

Invenergy Dutton-Dunwich Working Group
Meeting #5, May 28, 2015
Dutton-Dunwich Municipal Office
7pm – 8:30pm

Draft Minutes

In Attendance

John Bennetto, Norah Bennetto, Yvonne Brooks, Elaine Brown, Stan Campbell, Jim Ford, Jamie Littlejohn, Duncan McCallum, Ryan Ralph, Bonnie Rowe, Bert Zegers

Regrets: Warren Nash, Wayne Noorloos

Agenda

Meeting Open
Approval of April 23 rd Minutes
Invenergy Update
Discussion: Economic Impacts Health Impacts
Other Business
Timing for Next Meeting
Meeting Close

Minutes

- 7pm Opening of meeting and review of meeting agenda. Request to add Rick Walford as a Working Group member. Mr. Walford confirmed he can't commit to being a permanent member and his addition was not endorsed by all Working Group members.
- 7:05 Review and approval of April meeting minutes with one minor change to reflect the proper location of a cited Australian study.
- 7:10 Invenergy Update: High-level review of Invenergy presentation to council on May 27th:
- Release of transmission availability and confirmation the circuit has 60 megawatts of availability for this project. Discussion on location of proposed interconnect.
 - Council submitted 43 questions; six were answered prior to the presentation to council, the rest by June 1st.

- Layout of project is still under consideration.
- No turbine supply contract will be issued prior to bid submission
- RFP requirements will likely include another delegation to council and July 23 is the target date for the public meeting at the Rec Centre. Public meeting format will likely include poster boards, presentation and moderated Q&A. Will show a map of the project with boundaries and constraints. Exact turbine locations are determined during the REA process/permitting process (including environmental studies) which takes 18 months or more and includes more public meetings and consultation.
- Discussion of solar and restrictions on prime agricultural land.
- Confirmation turbines won't go all the way down to the lakeshore.
- Webpage should be up by shortly and it will host the community engagement plan.
- Discussion of Community Economic Benefit (CEBA) agreement
- Discussion of setbacks related to wind development.

7:25 Economic Impacts Discussion:

- Fundamental differences of opinion tabled.
- Confirmation three acres per turbine will be taken out of farm production.
- Tax implications for farmers and municipalities.
- Impact of turbines on property values.
- Option agreement notices on title, when and how they expire and extend and discussed how options do not affect ability to re-finance.
- Criteria points in the RFP and how municipalities can utilize them.
- First Nations group participation and criteria points.
- Chamber of Commerce is worried about young families working from home having to move back to the city due to the Turbines.

7:10 Health Impacts Discussion:

- Fundamental differences of opinion tabled.
- Agreement those present don't want people to get sick.
- Differing opinions tabled about whether health effects cited can be attributed to other causes.
- Use and definition of annoyance as cited in the Health Canada preliminary study results.
- Other sources of comparable noise and low frequency noise and whether things are being blown out of proportion.

8:28 Discussion topic for next meeting established – Environmental Impacts.

8:29 Next meeting date established: June 25, 2015

8:31 Close of meeting

Action Items

- Ryan to try to bring methodology for flicker studies at next meeting.

Next Meeting

June 25, 2015, 7-8:30pm
Dutton-Dunwich Municipal Offices
199 Currie Road, Dutton
Council Chambers Meeting Room