to weather.*
  - *Navigation Lights are installed on the erected turbines. Early assessment of the shades suggests they are working well.*
  - *Road backfill and reclamation done for Zone 1.*
  - *A special "Notice to Hunters" has been released by SKW to ensure the safety of the workers. This was due to a recent incident involving the discharging of a firearm near the SKW Project Area.*

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## **Construction Schedule**

- *January 16, 2014 will be the last turbine delivery.*
- *Early February 2014 - stacking of final turbines will occur.*
- *February 21, 2014 - Substations will be energized and then commissioning will occur. Construction will be primarily done at this point with some reclamation required when the weather permits. Spring checks on construction will also occur.*

## **Follow-up Items from last CLC Meeting and any key issues**

- *AirNet rural high-speed internet - RES took the question back to an in-house expert in telecommunications. No issues have been reported. Towers are setback far enough not to interfere with the signals. Currently monitoring at a few locations. If issues are identified they will be handled on site-specific basis.*

## **South Kent Wind Community Fund Update**

- *The Chatham-Kent Community Foundation (CKCF) received almost 70 applications for funding through the South Kent Wind Community Fund and the CKCF should be contacting the grant recipients by mid-December 2013.*

# South Kent Wind Construction

The SKW team will provide an update and information on the anticipated Construction Schedule and Next Steps

## Communicating During Construction

The CLC is an important part of maintaining a 2-way flow of information between SKW and their contractors and the community. At CLC Meeting #3, a Construction Notice Template was reviewed and the following methods were decided to be the most effective means of on-going communication.

Ideas for Communication During Construction	Update
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <b>Local Office</b>                      57 Talbot Street West                      Blenheim, Ontario                      (519) 676-0237 or Toll Free 1 (855) 431-1523                      Hours: Tuesday-Thursday 9:30 am to 5:30 pm                 </li> <li> <b>General Contractor:</b>  <b>RES Canada Construction LP</b>                      Liam Duffy,                      Project Manager, RES Canada Construction LP, South Kent Wind Project                      20934 A.D. Shadd Road, RR # 5 Merlin, ON                      NOP 1W0                      Phone: <a href="tel:5196894553">(519) 689-4553</a> </li> </ul>	- no additional updates
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <b>Website</b>—<a href="http://www.southkentwind.com">www.southkentwind.com</a> </li> <li> <b>Email</b>—southkentwind@patternenergy.com                 </li> </ul>	- no additional updates
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <b>Hotline—toll-free number</b>                      1-855-431-1523                 </li> </ul>	- no additional updates
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <b>Construction Notice via email</b> </li> </ul>	- no additional updates

# Issues and Comments

Members are asked to share what issues and/or comments they and their neighbours have regarding the project.

- **Construction**

- **Question** - Will the “ox-bows” on laneways will be straightened out?
- **Response** - SKW is currently reviewing this internally and a decision will be made.
- **Question** - Does winter construction slows things down?
- **Response** - Winter construction does slow things down and tends to be more costly and complicated. The goal is to finish the foundations as quickly as possible.
- **Question** - How come the turbines seem to be spaced so far apart?
- **Response** - The layout of the project is primarily based on adhering to required setbacks and regulations, such as the 550 m minimum setback requirement from noise receptors, along with minimum setbacks from roads, property lines, sensitive environmental features and watercourses. Consideration of the potential operational impact of one turbine on another is also another factor when designing the layout.

- **Operation/Maintenance**

- **Question** - What happens to Navigation light when the power goes out?
- **Response** - Believe there is a UPS battery back-up to provide back-up power for a certain period of time. SKW to confirm. However, if there is an extended wide-spread power outage, the lights will be out.
- **Comment** - A member noted that the only complaints he hears is regarding the navigation lights and that it will be interesting to see how the shading works out.
- **Comment** - From the Airport’s perspective, they get the opposite complaints in that the lighting is not bright enough.
- **Question** - How can a particular wind project be easily identified from another project and can they be delineated?
- **Response** - It was noted that there will be signage at the access road into each turbine site to identify the name of the project and a contact number.
- **Question** - How much does a particular turbine typically cost?
- **Response** - Costs are approximately \$5,000,000 to \$6,000,000 with foundations.
- **Question** - A question was asked as to why some of the operational turbines are not always operating?
- **Response** - Turbines are shut down on regular cycles for maintenance purposes.

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- **Question** - *Who maintains the turbines if there is an issue?*
- **Response** - *Siemens will maintain the turbines for the first 3 years, at minimum, based on the warranty.*
- **Decommissioning**
  - *No comments or questions related to Decommissioning.*
- **General Comments**
  - **Comment** - *General comments were made with respect to educating the general public about wind energy as there is a lot of misinformation and/or a general lack of knowledge in the community regarding several aspects around wind energy. It was suggested that presentations to local groups by SKW might be beneficial (i.e. local senior centres). Organized tours of the project were also mentioned as a possible option to better educate the community. Information sharing with post-secondary educational institutions currently undertaking research around renewable energy and energy storage might also be an opportunity.*
  - **Response** - *SKW is certainly open to giving presentations in the community. A couple of recent tours have already been given to a local agricultural group and to students currently taking the Powerline Technician course at St. Clair College. Future tours will be more feasible once construction is completed and the project is fully operational. It was also noted that various Ontario Wind Operators are going to get together shortly to discuss opportunities for better information sharing within the industry.*
  - **Comment** - *While not related to this project, a comment was made regarding interference with AM radio signals when driving by a nearby solar farm.*
  - **Response** - *RES noted they would inquire with their electrical engineers further on this.*

# A Local Resource

## Visit the Local Office

All members of the CLC are welcome to visit the SKW local office. The office has been established for people to drop-in and:

- *Have discussions with project team members and ask any questions.*
- *Access all documents available regarding the project.*
- *Review display panels from consultations.*
- *Photo copy project information.*

### Local Office Contact and Location

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### NEXT CLC — DATE TO BE DETERMINED

CLC members mentioned and liked the idea of having one of next CLC Meetings at the new SKW Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Building. Since the meeting, it has been confirmed that the best time for a CLC Meeting at the O&M building would be July/August of 2014, a couple of months after commercial operation.