

Questions from Steve Ferguson, South Marysburgh Mirror

1) *If it is successful, how will wpd's project benefit South Marysburgh?*

Response: If the project is approved, wpd intends to use competitively-priced and qualified local contractors and suppliers. As you know, we have recently placed ads in local papers inviting locals to become part of our database. We are in the process of determining the specific needs for the project, and will be inviting contractors and suppliers to submit bids in the near future.

According to a report by ClearSky Advisors ([The Economic Impacts of the Wind Energy Sector in Ontario 2011-2018](#); May, 2011; p.4), each MW of nameplate capacity results in 10.5 Person-years of employment (PYE) during the pre-operational phase. For our 59.45 MW White Pines Project, this would come to roughly 624 PYE. Many municipalities and local individuals across the province are actively seeking out the opportunities these jobs present.

During the operational and maintenance phase, according to the same ClearSky Advisors report, each MW of nameplate capacity results in 3.6 person-years of employment (PYE). In the case of White Pines Project, this equates to 214 PYE over the life of the project.

Our operations and maintenance (O&M) contractor has indicated they will establish a service base near the project location. They are looking to hire as much local talent as possible. Technicians will get intensive skills training in order to keep the wind turbines operating at their optimum and to master the safety procedures required for such projects. Skills that technicians acquire and develop through this work experience can then be transferred to other opportunities throughout their careers.

Consider also, the post construction phase will require staff to fulfill the post construction monitoring commitments that will be required as part of a potential project approval.

Additionally, the project will contribute approximately \$16 million to the local economy through lease payments to participating landowners over the 20 year life of the project. This will have all the normal spin off effects for local businesses.

Also, for municipal taxation purposes, we will be required to pay the applicable tax rate on an assessed value of \$40,000 per megawatt for the turbines.

Finally, evidence in Prince Edward Island suggests that wind turbines have a positive influence on tourism (http://www.gov.pe.ca/photos/original/wind_energy.pdf {see page 26}). It is possible that Prince Edward County, and specifically South Marysburgh, could experience similar benefits.

2) Beyond construction and commissioning, how many long-term local jobs will be created by the wind farm?

Response: Throughout the many phases of the project as described above, there will be opportunities for local employment. Our intent is to focus and provide opportunities to qualified local individuals throughout the lifecycle of the project.

3) Has wpd undertaken any study as to how this project may affect property values in the vicinity of the turbines?

Response: As legal actions have been commenced against wpd in relation to property values issues, we will not comment on this topic.

4) Will the results of the recent Stantec tour of heritage locations and viewscapes be released to the public?

Response: Stantec is in the process of updating the heritage reports as per Ministry of Tourism Culture and Sports (MTCS) guidelines. The updated report will be submitted to the MTCS for review and will then be available for the public.