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COUNCIL IN BRIEF

For Special Meeting held March 6, 2014

The following is a brief overview of the latest Dufferin County Council Meeting. For the full agenda and minutes, please visit our website.

Click here for a full copy of the agreement.

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. Dufferin Wind Power has obtained approval from the Ontario Energy Board to proceed with the wind development project.

Council, at a special meeting held last evening, approved an agreement with Dufferin Wind Power to avoid an expropriation. The Agreement circulated with the Addendum on March 5, 2014 was amended by Council to remove all references to permits outside the jurisdiction of the County of Dufferin. This includes changes to Clause 3, 4, and Schedule F paragraph 5.

Highlights of the agreement

- payment of a one-time fee of $700,000 on execution of the agreement
- community contribution payment in the amount of $700,000 upon registration of the easement
- $500,000 deposit to be drawn down to cover the costs of fencing requirements under the Line Fences Act.
- $500,000 in cash to be used to guarantee DWPIs compliance with the terms of the agreement. Upon each fifth anniversary an additional $100,000 shall be deposited to a maximum of $1,000,000.
- An additional security of $1,000,000 shall be deposited prior to the commencement of construction
- $10,000,000 liability insurance
- pre-existing pollutants disturbed during the work being performed by DWPI would be DWPI's responsibility to remediate
- DWPI agrees to provide notice to the County, key trail users and adjacent land owners for planned construction, inspection, maintenance, repair, and decommissioning.
- DWPI has committed to complete the following pre-construction work for review by County Public Works staff to confirm the existing condition of the corridor
  - Topographic survey;
  - Geotechnical survey;
  - Inventory and review of existing culverts
  - Vegetation Management Plan
  - A summary of slope stability analysis (as a result of this work DWPI has further committed to grade and add required support to ensure construction vehicles can safely access the corridor)
- DWPI will provide an Emergency Management Plan within 10 days of the execution of the agreement. In addition, prior to construction DWPI will install mile markers and emergency numbers signs. DWPI will consult with the snowmobile and ATV clubs for the installation of gates at designated intersections; and fencing will be installed in to secure sections of the corridor as construction proceeds.
- Construction activities are restricted to between 7:00 am to 7:00 pm Monday to Friday and noon to 7:00 pm on Sundays.
- DWPI will use reasonable efforts to minimize interference with farm crossings especially during harvesting and planting seasons.
- DWPI will provide "as-built" drawings of the works within 180 days of the completion of construction. In addition, DWPI will provide an updated surveys, studies, or drawings that may completed concerning the easement lands.
- Following construction DWPI commits to restoring the former rail-bed to the same or better condition than existed prior to construction;
- As part of Schedule F, the County of Dufferin agrees to process any required permits expeditiously and to provide the required owner consent for the conservation authority permits. This schedule also requires the

County of Dufferin to enter into an easement agreement with Hydro One Networks for the connection of the transmission lines from the DWPI switching station to the Hydro One transformer station. A reference plan is included with the agreement which shows the specific location of the required easement.

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

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