



CORPORATE SERVICES

January 24, 2014

TO: Interested Parties regarding the Request
For Easement on the Rail Line

RE: **Dufferin Wind Power Request for Easement
Along Former Rail Corridor
Update No. 6**

Further to our letter dated September 24, 2013, I can provide the following update.

Dufferin Wind Power has applied to expropriate an easement on the former rail corridor (owned by the County of Dufferin) to house a transmission corridor. The appeals before the Environmental Reviewed Tribunal regarding the Dufferin Wind Power Project were dismissed and the expropriation hearing is currently moving forward. Dufferin Wind Power has obtained approval from the Ontario Energy Board to proceed with the project.

Council adopted the following resolution at a special meeting last evening:

WHEREAS the Ontario Energy Board has approved a Leave to Construct application from Dufferin Wind Power Inc. to install a 230 kV Transmission line from south of Corbetton in Melancthon to the Orangeville Transmission Station at Shannon Court in Amaranth;

AND WHEREAS the transmission line has been approved for installation above ground except for a section through the Town of Shelburne and a second section at the south end of the line;

AND WHEREAS the County of Dufferin has made multiple requests to the developer, the Ontario Energy Board, the Ministry of Energy, the Ministry of the Environment, the Environmental Review Tribunal and the Premier of Ontario for the entire line to be installed underground, without success;

AND WHEREAS, it appears that approval of an application from Dufferin Wind Power Inc. to the Ontario Energy Board to expropriate the easement for the transmission line and for an access and maintenance easement is to be approved imminently;

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AND WHEREAS, the County of Dufferin has the opportunity to receive additional compensation and improved terms from Dufferin Wind Power Inc. over that which would likely be granted through expropriation;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to continue negotiations to finalize an agreement to Grant an Easement to Dufferin Wind Power Inc. and to present the agreement for consideration at the February 13, 2014, County Council meeting.

It is anticipated that if an agreement is reached between Dufferin County and Dufferin Wind Power, the document will come forward to the February 13th Council meeting. The agenda for the meeting will be posted on our website on Friday, February 7, 2014.

<http://www.dufferincounty.ca/government/council-and-committee-meetings/date>

Contact us any time with questions at info@dufferincounty.ca.

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