

PHP Wind Goose Harbour Lake Wind Farm Community Liaison Committee



Meeting Minutes

Date: Sept 15, 2026

Time: 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Location: Goose Harbour Lake Wind Farm

Attendees

Name	Affiliation / Representation	CLC Role
Doug Halfpenny	Fire Chief, SCVFD – Sand Point	Co-Chair
Roger Myette	Construction Manager, PHP Wind	Co-Chair
Mary Desmond	Councillor, MODG (District 2: Lincolnville, Sunnyville, Upper Big Tracadie)	Member
Lance Peters	Deputy Fire Chief, SCVFD – St. Francis Harbour	Member
Teddy Stalker	District Superintendent, PHP	Secretary
Vince Power	Strait of Canso Superport Corporation – Mulgrave	Member
Jay Woodworth	Director of Business Development, PHP	Member
Jason Thorpe	Director of Economic Development	Member
Neil Decoff	Councillor, MODG District 3: North Riverside, Boylston, Manchester, St. Francis Harbour, Melford and Auld's Cove	Member
Chad Weir	Operations and Maintenance Superintendent- PHP Wind	Member
David Bourdreau	Tracadie Fire Department	Member

Regrets: Wanda MacDonald

Documents Distributed: Agenda, June 23rd Meeting Minutes

1. Land Acknowledgement

Doug Halfpenny called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. with a Land Acknowledgement.

2. Acceptance of Agenda

Agenda was accepted with the addition to Open Discussion by Mary on the status of Community Benefits Fund.

3. Review of June 23, 2026 Minutes and Action Items

Minutes were circulated in advance and were accepted.

4. Project Update

Roger Myette provided the following update on the wind farm project:

- 100 workers on site daily now, safety culture has been amazing, over 490000 working hours without any lost-time injuries. Overall, project remains on schedule. Investment Tax Credit compliance total for project is 35%, well ahead of target.
- All roads now complete and completion certifications have been signed. All spreaders set and grouted except for T13 and T20. Rebuild ongoing at T13, hydro blasting ongoing at T20
- 125C and T-Line energized 3 weeks ago. 126c energized 2 weeks ago. Issue with the readings from a circuit voltage transmitter that we are working through, new one is on order.
- All poles are now installed and framed. All conductors strung and clipped and OPGW has 10kms left to complete next week. Fibre testing on circuits 1 and 2 are complete. Energized circuit 1 last week and energized circuit 2 today.
- First truck load of operating spares arrived, O&M building nearing completion and occupancy permit.
- 22 towers are now topped out, except blades at T8, 2 more waiting top out. A blade was damaged at T8. MCC verification walks continuing. 12 towers turned over to Nordex for commissioning 2 more waiting MCC walkdowns. Nordex pre commissioning and pre-energizing is ongoing; 2 towers have made power so far. HALLO have commissioned 10 elevators.

Doug: So, everything is still on schedule?

- **Roger:** Yes, currently just slightly ahead of schedule. Nordex introduced a new commissioning system that might slow down progress but will help with turbine longevity. Just some adjustments to be made with this new commissioning procedure but it is only thing that is slowing progress down.

- **Vince:** Any water issues this summer?
 - **Roger:** Yes some, Zupthen for the hydro blasting drew water from multiple locations to make sure that it was clean enough to use for that application.

5. Open Discussion

- **Doug:** Doug: Should the CLC keep going once the windmills are complete?
 - **Roger:** Will talk to the steering committee but I would recommend that it should keep going. Could be some issues and questions come up after everything is operational so is important to still have a place to discuss that. May not have to meet as frequently but think it is a good idea to continue on with it.
- **Mary:** Is a policy made up yet for community benefits fund?
 - **Jason:** It is currently in draft form now and is still being worked on, and won't be any funds for it from this project until windmills are operational. Most likely will be something people/groups will apply for and will be looking for as much information as possible about goals of proposals or if the proposal/project would be something new and beneficial to the community.
 - **Lance:** All along people are wondering whether CLC members will be on a committee for it.
 - **Jason:** Yes, still discussion on how that will work but intent is certainly to have community members involved.
 - **Roger:** Intent was for communities in which the wind project is located or nearby would be considered for a higher proportion of the funding.
 - **Mary:** That makes sense here but may not be how it ends up working out.
 - **Jason:** Another project in the county had a pre-construction CBA, and for that all depended on who applied and for that one there was not a lot of applications from the local area to the project. So hopefully with new policy and online application process for this one we will be able to take these aspects into account, but no funds in CBA right now. Hopefully within next month or so the policy should be completed.
 - **Mary:** Yes, would like to apply for a Cenotaph we will be building in Lincolnville, we are a little short on funding for it.
 - **Roger:** Send me some information on that as well Mary.
- **Doug:** Dave did you ask PHP Wind about donations for the training facility?
 - **Dave:** No. We are building a fire fighting training facility in Antigonish since not many places in the province now to get training for Level 1 fire fighting. Would be open to anyone in the province. Under construction now and hopefully will be up and running by next year but funding is the main challenge since will be around \$1 million required to finish the build.
- **Mary:** How were your open houses?

- **Roger:** Great; there was a big turn out and it was a good event, lots of interest and good questions asked
- **Neil:** Yes - it is a very positive step forward, glad people got out to the event, good for people to know the impact this project is having.
- **Roger:** Yes, a total of 1000 people overall have been working on site, approximately 90% of them are from Nova Scotia.

6. Action Items

Jason to update CLC on Community Benefits Fund policy progress.

7. Next Meeting

Next meeting is planned to take place on Dec 1 at the project site.

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Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm