

## Multi-Municipal Wind Turbine Working Group

Thursday, January 11, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.  
Chesley Fire Hall  
211 1<sup>st</sup> Ave N., Chesley, Ontario

### MINUTES

A meeting of the Multi Municipal Wind Turbine Working Group was held on Thursday, January 11, 2018 at the Chesley Fire Hall.

#### Participating Municipalities Present:

<b>Municipality</b>	<b>Name of Members in attendance</b>
Arran-Elderslie	Mark Davis (Vice-Chair), Doug Bell, Keith Stelling
Bluewater	Dave Roy
Brockton	Steve Adams, Philip Englishman
Central Huron	Alex Westerhout
Chatsworth	Scott Mackey, Tony Clark
Georgian Bluffs	Dwight Burley, Carol Barfoot
Grey Highlands	Stewart Halliday (Chair)
Kincardine	Randy Roppel
Meaford	André den Tandt
West Grey	Carol Lawrence

#### Participating Municipalities Absent:

Huron-Kinloss
Northern Bruce Peninsula
Wainfleet
West Lincoln

The following members of Staff were present:

Teresa Gowan	Arran-Elderslie	Secretary
Bill Palmer	Saugeen Shores	Technical Advisor

Others in attendance were:

Bonnie Roy	Bluewater
Dave Hemingway	Central Huron

### 1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: Keith Stelling  
Seconded by: Dave Roy

That the Agenda for the Multi-Municipal Wind Turbine Working Group meeting of January 11, 2018 be received and adopted, as distributed by the Recording Secretary.

**Carried**

**1. (a) ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR FOR 2018**

As there was a majority of participating municipalities present resulting in a quorum, the Recording Secretary asked for nominations for Chair of the Committee for the year 2018.

Moved by: Dwight Burley that Mark Davis be nominated as Chair  
Seconded by: Scott Mackey  
Mark Davis declined the nomination.

Moved by: Tony Clark that Stewart Halliday be nominated as Chair.  
Seconded by: Philip Englishman.  
Stewart Halliday declined the nomination.

Moved by: Mark Davis that Scott Mackey be nominated as Chair.  
Scott Mackey declined the nomination

Moved by: Stewart Halliday that Steve Adams be nominated as Chair.  
Steve Adams declined the nomination.

Moved by: Scott Mackey that Randy Roppel be nominated as Chair.  
Seconded by: Philip Englishman.  
Randy Roppel accepted the nomination.

The Recording Secretary asked for a vote by show of hands that Randy Roppel be elected as Chair of the Committee for 2018.

**Carried**

Randy Roppel will be the Chair of the Committee for the year 2018.

The Recording Secretary asked for nominations for Vice-Chair of the Committee for the year 2018.

Moved by: Scott Mackey that Mark Davis be nominated as Vice-Chair  
Seconded by: Philip Englishman.  
Mark declined the nomination.

Moved by: Mark Davis that Scott Mackey be nominated as Vice-Chair  
Seconded by Dwight Burley.  
Scott accepted the nomination.

The Recording Secretary asked for a vote by show of hands that Scott Mackey be elected as Vice- Chair of the Committee for 2018.

**Carried**

Scott Mackey will be the Vice-Chair of the Committee for the year 2018.

Randy Roppel, as Chair, proceeded with the meeting.

**2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS:**

No disclosures of pecuniary interests were made by the Committee.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by: Dwight Burley

Seconded by: André den Tandt

That the Multi-Municipal Wind Turbine Working Group adopt the minutes of the last Committee Meeting held December 14th, 2017, as circulated.

**Carried**

**4. DELEGATIONS**

4.1 Bill Palmer made a presentation to the Committee of material extracted from his paper, "Why Wind Turbine Sounds are Annoying, and Why it Matters" published by the peer reviewed, open access journal, "Global Environment, Health and Safety."

The full journal article is available for download from the publisher's website at:

<http://www.imedpub.com/articles/why-wind-turbine-sounds-are-annoying-and-why-it-matters.pdf>

After Bill Palmer's presentation, there was a question and answer session followed by discussions by Committee members.

Scott Mackey, Vice-Chair, paid the annual contract retainer fee of \$2.00 to Bill Palmer for his role as Technical Advisor to the Multi-Municipal Wind Turbine Working Group.

**5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

5.1 There was a review of the Committee's accomplishments since inception.

Randy Roppel stated that a lot of changes have occurred. At some meetings we gained a lot of knowledge and a lot of insight that could be taken back to Council. There's a lot of value in belonging to this Committee.

Dwight Burley of Georgian Bluffs said we've picked up valuable information from this Committee and we've heard how people are affected. We look forward to coming to this Committee.

Scott Mackey expressed the same thoughts for Chatsworth. We've gotten some good advice, such as implementing by-laws like Arran-Elderslie and

Grey Highlands. The information has been valuable, it's a great learning experience to see how people are affected. It's certainly been worthwhile.

Carol Lawrence stated that the Committee has been helpful to West Grey and we've gotten help from Grey Highlands and Dave Roy from Bluewater has been a tremendous help. We were able to avoid some issues. We were able to put into place fire suppression by-laws such as Grey Highlands has.

Carol Barfoot from Georgian Bluffs said that the bus tour was a great educational tool to see what people have to face with health concerns. It has been very important. Mayor Barfoot has said this Committee is very important and valuable.

Other Committee members spoke about vibrancy funds.

Mark Davis from Arran-Elderslie said that we started the Committee to keep IWTs out. Mark said this Committee misses Lorrie Gillis, she was a good contributor.

Stewart Halliday stated that Lorrie Gillis is continuing her involvement by working on a project with Doug Dingeldein to create a list of people who have had to move out of their homes due to IWTs.

There were comments that writing letters were not effective in stopping IWTs.

## 5.2 Future actions to be undertaken by the Committee.

Steve Adams from Brockton stated that there are only 10 months left in the current term for municipal councils. He suggested that we ask both the local MPPs, Bill Walker and Lisa Thompson to a future meeting and have a face to face meeting with them to find out their position on IWTs and get them on record. He noted that he is also concerned with continuing all the knowledge that we have gained. Who's going to be here after the next election? Maybe it's time to have it ready for the next group who will take office.

Randy Roppel asked to give an invitation to Bill Walker and Lisa Thompson and find out what their platform is, are they going to help people who are having health issues. We can give them two dates to pick from, March meeting or April meeting.

## 5.3 Review of solicitation to new Committee members. Randy Roppel stated that we have been advised by South Bruce Peninsula that they have cancelled their membership to this Committee. Randy Roppel asked members to advise the Chair or Vice-Chair if they know of any municipality wishing to belong to the Committee.

There was a suggestion to open an invitation to Saugeen Shores to attend.

There was a comment that it's been a while since members from Huron-Kinloss has attended.

Philip Englishman suggested to invite Clearwater.

It was noted that Clearwater is in Simcoe County and it may be too far for them to attend meetings.

Stewart Halliday suggested Melancthon. Randy Roppel said that they would be coming from a distance as well, however we could still provide expertise to municipalities that are struggling.

Carol Barfoot suggested getting ratepayers involved. Perhaps some of the distant municipalities are unable to attend due to weather.

Randy Roppel said that by coming to meetings provides information and and gives assistance to each other.

Alex Westerhout suggested monitor new projects. Alex looks at this Committee as an insurance program. After the municipal election in the fall, there may be new members.

Randy Roppel said there's avenues we can work on, we need ideas and we need people to talk.

Steve Adams said that Brockton benefits from the Committee. Our municipality needs information and this Committee has been good.

Stewart Halliday said that he's committed to coming to this Committee. Stewart thanked Dave Hemingway for taking the video at the last meeting when the MOECC representatives were here and he thanked the Recording Secretary, Teresa, for transcribing the audio.

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

### **6.1 Review of response letter to MOECC based on their presentation at the December meeting.**

Keith Stelling drafted a letter to Andrew Barton and Rick Chapell regarding their presentation and question and answer session at the December meeting. Stewart Halliday and Mark Davis will sign this letter once it is approved by the Committee.

Keith said the MOECC was flabbergasted by the quality of questions and comments about what the Committee asked them and it's astonishing that everything they said was a line to get out of answering. We had two choices, we could forget about it or answer every single point they

answered incorrectly. Keith thanked Teresa for the 20 page transcript which helped his work. Keith also thanked Stewart who helped to focus on issues and Bill for providing additional research. The value of this letter is to show that Councilors are still responsible for the health of citizens under the Municipal Act, but you've done your due diligence by learning the facts about IWTs. By putting this letter on record it shows that you disapprove. Where do you want to send this letter, do you want to send it to the media?

Moved by: Keith Stelling

Seconded by: Dave Roy

that the Multi-Municipal Wind Turbine Working Group make a vote of thanks to Teresa for her long and arduous work transcribing the video.

**Carried**

Moved by: Carol Lawrence

Seconded by: Carol Barfoot

that the Multi-Municipal Wind Turbine Working Group send the letter prepared by Keith Stelling addressed to Andrew Barton and Rick Chappell MOECC be signed by Stewart Halliday and Mark Davis and to the various cc's and to a variety of news publications and local MPPs, Bill Walker and Lisa Thompson and to the MOECC Minister and Premier Wynne.

**Carried**

Moved by: Mark Davis

Seconded by: Doug Bell

that the Multi-Municipal Wind Turbine Working Group increase our secretary's salary by 2% for 2018, charge participating municipalities \$400.00 each for 2018 and make a donation of \$500.00 to the Chesley and Area Fire Fighters in lieu of 2017 rentals.

**Carried**

## **7. FOR INFORMATION**

- 7.1 Alex Westerhout advised that the Huron County Health Unit wind study is starting. He will send a copy to Teresa to circulate to the members. Dave Hemingway stated that it's only open to citizens of Huron County. Carmen Krogh is doing another study by interviewing citizens who have left their homes at the same time.

Stewart Halliday said that Dr. Ian Arra is now the acting director of health for Grey Bruce Health Unit. He should get a copy of the report.

- 7.2 Randy Roppel thanked the members for supporting him as Chair and he thanked Scott Mackey for accepting Vice-Chair position. Randy also thanked Stewart Halliday and Mark Davis for their work as Chair and Vice-Chair during the past year and previous years.

**8. DATE AND LOCATION OF NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING**

The next meeting date is scheduled for Thursday, February 8, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at the Chesley Fire Hall, 211 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. N., Chesley.

**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: Alex Westerhout

Seconded by: Scott Mackey

That the meeting be adjourned to the call of the Chair.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

**Carried**

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Randy Roppel, Chair

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Teresa Gowan, Recording Secretary