

AGENDA: COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE

Meeting #: 2

Date: Tuesday 23 April 2024

Time: 6-8pm

Location: 4 Valley Fire Hall

Overview of Agenda:

1. Welcome - Everyone
2. Approve Minutes and Agenda - Mark
3. Approve Purpose and Terms of Reference of the CLC – Mark
4. Elect CLC Chair – Mark
5. Project update – Andrew
6. Discuss structure of next community information session – Mark
7. Questions and conversation - Everyone
8. Next steps and meeting – Mark

Attendance:

Attendance: Andrew Arbuckle (AA), Mark Stewart (MS), Marcie MacQuarrie (MMq), Jonathan Mackenzie (JM), Jeremy Landry (JL), George Derabbie (GD), Ian MacDonald (IM), Harriet Ritchie (HR), Donnie O'Brien (DO), Cat Fraser (CF)

1. Welcome – Everyone

MS welcomed CF to the CLC. CF introduced herself and spoke about why she wanted to join the CLC.

2. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes and Agenda – MS

JL moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting and GD seconded.

3. Approve Purpose and Terms of Reference of the CLC – MS

Following a discussion of the ToR, IM moved to approve the ToR and DO seconded. No objections to the motion were heard.

4. Elect CLC Chair – MS

Based on the absence of several members, the motion to table the decision for the following meeting.

5. Project update – AA

AA spoke to the project updates which include Geotech work happening tomorrow, lidar data being collected, 10% engineering occurring, estimating project costs, high level desktop environmental assessments at the moment with a full environmental assessment once the bid has been finalised. Currently finalising the bid layout which will include initial assessment of noise, sound and shadow flicker. Strum has been contracted to do initial work on the EA.

JM suggested a cost benefit analysis or a GHG analysis. Suggested a website with information is needed including FAQs

CF questioned the job opportunities for local communities and how many are during construction vs. operation.

DO suggested CLC needs to review layout to be comfortable and feel informed about the project. DO suggested an anonymous data collection box or method to hear from the community. Discussion had about the merit of adding a comments box at the upcoming Open House.

JM suggested Higgins Mountain Wind Project has 100MW site and is contributing \$150,000 to the community. MS to follow up.

6. Discuss structure of next community information session – MS

IM suggested a posterboard style open house structure is more informative (layout, scientific, technical, benefits, how is it going to affect me). Purpose is to educate people and allow for the opportunity of 1 on 1 conversations.

CF How do you target young families. How can we cater for watching the children while parents can walk through the Open House and have individual conversations.

Consensus was Sunday 26 May was the best option to get families in May

7. Questions and conversation – Everyone

8. Next steps and meeting – MS

MS confirm next meeting on Tuesday 21 May 2024 between 6-8pm at the Four Valleys Fire Hall