

**Multi Municipal Energy Working Group
MINUTES**

**MMEWG-2024-02
Thursday, March 14, 2024, 7:00 p.m.
Virtually via Microsoft Teams**

Members Present: Mark Davis - Municipality of Arran-Elderslie - Citizen
Appointee
Ryan Nickason - Municipality of Arran-Elderslie
Scott Mackey - Township of Chatsworth
Terry Mckay - Township of Chatsworth
Tom Allwood - Municipality of Grey Highlands
Jim Hanna - Township of Huron Kinloss
Todd Dowd - Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula

Others Present: Julie Hamilton - Recording Secretary
Bill Palmer - Technical Advisor

1. Meeting Details

2. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. A quorum was present.

3. Adoption of Agenda

The Working Group passed the following resolution:

MMEWG-2024-13

Moved by: Terry Mckay - Township of
Chatsworth

Seconded by: Ryan Nickason -
Municipality of Arran-
Elderslie

Be It Resolved that the Multi-Municipal Energy Working Group hereby adopts the agenda of the Thursday, March 14, 2024 as distributed by the Recording Secretary.

Carried

4. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

None declared.

5. Election of Vice-Chair

The Recording Secretary opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chair.

Member Mackey nominated Member Hanna

Member Hanna accepted the nomination.

The Recording Secretary made a second and final call for nominations.

No further nominations were made.

Member Hanna remains the Vice-Chair for 2024.

6. Minutes of Previous Meetings

6.1 MMEWG Minutes - January 11, 2024

The Working Group passed the following resolution:

MMEWG-2024-14

Moved by: Jim Hanna - Township of Huron Kinloss

Seconded by: Scott Mackey - Township of Chatsworth

Be It Resolved that the Multi-Municipal Energy Working Group hereby approves the minutes of the Thursday, January 11, 2024 meeting as presented by the Recording Secretary.

Carried

7. Business Arising from the Minutes

7.1 Unwilling Host Update

Updated unwilling host resolutions have been passed by Chatsworth and Arran-Elderslie and South Bruce Peninsula has resolved to continue being an unwilling host as previously resolved by Council.

Unwilling host resolutions have also been past in East-Zorra Tavistock.

Grey Highlands is currently an unwilling host and a Staff report will be coming forward to provide further information and it is anticipated that their status will be reaffirmed as well.

Subsequent to further discussion, the Working Group passed the following resolution:

MMEWG-2024-15

Moved by: Jim Hanna - Township of Huron Kinloss

Seconded by: Ryan Nickason - Municipality of Arran-Elderslie

Be It Resolved that the Multi-Municipal Energy Working Group hereby directs that the unwilling host letter be distributed to all municipalities within the province in cooperation with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

Carried

7.2 IESO Feedback

The Working Group provided their comments on the IESO feedback that has been sent.

The Working Group passed the following resolution:

MMEWG-2024-16

Moved by: Todd Dowd - Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula

Seconded by: Mark Davis - Municipality of Arran-Elderslie - Citizen Appointee

Be It Resolved that the Multi-Municipal Energy Working Group hereby receives agenda item, 7.2 IESO Feedback, for information.

Carried

8. Delegations/Presentations

8.1 Update regarding meeting with MPP Lisa Thompson - Bill Palmer

Mr. Palmer provided the Working Group with an update on a meeting he had with MPP Lisa Thompson which allowed him to

provide her with an update regarding correspondence he had sent to Minister of Energy, Todd Smith and Minister of Environment, Amanda Khanjin.

He discussed concerns with the IESO's generation plans to add 2000 MW of new and repowered wind generation, to result in 5000 TWh of new generation, on the existing footprint of current turbines. He notes that's in the Enbridge Underwood array, 41 of the 110 turbines are already located closer than the regulatory limit of 550 metres to the nearest home, and are causing problem. Placing new, larger turbines, would mean bigger turbines, even closer to homes and even closer to each other. Revisions are needed to Ontario Regulation 359/09 which regulates the siting and noise guidelines of wind turbines, before more turbines are approved.

Mr. Palmer also highlighted the discussion that himself, Chair Allwood and Santa Giano had just the day before with IESO Staff during a virtual meeting in which the IESO has stated there would be no changes to the wind turbine regulations before new turbines were installed. This is in contrary to what Ms. Thompson has been told by the Minister of Energy that any new turbines would be required to be sited further from homes.

Mr. Palmer also provided Ms. Thompson with evidence of a positive link between acoustic conditions arising from wind turbines and annoyance and that this information has been presented to the International Wind Turbine Noise Conference, to the Canadian Acoustical Association annual meeting, and published in the journal WindTech - International.

The Environment Minister is expected to be visiting the Huron-Bruce riding in the near future and Ms. Thompson invited Mr. Palmer to meet with her at that time. Mr. Palmer invited Chair Allwood to also attend if his schedule would accommodate the short notice meeting.

Subsequent to further discussion, the Working Group passed the following resolution:

MMEWG-2024-17

Moved by: Todd Dowd - Municipality
of Northern Bruce
Peninsula

Seconded by: Jim Hanna - Township of Huron Kinloss

Be It Resolved that the Multi-Municipal Energy Working Group hereby receives the update by Bill Palmer for information purposes.

Carried

8.2 IESO Engagement Update & East Zorra-Tavistock Update - Warren Howard

Mr. Howard provided the Working Group with an update on the IESO procurement activities.

He was able to attend a session at ROMA which highlighted the capacity needs and the potential for alternative sources of new capacity needed starting in 2030. The IESO estimates an area equivalent to 14x the size of Toronto required for their energy production plan.

Mr. Howard's presentation touched on the revenue mode, revenue guarantees and pricing models. He also noted that the MECP has no changes to setbacks planned and discussed the ongoing issue of prime farmland being used to site renewable energy sources.

A proposal in East Zorra-Tavistock resulting in the Council adopting an unwilling host resolution unanimously.

Chair Allwood thanked Mr. Howard for his presentation.

Subsequent to further discussion, the Working Group passed the following resolution:

MMEWG-2024-18

Moved by: Terry Mckay - Township of Chatsworth

Seconded by: Scott Mackey - Township of Chatsworth

Be It Resolved that the Multi-Municipal Energy Working Group hereby receives agenda item, 8.2 IESO Engagement Update & East Zorra-Tavistock Update by Warren Howard, for information.

Carried

9. Correspondence

9.1 Requiring Action

9.1.1 Proposed Process Changes - Julie Hamilton, Recording Secretary

Ms. Hamilton provided a brief overview of the proposed changes in practice which include the development of a webpage, disbandment of the public mailing list and some changes to how the agenda and other information is circulated.

Subsequent to further discussion, the Working Group passed the following resolution:

MMEWG-2024-19

Moved by: Jim Hanna - Township of Huron Kinloss

Seconded by: Scott Mackey - Township of Chatsworth

Be It Resolved that the Multi-Municipal Energy Working Group hereby agree to the proposed changes and direct the recording secretary to work towards implementation of the same.

Carried

9.1.2 Approval of Invoice for Recording Secretary

The Working Group passed the following resolution:

MMEWG-2024-20

Moved by: Terry Mckay - Township of Chatsworth

Seconded by: Todd Dowd - Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula

Be It Resolved that the Multi-Municipal Energy Working Group hereby approves payment of the invoice for the Recording Secretary services.

Carried

9.2 For Information

There were no correspondence for information.

10. New Business

10.1 Verbal Update on ROMA Conference - Chair Allwood

Chair Allwood provided a verbal update on recent activities and discussions he has recently been engaged in.

During the ROMA Conference, there was an opportunity to establish contact with Carla Nell, Vice President of Corporate Relations with the IESO and a virtual meeting was obtained. They recognize that there are some issues in the potential procurement processes that could result in failure. Minister Smith indicated at ROMA that a "no" means the project will not go.

He had an opportunity to speak with Minister Smith during ROMA regarding the lack of regulations surrounding BESS.

He was contacted by Spencer Sandor of AMO on AMO's Advocacy position. They have sent letters, which were included in the agenda package, to the Minister of Energy and the IESO. Their issues are in alignment with the same issues that the MMEWG are advocating for.

Carla Nell has committed to meeting with the MMEWG. Chair Allwood recommends that the group put together some key talking points and invite Ms. Nell to a future MMEWG meeting for discussion.

Subsequent to further discussion, the Working Group passed the following resolution:

MMEWG-2024-21

Moved by: Scott Mackey - Township of Chatsworth

Seconded by: Todd Dowd - Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula

Be It Resolved that the Multi-Municipal Energy Working Group hereby directs that Chair Allwood, Bill palmer and Warren Howard put together a list of talking points and an invitation be extended to Carla Nell at the IESO to attend a meeting of the MMEWG in May.

10.2 AMO Advocacy Position

This item was discussed in Chair Allwood's verbal update.

10.3 IESO Meeting with Carla Nell - Chair Allwood

This item was discussed in Chair Allwood's verbal update.

10.4 Georgian Bluffs Presentation - March 13 2024

Chair Allwood made a presentation to Georgian Bluffs which was included in the agenda for information.

10.5 Upcoming presentation to Board of Health - March 22 2024

Chair Allwood and Bill Palmer will be making a presentation to the Grey-Bruce Board of Health on March 22, 2024 which was included in the agenda for information.

11. Members Updates

Member Mackey thanked all those involved in the making of the presentations.

12. Closed Session (if required)

Not required.

13. Confirmation of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on May 9, 2024 at 7pm via Teams.

14. Adjournment

The Working Group passed the following resolution:

MMEWG-2024-22

Moved by: Mark Davis - Municipality of Arran-Elderslie - Citizen Appointee

Seconded by: Ryan Nickason - Municipality of Arran-Elderslie

Be it Resolved that the meeting of the Multi-Municipal Energy Working Group is hereby adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Carried

Tom Allwood, Chair

Julie Hamilton, Recording
Secretary