

Summary Report

Zoning and By-Law Meetings Ashton Ridge Golf Course Wind Farm Project

Excerpts from Council Meetings Township of East Luther Grand Valley

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Township of East Luther Grand Valley June 14, 2005 Minutes

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL..IN CHAMBERS,,JUNE 14TH , 2005 AT 7:00 P.M.

MAYOR Oosterhof, Deputy Mayor Ince, Councillors Hardy, Roberts and Bus were present for this regular meeting of Council.

MAYOR Oosterhof called the meeting to order and asked if there were any conflicts of interest or pecuniary interests. There were none.

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#2005-06-08

MOVED BY HARDY

SECONDED BY INCE

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we do now adjourn to hold a public meeting under the planning act.

“CARRIED.”

PUBLIC MEETING UNDER THE PLANNING ACT. @ 8:00 P.M.

Application Z3/2005 submitted by Windrush Energy for several different parcels located in the Township. The purpose of this application is to permit several wind turbines (windmills) as a temporary use for up to three years on the properties identified on the map attached to the notice.

Members of the public in Attendance listed below.

J.C. Pennie

George Dick
Krys Gazo
Elio Pravato
Tom Taylor
Brian Callaway
Gord Vander Grinten
Eric Landman
Dian Merkens
Anton Merkens
Michael Goinhas
George Pullin
Debbie & Dean Tait

Jack Cruttenden Planner indicated that all the necessary notices were sent to the required owners of abutting lands and all the necessary agencies.

Mr. George Pullin asked who was going to install and maintain the roads for servicing the turbines. Mr. Pennie indicated that General Electric would be maintaining them.

Tom Taylor asked what the height would be. Will the power lines be underground.

Brian Callaway asked why this particular location. John explained the wind pattern in the area and that is why this area has been detected as desirable.

Micheal Goinhas asked what local jobs would be created? He also wanted to know who makes the turbines and who would be erecting them.

Taylor Pullen was concerned about possible depreciation on surrounding properties. John Pennie indicated he did some research and found values actually increased.

Debbie Tait indicated she had gone on the internet and did some research and found in all cases that the property values decreased.

Goerge Dick explained he owns one of the properties in question and stated that his new home would be the closest to one of the turbines.

Tom Taylor asked if there would be a chance to oppose the locations of these turbines following this meeting.

Mr. Merkens indicated that his silo is 30 metres high and you can see it for miles so the turbines will be visible for an even longer distance.

Goerge Dick indicated that when he explained the project the only proposal that was on the table was for his land. The other proposal came after.

Debbie Tait asked who would be held accountable if once they are built they effect the neighbours quality of life.

The Mayor asked if there were any other questions and thanked everyone for attending and voicing their opinion.

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MAYOR - JOHN K. OOSTERHOF
CLERK - JANE M. WILSON

**Township of East Luther Grand Valley
July 19th, 2005**

**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL..IN CHAMBERS,,JULY 19TH , 2005 AT
A.M.**

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Deputation re: Windrush energy.

Several members of the public were present (listed below)

Fay Mango, Debbie Tait, Goerge Dick, Sally Franco, JC Pennie, Bob Culshaw, Jim Mills, Lyn Martin, Angelika Sahm, Max Scheiwiller, Greniza Merkens, AJ Krucas.

Planner Jack Cruttenden gave a report regarding the proposed temporary use by-law for Windrush Energy. Jack indicated that before council passes the by-law they should enter into an agreement with Windrush and address their concerns in that agreement ie: site plan agreement required, minimum setbacks to be addressed, agreement from the appellant & property owners to enter into a Site Plan agreement, it should also address removing the township from any legal issues. Etc.

Following considerable discussion on the proposed use of the lands the following motion was passed.

#2005-07-08

MOVED BY INCE

SECONDED BY ROBERTS

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council instruct staff to forward a site plan agreement for Windrush Energy and affected landowners to complete and return for presentation to Council.

“CARRIED.”

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August 9th, 2005 Minutes Continued**

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The Windrush project was discussed as Council received a copy of the agreement as discussed at the previous meeting. Mayor Oosterhof indicated to Council that he would still like to see the property rezoned. Planner Jack Cruttenden explained the agreement

put forth. There would still have to be a site plan agreement approved by Council. That will follow.

#2005-08-15

MOVED BY INCE

SECONDED BY HARDY

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Jill Mills be given leave to address Council in the absence of John Pennie of Windrush Energy.

“CARRIED.”

Mr. Mills attended to explain that Mr. Pennie had signed the agreement and is totally in agreement with the terms set out.

Following discussions on the Windrush agreement the following motion was passed.

#2005-08-16

MOVED BY INCE

SECONDED BY HARDY

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the agreements with respect to the proposed Ashton Ridge Wind Farm and Grand Valley Wind Farm II Project.

These agreements are between the municipality and Lands End Corporation, Windrush Energy Division.

“CARRIED.”

Township of East Luther Grand Valley October 11th, 2005 Minutes

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The letter of appeal received from Debbie and Dean Tait regarding Windrush Energy was presented to Council.

Planner Jack Cruttenden asked Council what their position was on the appeal. It was the general consensus of council that no changes would be made to the by-law. Council instructed staff to proceed with the processing of the appeal.

Township of East Luther Grand Valley January 10th, 2006 Minutes

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL..IN CHAMBERS...JANUARY 10TH , 2006 @ 7:00 A.M.

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The Ontario Municipal Board hearing regarding the Windrush Energy is scheduled for February 10th, 2006. John Oosterhof to contact Jim and Margaret Rowe regarding their correspondence.

**Township of East Luther Grand Valley
Upper Grand Water Shed Committe - Minutes
January 26th, 2006**

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GRCA Water Rescue Update & Tree planting Seminar information was passed out by Pat Salter, and will be a part of the minutes.

John Ince mentioned that the Fire Department will be upgrading there training for water rescue, but not up to the standards where they are able to do full water rescue.

John Ince handed out B.I.A pamphlet with Trailway and Marsh pictures on it.

It was asked what the Luther Marsh is currently being used for. It was stated that the Marsh was well used in the fall for hunting season, that there is currently a nature program for The Upper Grand School Board, and that public can enter during the summer months for \$4.00 per adult \$2.75 per child.

John Ince stated that the hunters staying in town, using the stores and restaurants as well as the Lyons Park was profitable for the town.

Linda Reader commented on the fact that we will soon have Humber College in our community, and that they may be able to use the Marsh Facilities for Student programs. John stated that he would get in touch with Joe Andrews from Humber College to see if this suggestion is viable.

It was suggested that we look into raising money through Windrush & Canadian Hydro Development Company (Wind turbine Companies) as they would like to become a strong part of the community. Jeff Rollands was asked if he could do that, and/or look for other funding that may be available.

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