

Strong Breeze Wind Project

Community Engagement Plan

IESO LRP 1 RFP

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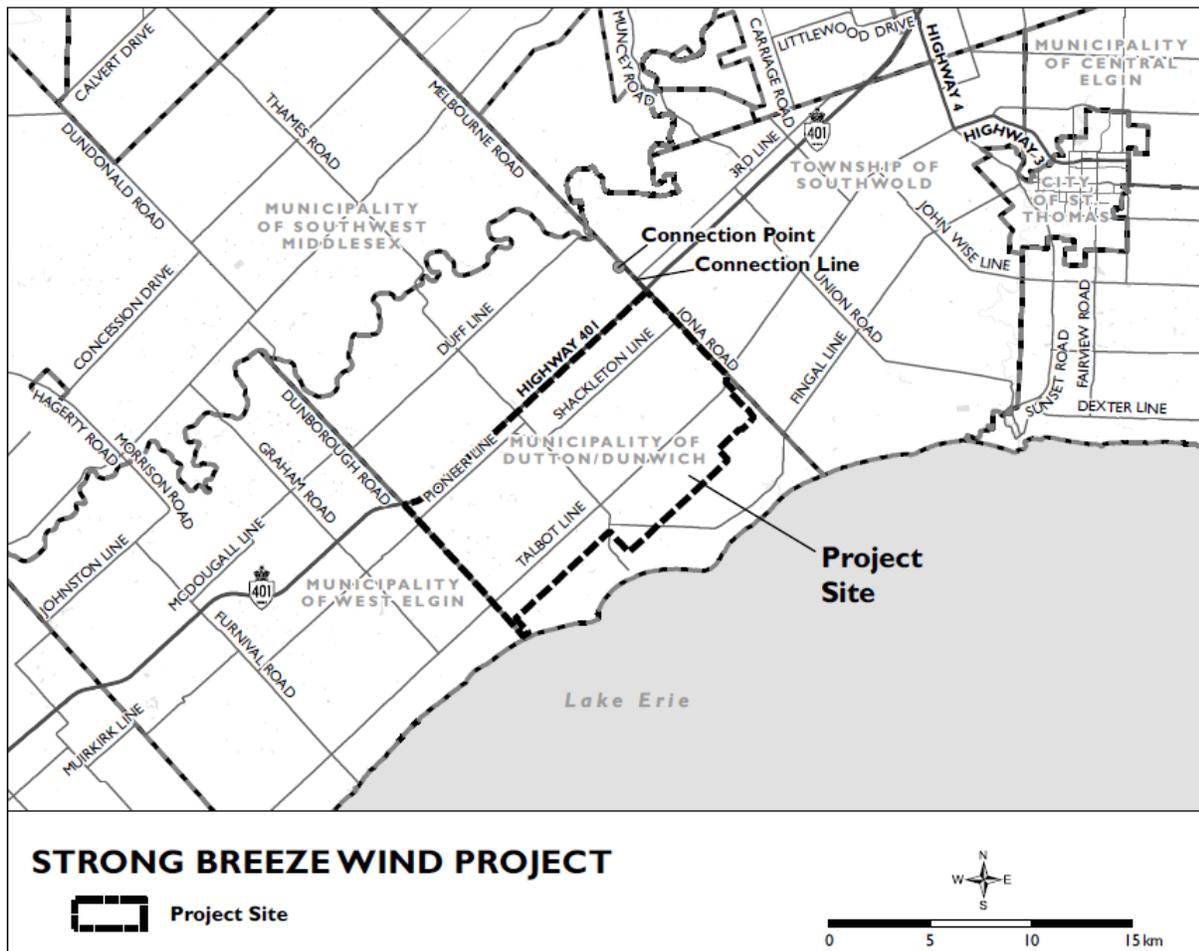
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1. Introduction

1.1 Background – The Project and Engagement in the Community

Invenergy LLC (“Invenergy”) proposes to develop the Strong Breeze Wind Project (the Project) in the Municipality of Dutton Dunwich. Figure 1 illustrates the Project boundaries.

Figure 1: Project Map



Invenergy has qualified to participate in the Independent Electricity System Operator’s (IESO) Large Renewable Procurement - Request for Proposals (LRP I RFP) in 2015, and is preparing to submit a proposal for the Strong Breeze Wind Project. To date, more than 90 landowners have signed land option agreements with Invenergy. This is enough land to develop an estimated 60 megawatt (MW) wind project. The Project and proposed Connection Line are located in the Municipality of Dutton Dunwich, Ontario. The proposed connection point would be the 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission circuit North of Aberdeen Line and West of Iona Road, in Dutton Dunwich.

Given that a wind project will be part of a community for 20 years or more, Invenergy believes it is healthy to engage and build relationships early in the development process. As such, Invenergy has a

local Project representative from the Dutton Dunwich community, and has been in discussions with landowners in the Municipality of Dutton Dunwich for the past three years. There is significant local interest in the Project. A group of local residents have come together to establish the Erie Breezes Energy Co-operative, a community based renewable energy co-operative that will partner with Invenergy in the development of the Strong Breeze Wind Project.

In addition to engaging landowners, Invenergy started engaging with the Municipality of Dutton Dunwich in 2012 with the objective of establishing a working relationship, and informing them early in the Project's planning and development stage. To help Council and staff understand how a wind farm operates, Invenergy took them on a tour of its Raleigh Wind Farm in Chatham-Kent in the fall of 2012. An Invenergy local representative has met with the municipality's Chief Administrative Officer regularly to provide Project updates, and an Invenergy delegation presented to Council as well in January 2014.

Once constructed and operational, the Project will bring significant long-term economic benefits to the municipality, while contributing renewable power to the province's energy supply.

As quoted by Chatham-Kent Mayor Randy Hope in reference to Invenergy's Raleigh Wind Farm, *"This wind farm is part of our vision for a brighter economic future for our local area and a greener future as well. We welcome the Raleigh Wind Energy Centre and appreciate Invenergy's investment in our community."*

1.2 Background – Invenergy

Invenergy develops, owns, and operates wind, solar, natural gas-fueled power generation, and energy storage facilities in Canada, the United States, and Europe. As North America's largest independent wind power generation company, Invenergy has developed and placed into service 51 wind farms, totalling over 4,400 MW. In Canada, Invenergy is active in Ontario, Quebec, British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick. Invenergy has a strong track record in clean energy generation, and is committed to building long-lasting relationships with stakeholders in the communities in which its projects are located.

"Establishing a solid and successful relationship with Invenergy reflects a regional consensus and proves that by working together, we can achieve great results," said Richard St-Laurent, spokesperson for an inter-municipal energy board in the Gaspé region of Quebec, where Invenergy recently placed a 21.15 MW wind farm into operation.

Invenergy enters each new community with the goal of building relationships to establish a foundation for a long-term presence. Entering a community early, engaging in conversations to inform of potential project details, and listening to community concerns are all part of Invenergy's community engagement practices. This approach builds and strengthens trust over time by establishing and nurturing strong relationships with residents and the community.

"Invenergy has kept all their promises and gone beyond in some cases. They have been a great member of the community," said business owner, Lorraine Hynes Peterson, in Judith Gap, Montana, host community of Invenergy's 135 MW Judith Gap Wind Energy Center.

1.3 Background – Ontario’s Large Renewable Procurement (LRP) Program

In recent years, the Feed-in Tariff (FIT) Program was the vehicle that enabled renewable energy development in Ontario. In June 2013, the Ontario Minister of Energy directed IESO (formerly the Ontario Power Authority, or OPA) to cancel the FIT Program for large renewable projects and develop a new competitive procurement process. In December 2013, the Minister of Energy released Ontario’s new Long-Term Energy Plan (LTEP), *Achieving Balance*. The plan highlights the fact that Ontarians are benefitting from a clean and reliable energy system, and that Ontario was targeting to be coal-free by 2014. The province closed down its last coal powered plant in April 2014 with a plan to continue to procure additional renewable energy. Visit www.energy.gov.on.ca/en/ltep to learn more about this plan.

Consequently, the IESO developed the Large Renewable Procurement (LRP) program in response to this new plan to include a two-phase procurement process:

1. An initial Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process to qualify applicants who wish to participate in the LRP; and,
2. A Request for Proposal (RFP) process to evaluate the projects proposed by qualified applicants.

Invenergy has qualified to participate in the IESO Large Renewable Procurement - Request for Proposals (Ontario LRP I RFP) in 2015 and is preparing to submit a proposal for the Strong Breeze Wind Project. The IESO is procuring 300 MW of wind in this RFP. The proposal submission deadline is September 1, 2015 and the IESO’s proposal evaluation process will run until November – December 2015.

2. Community Engagement and Consultation Process

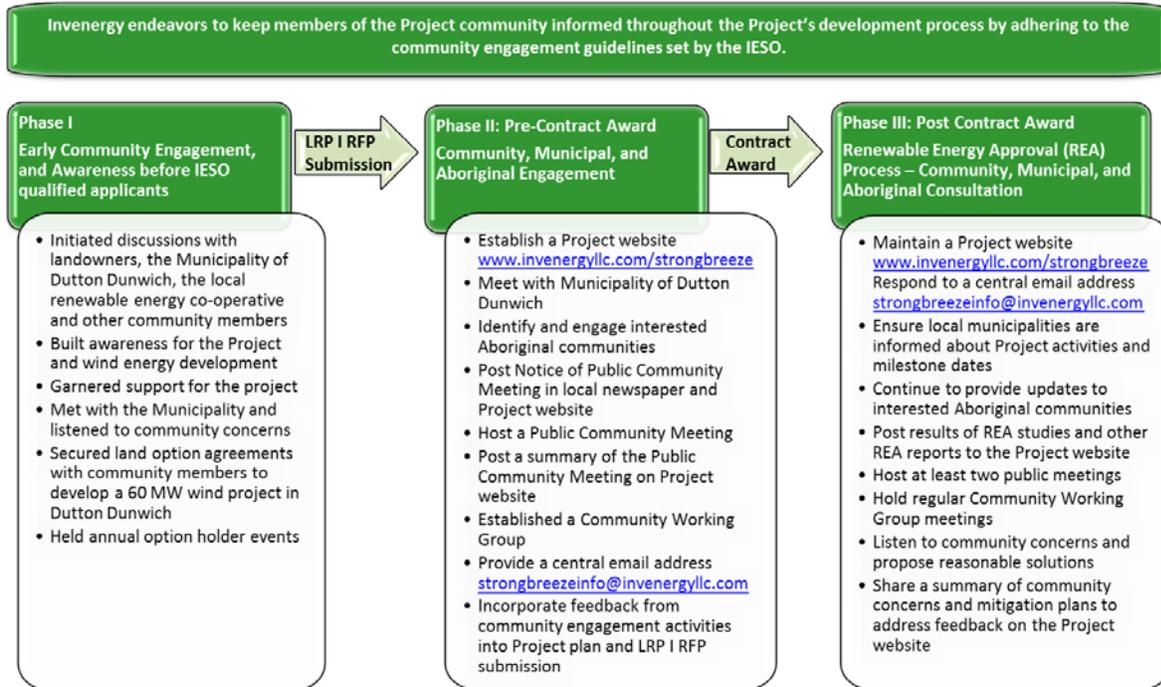
During the RFP phase of the Project, Invenergy will engage and consult with members of the public, Aboriginal communities, the municipality, and other relevant interested parties to inform them of Project details and listen to their concerns. Information about the Project, the Community Engagement Plan, and Site Considerations have been posted to Invenergy’s publicly accessible website (www.invenergyllc.com/strongbreeze) prior to hosting a Public Community Meeting with members of the community. Invenergy is committed to transparency to foster relationships that will help to build a successful project.

If Invenergy is awarded a contract for the Strong Breeze Wind Project, a Renewable Energy Approval (REA) by the Ontario Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOE) is required before the Project can be built. In support of the REA submission, Invenergy will conduct a variety of environmental, archaeological, engineering and heritage resource studies, and will assess other potential impacts of the Project. Once the findings are complete, Invenergy will share the reports with the community through posting to the Project website and providing hard copies to the municipality.

Community activities include hosting public meetings and posting all relevant project information to the Project website (www.invenergyllc.com/strongbreeze). As a minimum, Invenergy will follow the Community Engagement and Consultation requirements mandated by the REA process to fully engage and inform the community about the Project.

Figure 2 (below) outlines the Community Engagement process for the Project, with more details on each Phase to follow in the Community Engagement Strategic Approach and Method section of this plan (Section 6).

Figure 2: Community Engagement process



In order to make this project a success, Invenergy is committed to open, two-way community engagement through all stages of the development process.

3. Purpose of the Community Engagement Plan

Invenergy has prepared this Community Engagement Plan for the Project Community to outline the activities proposed to introduce the Strong Breeze Wind Project to the community at large, and to solicit early feedback.

The purpose of this Community Engagement Plan is to present the process that Invenergy intends to follow to engage, inform, and listen to all interested parties in the Project Community. While the focus of the Community Engagement Plan is for the LRP I RFP stage, this plan also provides a high-level outline of engagement activities during the REA stage, should Invenergy be awarded a power purchase contract from the province for the Project. Invenergy's intent is to develop and maintain relationships in the community and to promote a two-way exchange of information with interested or potentially affected landowners, Aboriginal communities, members of the public, as well as the municipality. Throughout the process, Invenergy intends to listen very carefully to the issues raised about the Project and incorporate appropriate mitigation measures, where appropriate, into the Project plans.

Invenergy will maintain a copy of the Community Engagement Plan on the Project website (www.invenergyllc.com/strongbreeze) at least 15 days prior to the date of the Public Community Meeting until the IESO announces the selected proponents for the LRP I RFP. Copies have been sent

to the Clerk of Municipality of Dutton Dunwich, and other designated officials prescribed by the municipality.

4. Interested Parties

The following outlines potentially interested parties of the Strong Breeze Wind Project based on the LRP I RFP:

- Assessed landowners in the Project area, specifically:
 - within 550 metres of the boundaries of the Properties that, in whole or in part, constitute the Site for the Strong Breeze Wind Project;
 - within 120 metres of the proposed Connection Line;
 - Abutting the Properties that, in whole or in part, constitute the Project Site, and on which the proposed Connection Line is to be situated.
- Every Provincial Crown Land Leaseholder with a Provincial Crown Land Lease located on Property on which the Site is located;
- Every Provincial Crown Land Leaseholder with a Provincial Crown Land Lease located within five hundred and fifty (550) metres of the boundaries of the Properties that, in whole or in part, constitute the Site, and every Provincial Crown Land Leaseholder with a Provincial Crown Land Lease within one hundred and twenty (120) metres of the proposed Connection Line;
- Every Provincial Crown Land Leaseholder with a Provincial Crown Land Lease that Abuts the Property on which the Site is located;
- Aboriginal Communities that may be affected by or otherwise interested in the Project or proposed Connection Line;
- The Municipality of Dutton Dunwich specifically, the Clerk, municipal staff and members of council;
- Secretary-treasurers of each Local Roads Board of the area in which the Project and Connection Line are proposed to be situated;
- Secretaries of each Local Services Board of the area in which the Project and Connection Line are proposed to be situated;
- Secretary-treasurers of a Planning Board that has jurisdiction in the area which the Project and proposed Connection Line are proposed to be situated;
- The Director, Environmental Approvals Access and Service Integration Branch, Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change;
- If relevant, the secretary of every company operating an oil or natural gas pipeline, if a pipeline right of way for the pipeline is located within two hundred (200) metres of the Project or proposed Connection Line;
- The Engineering and Development Branch, Environment Canada at weatherradars@ec.gc.ca;

- The secretary-treasurer of each conservation authority established by or under the *Conservation Authorities Act*, RSO 1990, c C.27 or a predecessor thereof in whose jurisdiction the Project is proposed;
- Members of the community with a general interest in wind development; and,
- Local media with general circulation within 25 kilometres of the Strong Breeze Wind Project:
 - West Elgin Chronicle; and,
 - The London Free Press.

5. Community Consultation and Engagement Objectives

The objectives of the Community Engagement Plan are to:

- Engage members of the community, interested Aboriginal Communities, and the municipality early to give them the opportunity to provide input into the development of the Project proposed for their community;
- Listen to the concerns of community members;
- Encourage community participation in the Project;
- Educate community members about wind power, and the wind development process; and,
- Promote sharing of information and concerns, and generate local support.

6. Community Engagement Strategic Approach and Method

An important aspect of wind development is to pro-actively engage community members in the Project area. Establishing relationships and trust will help Invenergy and the community to build a successful project. It is important for community voices to be heard, and listened to in the planning stage in order to build a project that provides benefits to all. Invenergy believes it is helpful to educate and inform the Project Community early in the process.

The Community Engagement and Consultation process for the Project has three phases.

Phase I - Early Community Engagement and Awareness

During 2012 to 2015 (pre IESO announcement of LRP qualified applicants), Invenergy conducted the following engagement activities to initiate the relationship building process.

- Met with landowners to introduce Invenergy, explain wind energy development, and propose a wind project in the community.
- Gave presentations to the municipality and other community groups to build awareness of wind energy development, and the possibility of developing the Project in their community.
- Hosted annual information sessions for landowners who signed option agreements.
- Participated in local speaking engagements.
- Distributed regular Project newsletters to option holders and the municipality.
- Initiated discussions and established a relationship with a local renewable energy co-operative.

Through Invenergy's early engagement activities, some of the community concerns that have surfaced are about economics, aesthetics, health, electricity rates, property values, and keeping power local. Invenergy will attempt to address these concerns through the LRP I RFP community engagement process.

Phase II – LRP I RFP Community, Municipal, and Aboriginal Engagement

- Spring/Summer 2015

Invenergy has expanded its community engagement to include the following activities to engage the full list of interested parties identified in this plan:

Project website

- Host a Project website (www.invenergyllc.com/strongbreeze) on Invenergy's publicly accessible website. The site will go live at least 15 days prior to the Public Community Meeting and will remain until the IESO announces the contract awards for the LRP I RFP. If a contract is awarded, the website will remain throughout the REA process as a source of Project information.
- Post a Project overview and relevant details, the Community Engagement Plan, and Project contact information.
- Post a copy of the Public Meeting summary report for the Public Community Meeting in Dutton Dunwich.
- Update the website as Project information becomes available, such as Site Considerations, all RFP required documentation, and any other project related materials.

Municipal Engagement

Invenergy representatives met with officials from the Municipality of Dutton Dunwich on May 27, 2015 to discuss an overview of the Project, the LRP I RFP process, and to clearly define the community benefits of the Strong Breeze Wind Project. The meeting provided an update from Invenergy's previous delegation to Council in 2014.

Invenergy asked the municipality to complete a prescribed form as confirmation that the meeting took place on May 27, 2015. The completed form was received June 25, 2015 and has been posted to the Project website for public information, and will be included in the LRP I RFP official documentation.

Invenergy presented to staff and council again on June 24, 2015 to outline the framework for a Municipal Agreement, it was agreed upon by both parties that any agreement would be negotiated on a without prejudice basis. Invenergy plans to continue discussions with the municipality on the consultation framework in order to establish a productive working relationship. This will allow Invenergy to continue understanding the community concerns, and incorporate feedback into the Project planning, engineering design, construction and operation phases, as well as come to a consensus on an appropriate Municipal Agreement.

Appendix I of this plan lists the key municipal and local authorities for Dutton Dunwich.

Aboriginal Engagement

Invenergy believes that consultation with Aboriginal communities is an important piece of the overall Community Engagement Plan. The focus of the plan is to engage with Aboriginal communities that may be affected by or otherwise interested in the Project, and the proposed Connection Line. Although

the proposed Strong Breeze Wind Project is not located on First Nations reserve lands, there are Aboriginal communities that may have an interest in the Project. Invenergy has requested a list of Aboriginal communities that should be engaged with from the Ontario Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs as well as completed their own assessment to define potential interests.

Invenergy has reached out to the identified Aboriginal communities to determine if they may have a potential interest in the Project and would like to be engaged. Invenergy also distributed a Notice of a Public Meeting to potentially interested Aboriginal communities in conformance with the LRP I RFP. The Notice contains information about where and when the meeting will take place, contact information, and provides a link to the Project website (www.invenergyllc.com/strongbreeze) to view information about the Project in advance of the meeting.

Should Invenergy receive a contract for the Project, communications with interested Aboriginal communities will occur throughout the various stages of the Project, and continue once the Project becomes operational. Engagement activities may include face-to-face meetings and presentations.

Invenergy will ask interested Aboriginal Communities to complete a form to confirm that a meeting occurred, and post a copy to the Project website. The form will be included as part of the LRP I RFP official documentation.

Public Community Meeting

Invenergy will hold a Public Meeting in Dutton Dunwich to present the Project to the public. The Public Meeting will be in the form of an open forum for Invenergy to meet with members of the community, explain the wind development approach proposed for the Strong Breeze Wind Project, and inform the public of preliminary Project details. Invenergy will give a formal presentation, and have a panel of company representatives and industry experts available to answer questions. Project information posters will be on display and members of the development team will be present to answer questions. The meeting will facilitate a two-way conversation, and provide a good opportunity for members of the community to get answers to their questions, and express any concerns about the Project. The following outlines the activities leading up to, during, and after the meeting to inform the community of the Project details.

- **Notice of Public Community Meeting**
 - Invenergy posted a Notice of Public Community Meeting on June 25, 2015 in the West Elgin Chronicle and on the Project website (www.invenergyllc.com/strongbreeze). A second Notice was published July 2, 2015 in the West Elgin Chronicle, and a third in the London Free Press on July 3, 2015.
 - The purpose of the Notice is to inform members of the community of the Public Meeting scheduled to discuss Invenergy's LRP proposal for the Strong Breeze Wind Project.
 - The Notice includes Invenergy contact information and meeting details.
 - A copy of the Notice of Public Community Meeting has been given to the parties outlined in **Appendix II**.
- Invenergy will have project information posters on display at the Public Community Meeting to describe preliminary Site Considerations, the proposed Connection Line, wind energy in general, the LRP process, Invenergy, and its wind development experience.
- Copies of this Community Engagement Plan will be on display for members of the public attending the meeting.
- Invenergy representatives and independent industry experts will be available during the meeting to respond to questions and listen to concerns.
- Invenergy will give a formal presentation to be followed by a panel of company representatives and industry experts to answer questions.

- A meeting summary report will be prepared, and copies posted to the Project website and provided to the Clerk of Dutton Dunwich, and other designated officials as prescribed by the municipality.

Community Working Group

Invenergy has established a group of local representatives to work with Invenergy and the municipality. The Working Group will continue to meet regularly to collaboratively discuss and address concerns in the community about the Strong Breeze Wind Project. The Working Group will:

- Act as an advisory committee to Invenergy and the community;
- Provide a forum for Invenergy to share information on wind energy development; and,
- Assist Invenergy in its efforts to fully understand community concerns regarding wind energy development in the area, and to help to identify and address any anticipated impacts of wind energy development.

Invenergy will incorporate the feedback received from the Community Working Group into the Project planning and decision-making process.

Phase III – Renewable Energy Approval (REA) Community Consultation

- December 2015 and onwards

Invenergy believes that continuous consultation is a critical component of the REA process. If awarded a power contract for the Project, Invenergy will, at a minimum, follow the consultation requirements set forth in the Ontario Ministry of Environment's Technical Guide to Renewable Energy Approvals. The activities can be summarized as follows:

- Maintain the Project website (www.invenergyllc.com/strongbreeze);
- Respond to a central address (strongbreezeinfo@invenergyllc.com) where the community can voice concerns;
- Ensure local municipality is well informed about Project activities and milestone dates;
- Continue to provide updates to interested Aboriginal communities;
- Post results of REA studies and other REA reports to the Project website;
- Host at least two Public Meetings to listen to community concerns and share results of REA studies, specific Project details, such as the number of turbines, site layout, Connection Line location, Project impacts, and mitigation measures;
- Hold regular Community Working Group meetings, and share meeting minutes with the community;
- Understand community concerns and propose reasonable solutions; and,
- Share a summary of community concerns, and mitigation plans to address feedback on the Project website.

7. Media Relations

Invenergy will respond in a timely manner to all media requests for information, provide the media with accurate information, and will attempt to correct potential misconceptions about the Project.

All media inquiries can be directed to:

Alissa Krinsky, Director of Communications, Invenergy

Ph: 312-582-1554

Email: akrinsky@invenergyllc.com

8. Conclusion

Invenergy's community engagement goal is to engage the public, Aboriginal communities, interested or potentially affected local groups and the municipality, and to establish a two-way exchange of information. Further, Invenergy is committed to sharing relevant and accurate information with these community groups. It is equally important for Invenergy to have access to local knowledge. Invenergy has put vehicles in place for people to communicate Project concerns in person, by phone or by email. A two-way working relationship identified in this Plan provides a process that enables the community to identify concerns pertaining to the proposed Project, and a mechanism for Invenergy to address these concerns.

9. Engagement Schedule

The following schedule outlines Invenergy’s Community Engagement activities for the Strong Breeze Wind Project during Phases I and II. Should Invenergy be awarded a contract for the Project, community engagement and consultation activities would continue during Phase III, the REA process.

Engagement Activities	Summer 2012	Fall/Winter 2012	Winter/Spring/Summer 2013	Fall 2013	Winter/Spring 2014	Summer/Fall 2014	Winter 2015	Spring 2015	Summer 2015
Phase I (2012-early 2015)									
Community engagement									
Present to local interest groups									
Participation at local events									
Work with children’s program to educate on wind power									
Informal information sessions									
Tour of Raleigh Wind Energy Centre (developed by Invenergy in Chatham-Kent)									
Option holder outreach									
Distribute newsletter									
Host annual dinner									
Give project update									
Municipal engagement									
Distribute newsletter									
Tour of Raleigh Wind Energy Centre									
Coordinate a meeting with the Mayor of Chatham-Kent									
Meet with Council									
Informal									
Formal delegation									
Phase II (Spring/Summer 2015)									
Community, Municipal and Aboriginal engagement									
Establish a Community Working group									
Hold Community Working Group meetings									
Reach out to potentially affected or interested Aboriginal communities									
Create and continuously update a Strong Breeze Wind Project website									
Formal delegation to council									
Post Public Notices for public community meeting									
Host Public Community Meeting									

Appendix I: List of Key Municipal and Local Authorities

Municipality of Dutton Dunwich
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Title	Local Authority
Deputy Clerk	Municipality of Dutton Dunwich
Chief Administrative Officer	Municipality of Dutton Dunwich
Chief Administrative Officer	County of Elgin
Director Environmental Approvals Access and Service Integration Branch	Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change
Engineering and Development Branch	Environment Canada
Secretary-Treasurer/CAO	Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority
Assistant Corporate Secretary/Corporate Secretary/Director of Engineering	Union Gas

This list includes only those agencies that were identified for this Project in accordance with the LRP I RFP.

Appendix II: Distribution List for the Notice of Public Community Meeting

Invenergy has published the Notice of Public Community Meeting in the *West Elgin Chronicle* and the *London Free Press*, posted a copy to the Project website, (www.invenergyllc.com/strongbreeze) and distributed it to the following list (as applicable):

- Assessed owner of property within 550 metres of the boundaries of the Properties that, in whole or in part, constitute the Site for the Project, and every assessed owner of Property within 120 metres of the proposed Connection Line;
- Assessed owner of Property Abutting the Properties that, in whole or in part, constitute the Project Site, and every assessed owner of Property on which the proposed Connection Line is to be situated;
- Every Provincial Crown Land Leaseholder with a Provincial Crown Land Lease located within 550 metres of the boundaries of the Properties that, in whole or in part, constitute the Project Site, and every Provincial Crown Land Leaseholder with a Provincial Crown Land Lease within 120 metres of the proposed Connection Line;

- Every Provincial Crown Land Leaseholder with a Provincial Crown Land Lease that Abuts the Property on which the Site is located, other than a Provincial Crown Land Leaseholder described above;
- Every Aboriginal community that, in the judgement of the Registered Proponent, acting reasonably, may be affected by or otherwise interested in the Large Renewable Project or proposed Connection Line;
- The Clerk of the Municipality of Dutton Dunwich;
- If applicable, the secretary-treasurer of each Local Roads Board of a local roads area in which the Large Renewable Project or proposed Connection Line is proposed to be situated;
- If applicable, the secretary of each Local Services Board of a board area in which the Large Renewable Project or proposed Connection Line is proposed to be situated;
- The secretary-treasurer of any Planning Board that has jurisdiction in an area in which the Large Renewable Project or proposed Connection Line is proposed to be situated;
- The Director, Environmental Approvals Access and Service Integration Branch, Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change;
- The secretary of every company operating an oil or natural gas pipeline, if a right of way for the pipeline is located within 200 metres of the Large Renewable Project or proposed Connection Line;
- The Engineering and Development Branch, Environment Canada at weatherradars@ec.gc.ca; and,
- The secretary-treasurer of each conservation authority established by or under the Conservation Authorities Act, RSO 1990, c C.27 or a predecessor thereof in whose jurisdiction the Project is proposed.