

Invenergy Dutton-Dunwich Working Group
Meeting #2, February 26, 2015
Dutton-Dunwich Municipal Office
7pm – 8:30pm

Draft Minutes

In Attendance

John Bennetto, Elaine Brown, Stan Campbell,, Jim Ford, Jamie Littlejohn, Duncan McCallum, Wayne Noorloos, Ryan Ralph, Bonnie Rowe, Bert Zegers

Absent/Regrets: Norah Bennetto, Warren Nash

Agenda

Meeting Open
Approval of January 22 nd Minutes
LRP Update and Summary
Invenergy Update
Discussion: Change in Group Name
Other Business
Timing for Next Meeting
Meeting Close

Minutes

- 7pm Opening of meeting and review of meeting agenda.
- 7:05 Discussion of whether to do more in-depth introductions followed by more in-depth introduction by each member of the WG. It was agreed to have each member provide a brief introduction.
- 7:15 Discussion of interest shown by people invited to join the WG since last meeting from Chamber of Commerce and West Elgin Nature Club. Both groups could not make meeting due to scheduling conflicts.

- 7:17 Review and approval of minutes from January meeting. Discussion of working group guideline amendment process and decision made to open guidelines for amendment every six months as a standing agenda item. Decision to amend the WG guidelines to specify that meetings will require at least six WG members in attendance. Discussion of process for public posting of minutes, Invenergy will ask the municipality to post them on the Dutton-Dunwich website if possible and they will be posted on the project website as soon as it is up and running. Decision to make the WG meeting the fourth Thursday of every month as a standing time in lieu of advertising the meetings.
- 7:28 Update on LRP: Handout distributed. Review of the Large Renewable Procurement program under the IESO. Review of the two stages (RFQ and RFP) and Invenergy requirements under the program. Discussion of Ontario Tourism and Culture approval. Discussion of the bid process, review of draft RFP requirements, timelines and deadlines and scope of IESO mandate.
- 7:40 Invenergy update: Discussion of the plan to erect another MET tower in the project area to help refine wind resource data (timing not established). Discussion of community engagement plan and when best to hold public meetings and in what format. General response was a combination of town hall and open house formats preferred. Discussion of content for public meetings, pre-notification, preferred venue. Discussion of environmental assessment plans/requirements (no detailed field work for bid phase). Discussion about further land options and competitive nature of the bidding process under the RFP. Discussion of status of agreements with adjacent land owners.
- 8:05: Discussion about whether to change group name. Decision to keep it as it is but can revisit in six months when the guidelines are reviewed as a standing agenda item
- 8:08 Other business: Discussion of location of new MET tower. Discussion about how to approach delegations, experts, speakers, is there budget to bring in experts. Discussion about how to review all sides of the issues, decision made to set a topic at each meeting for discussion. Discussion about the economics of grid power, excess, the addition to the grid, who benefits or doesn't economically, impact on new community development. List developed of various aspects and concerns for discussion at future meetings including economics, aesthetics, health, electricity rates, property values, local generation-keeping power local. Decision to add a discussion about the economics of the project at next meeting – chair will go around the table and people can present their point-of-view with references.
- 8:28 Timing of next meeting established, closing remarks
- 8:30 Close of meeting

Action Items

- Amend the WG guidelines to reflect a quorum of six members is needed to hold a meeting
- Ryan will let the WG know when the timing has been established to erect the second MET tower
- Add a discussion on the economics of the project to March meeting agenda
- Ryan to notify WG members by email when the RFP is released.

Next Meeting

March 26, 7-8:30pm
Dutton-Dunwich Municipal Offices
199 Currie Road, Dutton
Council Chambers Meeting Room