

**Environmental Management Committee  
for Eastern Kings Phase II Wind Farm**

**Minutes – 01 August 2024**

**Attendance:**

- Greg Wilson, Environment, Energy & Climate Action (EECA)
- Dale Thompson, Environment, Energy & Climate Action
- Heather MacLeod, PEI Energy Corporation (PEIEC)
- Spencer Long, PEI Energy Corporation
- John Ployer, Rural Municipality of Eastern Kings (RMEK)
- Grace Cameron, Eastern Kings resident
- Justin Cheverie, Eastern Kings resident
- Judy Burke, Eastern Kings resident

**Regrets:**

- Representative of L’Nuey

**Agenda Items for Review and Discussion:**

1. Introductions
  - Round table
2. Conflict of Interest
  - None reported, although some committee members do have family members who are landowners on the project.
3. Purpose of Environmental Management Committee (EMC)
  - a. Review Terms of Reference (Spence)
    - Greg – In the past Department of Environment (EECA) has used these types of committees to help improve communication, and try to alleviate public concerns around Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) reviewed projects that were controversial; the regulator is here so that there is free and open access to information.
    - Q – How do people reach out? Spence – we can post membership to our website. All agreed.
    - Issues – minor issues can be addressed directly by PEIEC; regulator wants to know of any significant complaints from public; all to be reported at future meetings.
    - Next meeting – end of October; third – early spring

**Action: PEIEC to update TOR including meeting schedule & members**

**Action: PEIEC to update website with EMC membership**

**Action: PEIEC to tentatively schedule next meetings**

b. Review Approval Conditions (Spence)

- Q: Can meeting information be shared with community members? A: Yes – want to be transparent

c. Review Environmental Management Plan (EMP)

- Members can review before next meeting and bring any questions
- Greg – Purpose of EMP is to plan for all possible environmental impacts/issues

4. Project progress

- Presentation (Spence) on project activity to date; future work (2024 and 2025)
- Bring any concerns with current activity (road building – dust, trucks, etc.) to attention of PEIEC (Spencer as Project Manager)
- Discussion on T4/T5 access road and wetland interaction. Chair (Greg) spoke to the fact that proper process is being followed by both the regulator and PEIEC. Member mentioned that PEIEC gave a tour a few weeks ago to RMEK's Development Officer and any Council members who wished to attend.
- Discussion around PEI's energy supply, prices, production.
- Discussion around potential access for trails – snowshoeing; snowmobiles, etc.
- Discussion on bird/bat mortality at wind farms
- Discussion on how community benefits – landowner benefits; tax base; employment

**Action: PEIEC to provide bird/bat studies from existing wind farms**

**Action: PEIEC to share PowerPoint presentation with Committee members**

5. Round table

- RMEK representative received a letter from a resident (Don Humphrey) and it was distributed to Committee.
- Committee members briefly scanned the letter and agreed that PEIEC and EECA would review any significant concerns brought forward, prepare a response, and then the response would be sent to the resident from the Chair.
- Discussion around change permitting batch plant onsite for concrete – required revision to environmental approval; benefit – reduces truck traffic.

**Action: PEIEC to draft response to resident's letter and Chair to finalize and then send out. Include Committee members on response.**

**Action: All members to consider who might join Committee as fourth RMEK resident.**

6. Other business

- N/A

7. Future Project Activity & Scheduled Milestones

- Topic covered under Item #4

8. Next meetings; review recorded action items

- Topic covered under Item #3