

# Consultation Report

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## Grimsby Energy Inc. Anaerobic Digester Project

### 1.0 Introduction

#### 1.1 Purpose

This report is prepared in partial fulfillment of the Renewable Energy Approval requirements as set out in Ontario Regulations 359/09 and 521/10. The project has received a FIT contract F-000610-BIG-130-302.

#### 1.2 The Project

The project is a Class 3 anaerobic digester as defined in the regulations. The facility will produce 1MW of electricity to be constructed in two phases of 500kW each and is designed to operate primarily on farm sourced materials. It is the owner's intent to not only produce electricity for injection into the grid, but to support the local farm community. No electricity will be generated from non-renewable resources. Non-farm organic materials, as available, may also form part of the feedstock for the plant.

#### 1.3 Project Location

The project will be constructed on lands owned by Grimsby Energy Inc. at 442 Sobie Road in the Town of Grimsby. The project will be located on the northwestern 2.5ha of a 10.5 ha property located on the south side of Sobie Road approximately 300m east of Park Road. The legal description of the property is part of Lots 1 and 2, Concession 6, Former Township of North Grimsby being Part 1 on Plan 30R-13677.

#### 1.4 Surrounding Owners

Figure 1 shows the surrounding ownership within 300 meters of the subject property. All property owners within 300 m of the project were notified by mail of the project and the public meetings. Names and addresses of the owners were supplied by the Municipality.

### 2.0 Public Meetings

The first public meeting was held on May 30, 2012. Notice had been provided in writing to all the parties required in the Regulation 359/09 as well as on two separate days in the local newspaper. A copy of the draft Project Description Report was circulated among the attendees. A copy of all of the other reports were available at the meeting and at the Grimsby Energy Office

Twenty members of the public attended as well as 5 members of the Grimsby Town Council. The attendance record and the minutes of the meeting are found in Appendices 11 and 12.

The discussion at the public meeting centered largely on the neighbour's wish to have the project relocated to some other location. Concerns expressed were largely focused on risks of explosion, possibility of noise and odour effects, traffic, effect on property values and financial viability. In response the proponent is satisfied that no risk of explosion exists, noise and odour effects are not likely as indicated in the studies done, truck traffic increase in minimal and within the capacity of the local roads, no impact on property values are expected, and the business plan supports the project viability. The site is well located as the nearest home is 385 m to the west and the site is situated beside the closed Regional landfill site. As a result of the discussion at the first public meeting and the responses from the municipalities, the following changes were made to the project:

1. The site plan was amended to place the bunkers close to the landfill and the structures further to the east as requested by the Region.
2. Turning radii were enlarged to facilitate truck movement as requested by the Town.
3. The input menu was re-examined and altered to reduce costs as suggested by the public.

The second public meeting was held on November 29, 2012. The attendance record and the minutes of the meeting are found in Appendix 23. Approximately 35 people attended. All of the reports prepared for the REA submission were available at the meeting. As well, all of the documents had been available on the Grimsby Energy website and were available at the Grimsby Energy office since September 26, 2012.

As a result of the discussion at the second public meeting, no changes to the project are required. The majority of the questions / comments at the second public meeting concerned truck traffic and odour. As well several people indicated that they opposed the construction of the facility in the area because they believed it should be better located in an industrial area not in the area where their homes are.

### 3.0 Consultation Process

<b>Date</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Appendix</b>	<b>Document</b>
March 8, 2012	Engagement Meeting with MOE	1	Pre-consultation meeting form
March. 16, 2012	Submit Draft PDR to Director	2	Email
April 19, 2012	Receive Aboriginal list from MOE	3	Letter from MOE
April 20, 2012	Notice to Engage distributed to distribution list together with draft PDR and letter requesting comment	4	Notice with cover letter

April 20, 2012	Consultation Form sent to Grimsby and Region together with PDR, D&O,CP	5	Consultation Form
April 23, 2011	Notice of Public meeting sent to distribution list	6	Notice and covering letter
April 26,2012	Notice of public meeting published	7	Newspaper
May 2, 2012	Notice of public meeting published	8	Newspaper
May 5, 2012	Questions raised by Ron Hewitt, member of the public	9	Email exchange
May 24, 2012	Questions raised by John Gillespie, Member of the public	10	Email exchange
May 30, 2012	Public Meeting Attendance record	11	
May 30, 2012	Public Meeting Minutes	12	
June 4, 2012	Question raised by Bill Bailey member of the public	13	Email exchange
June 4, 2012	Newspaper article re public meeting	14	
June 4, 2012	Question raised by Ron Hewitt	15	Email exchange
June 13, 2012	Consultation form received from Region	16	Document
June 15, 2012	Consultation report from Town	17	Document
July 5, 2012	Letter from HDI	18	Letter
July 17, 2012	Submit PDR and EIS to MNR	19	Email

August 1, 2012	Response from MNR	20	Email
August 2, 2012	Respond to HDI	21	Email
August 29, 2012	Submit second circulation materials to Region	22	Letter
August 29, 2012	Submit second circulation materials to Town of Grimsby	23	Letter
September 12	Circulate notice to surrounding owners and distribution list	24	Letter
September 20, 2012	Circulate reports to Aboriginal communities	25	Letter
September 20, 2012	Notice of second public meeting	26	Newspaper advertisement
September 26, 2012	Notice of second public meeting	27	Newspaper advertisement
September 26, 2012	Meeting with Grimsby staff	28	Meeting report
October 1, 2012	Questions raised by Anthony Kaluzny	29	Email
October 2, 2012	Meeting with Six Nations	30	Meeting report
October 5, 2012	Second circulation response from Region	31	Document
November 29, 2012	Second public meeting	32	Attendance record
November 29, 2012	Second public meeting	33	Minutes

November 29, 2012	Letter from HDI	34	Letter
December 4, 2012	Newspaper article re public meeting	35	Newspaper article
January 2, 2013	Questions from Ian Kalas and response	36	Email
January 10, 2013	Response to HDI	37	Email
January 10, 2013	Questions from Marcia Christie and response	38	Email

#### **4.0 First Nations Consultations**

The Ministry of Environment provided a list of first nations that were to be consulted with respect to the subject project. All First Nations identified were provided with a copy of the Project Description Report.

All First Nations were advised by mail of the first public meeting. The only response received was from the Haudenosaunee Development Institute requesting that an application be made. (appendix 18). The proponent provided a response and a copy of the archeological report (appendix 21).

All First nations were notified of the second public meeting 60 days in advance and copies of all reports were submitted to them. A meeting with staff members of the Six Nations to explain the project was held on October 2, 2012 (appendix 30). The Haudenosaunee Development Institute again requested that an application be made (appendix 34) and a response was provided (appendix 37).

#### **5.0 Project Changes**

Based on the comments received from the public, the First Nations and the public agencies that provided comments, the following changes were made to the project:

- The site plan was revised to place the bunkers adjacent to the landfill site.
- The turning radii were enlarged to permit improved truck movement.
- A 3m high fence was added around the site as requested by MNR.
- The intermittent drainage swale adjacent to the landfill site will be protected by fencing and setback.

No changes were made to the project design after the second (final) public meeting.