

COMMUNITY & STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATION PLAN

**NIAGARA REGION WIND FARM – RENEWABLE ENERGY
APPROVAL AMENDMENT**

December 11, 2015

NIAGARA REGION WIND FARM - RENEWABLE ENERGY APPROVAL AMENDMENT MODIFICATION REPORT

Stantec Consulting has prepared this Community and Stakeholder Notification Plan outlining the approach and general methods of engagement that were employed for the amendment notification process.

1.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND INTRODUCTION

FWRN LP (the Proponent or FWRN) is developing the Niagara Region Wind Farm (the Project), a 230 MW wind energy project within the Townships of West Lincoln and Wainfleet and the Town of Lincoln within the Niagara Region and within Haldimand County in southern Ontario.

The Project's Renewable Energy Approval (REA) was issued under Ontario Regulation 359/09 of the Environmental Protection Act. The REA was issued on November 6, 2014 (EBR #012-0614). Since receipt of the REA and completion of the Environmental Review Tribunal, FWRN has identified the need to make minor amendments (modifications) to the Project as it was described in the REA Application documents and subsequently approved by the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC).

The Renewable Energy Amendment Modification Report was prepared to address the requirements of Chapter 10 "Making Changes to REA Projects" of the Technical Guide. A Notice of a Proposed Change to A Renewable Energy Project was also prepared and was distributed in accordance with subsection 16.0.1 3(1) of O. Reg. 359/09.

2.0 ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

FWRN provided notification on December 8, 2015 to stakeholders included on the Project distribution list regarding the proposed modification and application to the MOECC for an amendment to the Project's REA. A Notice of Proposed Change to a Renewable Energy Project was distributed, and provided an overview of the proposed change, notification that a Modification Report to amend the Project's REA has been submitted to the MOECC for review, information regarding availability of the Modification Report on the Project website.

The Notice and Modification Report were posted on the Project website on December 9, 2015, to ensure the community was adequately informed of the proposed change. The Notice was mailed December 8, 2015 and emailed December 9, 2015 to all Project stakeholders, including agencies, municipalities, Aboriginal communities, and community members that are on the Project distribution list. The Notice was also published on two separate days within newspapers with general circulation in the Project area.

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2.1 MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION

A CD copy of the Modification Report was couriered on December 8, 2015 to the following municipalities:

- Township of West Lincoln;
- Township of Wainfleet;
- Township of Pelham;
- Town of Grimsby;
- Town of Lincoln;
- Niagara Region; and
- Haldimand County.

2.2 ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION

A CD copy of the Modification Report was couriered on December 8, 2015 to the following Aboriginal communities:

- Six Nations of the Grand River;
- Six Nations of the Grand River Haudenosaunee Confederacy Chiefs Council (via HDI);
- Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation; and
- Metis Nation of Ontario/Niagara Region Metis Council.

2.3 MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE (MOECC) NOTIFICATION

A hard copy of the Modification Report was couriered on December 8, 2015 to the following district MOECC offices:

- Hamilton District Office – Mr. Geoff Knapper, District Manger
- Niagara District Office – Ms. Kim Groombridge, District Manager (Acting)

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2.4 NEWSPAPER PUBLICATION

The Notice was published in the following newspapers on the dates specified:

- Sachem – December 10, 2015 & December 17, 2015
- Welland Tribune – December 10, 2015 & December 17, 2015
- NewsNow – December 10, 2015 & December 17, 2015
- St. Catharines Standard – December 10, 2015 & December 17, 2015
- In Port New – December 10, 2015 & December 17, 2015
- Haldimand Press – December 9, 2015 & December 16, 2015
- Voice of Pelham – December 9, 2015 & December 16, 2015
- Turtle Island News – December 10, 2015 & December 17, 2015
- Niagara This Week (Grimsby Lincoln News, Port Colborne Leader, Welland/Pelham, St. Catharines/ Thorold) – December 10, 2015 & December 17, 2015