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# MEETING SUMMARY REPORT

# **1** Project Summary

Romney Energy Centre Limited Partnership (the "Registered Proponent") is proposing the Romney Wind Energy Centre (the "Project") in the municipalities of Chatham-Kent, and the Town of Lakeshore (collector line only).

The Registered Proponent held two public meetings within the project communities on August 4 and 5, 2015, at the Millen Community Centre in Lakeshore, Ontario, and, at the Tilbury Memorial Arena in Tilbury, Ontario.

The Romney Wind Public Meetings (the "Meetings") were held in compliance with the community engagement requirements outlined in the Large Renewable Procurement first Request For Proposal (the "LRP I RFP") being administered by the Independent Electricity System Operator ("IESO") of Ontario.

The Meetings provided an open and interactive venue to exchange information about the proposed Romney Wind Energy Centre. Information about wind energy and the Project was discussed, ideas were proposed, and feedback was gathered from interested stakeholders, including members of the general public.

This report provides a summary of the Meeting, including the parties notified, meeting information, the feedback received from attendees of the meeting as well as through the Project website, and our next actions to address the community.

### 1.1 General Project Description

Romney Energy Centre Limited Partnership (the "Registered Proponent") intends to submit a proposal to the IESO to design, build and operate the Romney Wind Energy Centre on more than 10,000 acres of privately-owned land. The Project has a maximum nameplate capacity of 100 MW alternative current (MWac). Project parcels are located in the municipalities of Chatham-Kent, Leamington and the Town of Lakeshore, Ontario. The project boundaries are approximately bordering the following roads: Middle Road (North), Highway 3 (South), Campbell Road (East), and Highway 77 (West).





The proposed Connection Point to the public grid is anticipated to be located in the Town of Lakeshore close to Richardson Sideroad.

## **1.2 Proponent Information**

The Registered Proponent is a special project entity property of EDF EN Canada Development Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of EDF EN Canada Inc.

EDF EN Canada Development Inc. ("ECDI") is a Qualified Applicant in the IESO LRP I RFP. ECDI and its dedicated parent company EDF Renewable Services develop, build, own, and operate renewable energy facilities by harnessing the earth's renewable resources, including the wind and the sun. Renewable energy development mitigates climate change and drives the green energy economy, for instance, through the creation of new jobs within the immediate project communities and surrounding areas.

Established in 2006, EDF EN Canada Inc. has become a Canadian market leader with over 1,500 MW of wind and solar energy in varying stages of development, active construction, and operation in Quebec, Ontario and Alberta which employ more than 100 people. More information about EDF EN Canada Inc. can be found at <u>http://www.edf-en.ca</u>.

Project related information for Romney Wind Energy Centre is as follows:

Qualified Applicant: EDF EN Canada Development Inc.

Registered Proponent: Romney Energy Centre Limited Partnership

Mailing Address: 53 Jarvis Street, Suite 300, Toronto, Ontario, M5C 2H2

Phone number: 1-844-55-EDF-EN

Email: <u>RomneyWind@edf-en.ca</u>

Project website: <u>www.RomneyWind.ca</u>





# 2 Public Community Meeting

## 2.1 Overview

The Registered Proponent held two (2) public community meetings for the Project on August 4 and August 5 2015, from 4:00 pm until 8:00 pm at the Millen Community Centre in Lakeshore and at the Tilbury Memorial Arena in Tilbury, Ontario.

Eleven (11) representatives attended the Meeting, which included ECDI representatives as well as independent consultants who had contributed to the Project. Throughout the two (2) meetings, both four (4) hours in duration, representatives presented information about the Project, discussed the Project proposal and provided more information about wind energy.

The following materials were displayed at the event:

- Project Display Boards
- Site Considerations Maps
- Site Considerations Report
- Community Engagement Plan
- Sign-In Sheet
- Questionnaire/Comment Form
- Project Profile
- EDF EN Company Brochure
- Health Canada Brochure
- CanWEA "The Secret is Out: Wind is In" Brochure
- EDF EN Take Away
  - o Shopping Bag
  - o Kids Bracelet
  - o Pen

### 2.2 Public Notice and Public Meeting Advertisement

Leading up to the event, the meeting was advertised in the following ways:

- Public Notice to Assessed landowners within 550m of the proposed Site and 120m of the proposed Connection Line
- Public Notice to all required parties as per section 3.2.5.(d).(i).(4) of the LRP I RFP





- Public Notice Advertisement in Local Weekly Newspapers. Two (2) ads were published in the Lakeshore Advance on Thursday July 23<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday July 30<sup>th</sup>, and two (2) ads were published in the Tilbury Times on Tuesday July 21<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday July 28th
- Invitations sent to local media outlets
- Personal invitation to Mayors and Councils of the surrounding municipalities Lakeshore, and Chatham-Kent.
- Personal invitation to Aboriginal communities identified in the Community Engagement Plan as well as other local stakeholders

The public meeting notice was prepared, published, and disseminated in accordance with the LRP I RFP requirements.

# 2.3 Information Presented at the Meeting

The information presented at the Meeting includes the Public Notice of the Meeting, the Site Considerations Information (as required in the IESO LRP I RFP) through Maps and a Site Considerations Report including sources of background information, the Community Engagement Plan, a collection of display boards with relevant information about the Project, the IESO LRP I RFP, wind energy and the estimated Project Development timeline.

Most of the documents presented at the meeting will be available for viewing and download on the Project website <u>www.RomneyWind.ca</u>.

### 2.4 Meeting Attendance

The Public Community meeting in Lakeshore was attended by seven (7) members of the public. All of the attendees were residents living in the Town of Lakeshore. Three (3) of the seven (7) attendees filled out and submitted a Comment Form.

The second public community meeting in Tilbury was attended by twenty-two (22) members of the public. All of the attendees were residents living in the municipality of Chatham-Kent or living close to the proposed project. Seven (7) attendees filled out and submitted feedback forms (some were filled out jointly by couples).

# 2.5 Feedback Received





Registered Proponent staff engaged all of the attendees at the meetings and requested that everyone complete a Comment Form. Ten (10) submitted a Comment Form.

A summary of the results of the optional (multiple choice) questions for both Community Meetings is presented in Tables 1 and 2. The following information was collected at both community meetings:

#### Table 1: Summary of Answers regarding Support of Wind Development in Ontario

Question	Yes	No	Undecided
Are You in Favour of Wind Energy	8	0	0
Development in Ontario			

Out of the eight (8) attendees that answered this question all eight were in favour of wind energy development in Ontario. Two attendees did not answer this question.

#### Table 2: Summary of Public Responses to the Romney Comment Forms

Question	Completely Agree	Agree	Disagree	Completely Disagree	No Opinion
Wind energy is a form of clean, non-polluting energy	6	0	0	1	0
Wind energy is a competitive form of energy	4	1	1	1	0
Wind energy generates significant local and regional economic benefits	6	0	0	1	0
Wind energy creates good paying jobs	5	1	0	1	0
Wind energy plays an important role in cleaning up Ontario's energy grid	4	2	0	1	0
Wind energy has little impact on the environment (Flora and fauna)	4	2	0	1	0
Wind energy is an energy technology for the future	5	1	0	1	0





Do You Agree With the	3	3	0	0	1	
Romney Wind Energy						
Project Being Proposed						
by EDF EN Canada						
Development Inc.?						

Based on the responses illustrated in Table 2, the majority of respondents were in support of wind energy projects and the Romney Wind Energy Centre Project specifically being proposed by EDF EN Canada. In all eight (8) questions the majority of respondents answered with "Agree" or "Completely Agree" when asked their point of view about wind energy,

Respondents were also encouraged, through the Comment Forms, to provide more general open ended feedback on the following discussion points:

- What Modifications and/or additional information would help improve the Project design?
- What are your main concerns and questions with regard to the St. Isidore Wind Energy Centre?
- Please indicate any additional comment or other information relevant to this project

A summary of the written comments received from the public based on the above questions is provided in **Table 3**.

# Table 3: Summary of Feedback Received by EDF EN Canada from the Public

Comments/Concerns/Questions
Lack of transmission lines are good
The regulators should not give in to unfound fear and opposition
Land value decreases
Some windmills on my property
This is the energy of the future. We (community) can learn more by attending such meeting.
Our elders need to be informed of this energy form and be educated of it if you have to reach
house by house. They could have a great influence on our people. They could be used as a great
education tool in public schools. They are our future; they will grow and understand more/ reach
them early in life. They know more than we did at their age. Great for science projects.

The responses received from Meeting attendees demonstrate support for wind energy, and the Romney Wind Energy Centre.

The main comments revolved around:

• land value concerns,





- Creating opportunities for more public education about wind energy,
- Building fewer transmission lines.

We responded via email, as it allowed our team to directly address concerns or questions. We will also publish the general questions with answers to help educate the general public.

We will also post the Questions and Comment Form on the Project website.

Interested stakeholders are encouraged to submit any further questions or comments they might have about the proposed project to EDF EN through our Project Email address.

# 3 Conclusion

Two Public Community Meetings were held on August 4<sup>th</sup> and August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015, at the Millen Community Centre in Lakeshore, and at the Tilbury Memorial Arena in Tilbury, Ontario. Twentynine (29) people in total attended the two events.

Out of all twenty nine (29) respondents, ten (10) people provided feedback about the project, eight (8) of which stated that they are in favour of the wind projects in Ontario while zero (0) said they were not in favour. Two responders left this question blank.

With regards to the Romney Wind Energy Centre, six (6) respondents were in favour for the project, zero (0) were not in support of the project with the remaining one respondent being undecided. There were three (3) responders who left this question blank.

As a result of the feedback collected at the public Meetings, we conclude that the project is almost entirely supported in its current location and proposed configuration.

Nevertheless, the public has provided a number of specific questions and comments that need to be answered. Their questions and concerns, along with all other feedback received from the public, will form part of future consultation and project design, should the Project win a supply contract with the IESO.

Furthermore, the Project design, site studies, and public consultation will take all of this feedback into account as the Project moves forward.

Should the Project win a supply contract with the IESO, under the Renewable Energy Approval process, a substantial public consultation for 12-18 months will be initiated to further engage the host community.

