

COUNCIL COMMITTEE – PRESENTATION MEETING

The Council Committee/Presentations Meeting of the Municipality of the County of Colchester was conducted virtually via Zoom Webinars, on Tuesday, November 2, 2021.

Roll Call

The roll was called with the following Councillors in attendance:

Mayor Christine Blair	
Councillor Laurie Sandeson	District 2
Deputy Mayor Geoff Stewart, Chair	District 3
Councillor Tim Johnson	District 5
Councillor Karen MacKenzie	District 6
Councillor Michael Gregory	District 7
Councillor Lisa Patton	District 8
Councillor Marie Benoit	District 9
Vacant	District 10
Councillor Wade Parker	District 11

Others Present

Rob Simonds, CAO
 Suzanne Graham, Recording Secretary
 Jeanette Himmelman, Systems Analyst (for Technical Support)
 Paul Smith, Acting Director of Community Development
 Devin Trefry, Research, Policy and Community Engagement Officer

Regrets

Councillor Eric Boutilier	District 1
Councillor Mike Cooper	District 4

Presentations

Higgins Mountain Wind Project

Presenters: Paul Pynn, Maryam Baksh and Dan Eaton

Mr. Pynn appeared before Council to update them on the proposed Higgins Mountain Wind Project.

Included in the presentation was:

- Location of the proposed project
- List of partners involved
- An explanation of the environmental assessment process and a timeline of the steps taken so far
- Information on the land constraints that are taken into consideration and the studies undertaken to date
- A timeline of the community outreach that has taken place and the concerns expressed by community members
- The potential benefits to the communities
- Next steps to move the project forward

Lengthy discussion was held on:

- Land owners of the proposed area
- Clarification regarding the number of wind turbines that would be installed and the location (Cumberland vs Colchester)
- Bid process for provincial funding for a project of this kind
- Community impact and economic spinoff for the project

- Community benefit plan and what sort of revenue would be expected
- Colchester's Wind Turbine By-law and meeting the requirements set out in that document
- Relationship the project partners have with the Community Liaison Committee (CLC)
- Number of attendees and feedback from Open House
- Size and type of turbines that would be installed
- Decommissioning plans
- Consideration of affects on tourism
- Continued efforts to update the project as a result of community and CLC feedback

Moved by Councillor Gregory
Seconded by Councillor Johnson

"That the presentation be received."

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Patton
Seconded by Councillor Gregory

"That the meeting adjourn at 7:18 pm."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Suzanne Graham
Recording Secretary