

Invenergy Dutton-Dunwich Working Group
Meeting #3, March 26, 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, Warren Nash, Wayne Noorloos, Ryan Ralph, Bonnie Rowe, Bert Zegers

Agenda

Meeting Open
Approval of February 26 th Minutes
Invenergy Update
Discussion: Economic Impacts
Other Business
Timing for Next Meeting
Meeting Close

Minutes

- 7pm Opening of meeting, review of meeting agenda and approach to economic impact discussion
- 7:03 Review and approval of February meeting minutes with one minor change to reflect the participation of Yvonne Brooks from the Chamber of Commerce.
- 7:08 Invenergy Update: LRP RFP released on March 10th in its final format. Notable item – public notice requirements reduced from 30 to 15 days. Permit for second MET tower is still being assembled. Request for more notice than 15 days.
- 7:10 Economic Impacts Discussion:
- Fundamental differences of opinion tabled.
 - Payments/contributions to municipality via CEBA. Tax revenue amounts from project. Nameplate or based on production. (Based on nameplate capacity.)
 - Municipal tax increases and new farm assessment guidelines.
 - Concern about community debt.

- How many megawatts for each tower.
- Discussed mill rate for assessing turbines by the municipality. (Raleigh project example.)
- Actual cost of wind turbine and how they are taxed. What services the municipality would need to provide compared to an apartment building.
- Who pays to maintain the infrastructure (Invenergy).
- Downline costs to maintain the project.
- Project bonds and sureties.
- Insurance provisions.
- Deeper dive into the specifics of the municipal budget and state of the financials
- Video: Vic Fedeli, energy critic and PC MPP for North Bay. Presented by Jamie Littlejohn as representative of his views.
- Review and debate of Auditor General report, Fraser Institute report, Power Advisory Board report, government subsidies to energy programs both fossil and green energy.
- Excess energy supply in the Province.
- Provincial forecast of energy needs until 2032.
- Whether wind energy is competitive with other forms of energy generation
- Property setbacks, effect on residential development.
- How much revenue the community receives per turbine, how much revenue WG members would like to receive, Invenergy revenue, benefit for farmers. Request for a larger percentage of the revenue for municipality.
- Contributions (through consumer consumption, pensions) to companies that support renewable energy.

8:29 Discussion topic for next meeting established – Health impacts. Timing of next meeting established, closing remarks

8:30 Close of meeting

Action Items

- Ryan to relay request for more than 15 days notice for public meeting.
- Ryan to provide information on insurance for Raleigh Project
- Send Jamie Littlejohn a copy of the Power Advisory Board report

Next Meeting

April 23, 2015, 7-8:30pm
 Dutton-Dunwich Municipal Offices
 199 Currie Road, Dutton
 Council Chambers Meeting Room